



Newsletter of the Worcester Area Pilots Association

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2005 Event Schedule

WAPA Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. The schedule for the remainder of 2005 follows: **(Mark your calendars now!)**

- **April 7th** – Safety Seminar, Nominations
- **April 9th** – New England Aviation Expo - Nashua
- **April 16st** – NY VFR Corridor Trip
- **May 5th**, – Annual Meeting, Elections
- **June 2nd** – WAPA Meeting
- **June 11th** – Tentative – Young Eagles Day
- **July 7th** – Safety Seminar
- **July 25-31** – Oshkosh

Oshkosh Plans

If you plan on flying out, let the membership know on the Unicom@worcesterapa.org mailing list so we can meet up.

NY VFR Corridor Fly-Out

Steve Fogarty is arranging a WAPA fly-out for Saturday April 16. If you've never flown the NY VFR Corridor down the Hudson River, this is a great opportunity to fly the corridor and experience the spectacular views.

Members will meet up at ORH and leave in groups of no more than 7 aircraft. We'll fly the corridor down and back up, landing at Dutchess County airport for lunch, and then return to Worcester.

Make sure that you mark your calendars for the Safety Seminar on Thursday evening, April 7th. This will be a in-depth review of the safety aspects of flying the corridor. So if you've never flown the corridor before, or are considering flying it on the 16th or at some future date, this will be a valuable and informative seminar.

Sign up for the trip at

<http://survey.worcesterapa.org/event.survey>

Bradley TRACON Trip

Chris Hallinan writes: *“Thanks to Steve Fogarty for a great trip. We got a guided tour of the Bradley TRACON, and as an added bonus, we got to visit the tower cab.*



There were 14 of us. It was a snowy day, but I don't think anyone canceled due to snow.

Since it was a quiet day, we got over a half hour in front of one of the radar scopes, with two of Bradley's finest showin' us the works. I for one was very surprised at the level of traffic on the scope, on a snowy Saturday morning with absolutely zero VFR traffic. Sure, many of 'em were in the flight levels, but it really brings the reality home: we fly in one of the busiest airspaces in the world. I can now appreciate just how busy these guys get on the nice weather weekends when we're all criss-crossing their airspace.

One note: the controllers definitely encouraged us to be talking to 'em while we're in their airspace. Sure, they may get grumpy sometimes (their words) but they would rather be talking to us in their airspace than not. Even with the snow falling, there were a steady stream of arrivals and departures, competing with the snow plows for the active runway. From the tower cab, you couldn't see the arrivals until the wheels were down.



I could go on and on...but the Museum deserves a few words. We lucked out at the Museum.

(Picture on left: Steve Fogarty in the cockpit of the Vought XF4U-4 Corsair).

There was some kind of event run by the local 99 chapter aimed at woman in aviation. They were expecting a girl scout troop to arrive. They had several women manning different exhibits.



We were allowed to climb into several of the most prized aircraft. I personally sat in the cockpit of an F-100A Corsair (my personal favorite, and not just because of the pretty blond-haired host of

that particular exhibit) and the airliner that ushered in the era of civil commercial flight, the DC-3.

(Picture above: Chris Hallinan climbing into the North American F100-A Super Sabre)

What a treat. I've been there before, but I've never seen it that accessible.

Thanks, Steve. A great trip.

See the whole photo gallery at:

<http://www.worcesterapa.org/gallery/index.shtml>

Become a Web Author

We have a new article on the WAPA web that shows how to submit news to WAPA. It is really easy, and does not require that you have a password or log into the WAPA web.

Follow the simple step-by-step instructions at <http://twiki.worcesterapa.org/bin/view/Wapa/SubmitAStory> and tell WAPA what is new at your local airport, what is your favorite fly-out destination,

And **Late Breaking News**, the WAPA will hold a quarterly drawing of a \$25 dollar gift certificate for stories published on the WAPA Web.

Abandoned New England Airfields

Roy Evarts wrote in to point out a website for abandoned airfields. Should you care to look at maps and pictures of some of our no longer in existence airports, point your browser to:

<http://www.airfields-freeman.com/index.htm>

Upcoming NDB and VOR Change?

AOPA is reporting a couple of significant changes coming to the local area. The bottom line is that we may be losing many of the NDB approaches in the area, along with the Hartford and Bradley VORs, and all the Approaches, Airways and Intersections based on those facilities.

The Bradley and Providence VORs are both going to be disturbed by airport construction plans. The FAA is proposing that the VORs be decommissioned. AOPA reports that these VOR's support 10 airways and 16 approaches in the area.

March 3rd Meeting Report

The March 3rd WAPA meeting was held at Artie's Restaurant in Spencer. 18 members attended and we had a great time, company and food.

Amos Heckendorf had WAPA name tags made up for everyone, a great idea to help members get to know each other. Steve Fogarty gave a review of his planned fly-out events. Future trips will include a Northern NE trip, Owls Head, and Old Rheinbeck. George Clark delivered the Communications Committee report.

Communications Committee Report

The communications committee recommended a number of actions to help foster communications within our pilot community. Some of the upcoming changes include:

- ◆ We will be bulk-registering everyone into the WAPA Website. This will automate some of our communications through the use of the online newsletter. Unless you are already registered, your user name will be the concatenation of FirstLast names. Password will be generated with a "catchy phrase" to help you remember it.
- ◆ We have set up a "Secure" section on the web, and will post everyone's contact information - Names, Addresses, Phone Numbers, etc. This will **only** be visible to paid WAPA members. If you want to opt-out, contact george@worcesterapa.org
- ◆ In order to encourage more member-to-member communications, the unicom email list has been changed to automatically direct replies **back to the mailing list**.

Note: If do not want to receive the potentially increased volume of email, we can change your subscription to a "daily digest" format instead of individual messages.

- ◆ The idea of a drawing to encourage web submissions was raised. Dewey Sasser made a motion to approve a \$25/quarter gift certificate drawing for web contributions. It passed without objection.

Aviation Scholarship

There was considerable discussion of the Scholarship, and the lack of progress in finalizing the award. Steve Fogarty took the floor to bring the scholarship discussion to a decision. Steve called for a number of votes in succession.

- ◆ To restrict the scholarship to age 25 and under. Motion **failed**.
- ◆ To restrict the scholarship grant to age 20 and under. Motion **passed** with 10 for out of 18.
- ◆ To split the scholarship into two parts, one part to go to a college scholarship the other to be used for initial flight training: Motion **failed**; 9 members in favor of all for initial flight training, 7 members for split.
- ◆ To require students to pay for 2 hours for each 1 WAPA pays for: Motion **failed**. 3 members for.

The following were all passed by acclamation without count.

- ◆ To provide the funds as a 1:1 match for instruction paid for by the grantee.
- ◆ To restrict the maximum grant to any 1 person to \$1000
- ◆ To require the grantee to have successfully passed the written exam
- ◆ To require the grantee to have a valid medical

Member Reports from Rutland VT



Bruce Irving shared his experience and some photos from the impromptu fly-out to Rutland for breakfast at the “Whistle Stop” Restaurant on Saturday March 19th.

“This was my first WAPA event - I flew up with Alex Kittenplan in his Tiger, and it was a really great time. I think it was 14 people arriving in 8 or 9 planes. We couldn't have asked for a better VFR day and the restaurant was a great breakfast spot.

I met a nice bunch of guys and the conversation on flying and (occasionally) other subjects was a lot of fun. There was a lot of discussion of planned and potential future WAPA events, and a number of people talked about plans to fly to Oshkosh this summer, which I would also love to do (I'd need to hitch/share a ride since I don't have an airplane, but I'll send a note to Unicom about that).



I'm looking forward to more WAPA events and to even attending some meetings (business travel and work in general have so far foiled my plans to attend).”

Want an impromptu flyin? A Safety Pilot? Members can reach other WAPA members by sending email to unicom@worcesterapa.org

Web News

Another report and pictures from the trip to Bradley:
<http://worcesterapa.org/article.pl?sid=05/03/13/0357240>

Photo gallery from the Bradley trip:
<http://worcesterapa.org/gallery/2005-03-12-NE-Air-Museum>

Photo gallery from the Rutland “Whistle Stop” Fly-out
<http://worcesterapa.org/gallery/2005-03-19-Rutland-VT-Flyout>

Meeting report from March meeting at Artie's:
<http://worcesterapa.org/article.pl?sid=05/03/05/1716222>

Story on VOR and NDB changes in the area:
<http://worcesterapa.org/article.pl?sid=05/03/06/166239>

Upcoming New England Aviation Expo at Nashua:
<http://worcesterapa.org/article.pl?sid=05/02/26/0239205>

Subscribe to email lists:
<http://lists.worcesterapa.org/mailman/listinfo>

How to submit a story to the WAPA Web **and enter a quarterly drawing for a \$25 gift certificate:**
<http://twiki.worcesterapa.org/bin/view/Wapa/SubmitAStory>

How to become a web author on the WAPA website:
<http://twiki.worcesterapa.org/bin/view/Wapa/AuthorAStory>

The complete communications committee report:
<http://twiki.worcesterapa.org/bin/view/Wapa/CommunicationsCommittee>

WAPA Private Mailing Lists

Membership

Membership in WAPA is \$35.00 and runs from May to May. If you have not yet joined WAPA, **please take the opportunity to sign up now!** You can sign up at <http://survey.worcesterapa.org/signup.form>.

WAPA Open Mailing Lists

- 60m-announce@worcestera.org Announcements related to Spencer Airport
- orh-announce@worcestera.org Worcester Airport related announcements
- wapa-announce@worcestera.org WAPA news

You can sign up for mail at
<http://lists.worcesterapa.org/mailman/listinfo>

- unicom@worcestera.org Member to Member communications. This list is only open to WAPA members. It has the following features:
 - Messages sent individually as received, or
 - Messages sent as a daily digest
 - Web archive (password protected) is available for members who prefer to not receive email:
<http://lists.worcesterapa.org/pipermail/unicom>

Officers and Directors:

President: Tom Reynolds (Acting)
Vice President: Larry Pray
Treasurer: Rich Tedesco
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You can contact the officers and board by sending email to **feedback@worcestera.org**

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Worcester Area Pilots Association Membership Application

Name: _____ Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____ Phone: _____

Own/Rent: Make/Model _____ Based at: _____ N#: _____

Certificates / Ratings (Circle all that apply) :

Student, Recreational, Private, Commercial, Instrument, CFI, CFII, ATP **Wings Phase:** _____

Are you a member of other pilot organizations?:

What form of communication would you prefer? e-Mail, Web, US Mail

Send Check for \$35 To: Worcester Area Pilots Association, c/o Richard Tedesco, 13 Quobaug Avenue Oxford, MA 01540