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Pilot Newsletter

April 2018

Monthly Flight Log

3/2/2018
KARB-KCMX
George Schraft
and Larry Fuerst
Cessna 310

3/3/2018
KLNS-KBEH
Roland Betker
and Milford Russell
Eclipse 500 LX

3/7/2018
KGRR-KSYR
Bob VandenBerge
and John Workman
Chancellor

3/10/2018
KRST-KTVC
Roland Betker
Jeff Priebe
and Eclipse 500 LX

3/10/2018
KTVC-KRST
Roland Betker
and Jeff Priebe
Eclipse 500 LX

3/11/2018
KMKG-KRST
Roland Betker
and Donald Fiskars
Eclipse 500 LX

3/13/2018
KRST-KTVC
Timothy Talsma
and Nicholas Talsma
Navajo

3/13/2018
KRST-KMKG
Timothy Talsma
and Nicholas Talsma
Navajo

3/14/2018
KTVC-KARB
David Parmerlee
and Mark Schmitt
Saratoga SP

From the Staff



It takes 2 to make a great team like Chewie and Han

Recently we received an email from a pilot who signed on as a volunteer about a year ago and was wanting to be introduced to pilots with aircraft in his area. In the past year, 40 pilots have signed on to fly for Wings of Mercy. Some of these were brought on by current PIC's who needed an SIC, but others found us through our website and are looking for opportunities to fly. 13 of these new volunteers own or have access to an aircraft. That leaves 27 pilots who are looking for the opportunity to fly with Wings of Mercy, but don't have a plane.

Are you looking to take a mission and need an SIC? Give the office a call (616-396-1077) or text (616-901-6570) or email (judith@wingsofmercy.org or grace@wingsofmercy.org) and we will give you contact information for an SIC. Who knows? you may meet your own Chewie, just smaller and less hairy.

Patient Story: Neill Pettinga

3/15/2018
 KGRR-KBOS
 Timothy Brenner
 and Craig Wieland
 Cirrus

3/18/2018
 KCVX-KARB
 Jerry Schmidt
 and Peter Aiello
 Cherokee 6

3/18/2018
 KCVX-KARB
 Jerry Schmidt
 and Peter Aiello
 Cherokee 6

3/19/2018
 KARB-KCVX
 Jerry Schmidt
 and Peter Aiello
 Cherokee 6

3/19/2018
 KARB-KCVX
 Jerry Schmidt
 and Peter Aiello
 Cherokee 6

3/25/2018
 KJXN-KRST
 Brad Pugh
 and Randy Pugh
 Aerostar 700

3/26/2018
 KCMX-KPTK
 George Schraft
 and Frank Clark
 Cessna 310

3/30/2018
 KCVX-KARB
 Mark Schmitt
 and Aaron Sedine
 Bonanza

3/31/2018
 KBOS-KGRR
 Bill Klungle
 and John Workman
 Chancellor

3/31/2018
 KHVI-KBIV
 Timothy Brenner
 and Brett Milford
 Cirrus

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Neill with mom, Dar, and pilot Tim Brenner

On Tuesday, March 20, we received a phone call from Dar Pettinga that her son, Neill, was in the hospital in Austin, Texas. Neill is 38 years old and was trying to find a new start in Austin when he became extremely ill and went into the emergency room where he was diagnosed with a ruptured gut. Since he has limited funds, his parents knew they would have to get him back to Michigan for his recovery after surgery.

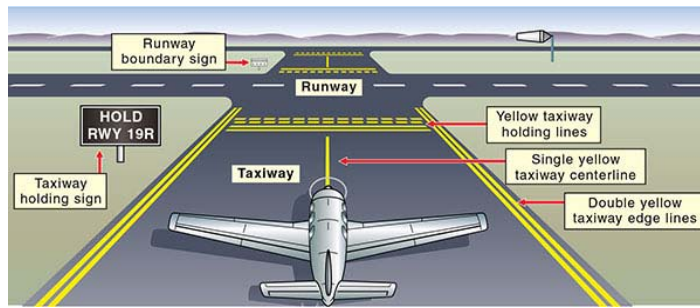
Pilots Tim Brenner and Brett Milford volunteered to fly down on Friday, March 30, and return on Saturday so everyone would be home for Easter Sunday.

The weather looked to be good and the flight down was perfect. The mission became interesting on the last leg of the return when the pilots encountered a sudden wind gust while trying to land at KBIV, but all was good and everyone is home safely.

Dar and Neill stopped by the office last week to thank Wings of Mercy again. They are incredibly grateful for the flight and are spreading the word of your great works to anyone who will listen.

Pilot Perspective

If you are able to help out,
click below to donate.



Wings of Mercy pilot, Kevin Dingman, has another article in Twin and Turbine Magazine this month.

Please read:

[Incursion: Runway hold-short lines, surface movement areas & pilot deviations.](#)

Wings of Mercy is a volunteer organization that provides free air transportation for people with limited financial means who need treatment at distant medical facilities. Patients are carried on private aircraft by volunteer pilots.

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