



October 2021

## **Flight Path**

Flight Path recently met with Aaron Thelenwood of WMAA and discussed potential collaboration. Following is more information about Flight Path (previously the Park Township Airport Historical Association).

### Flight Path information

- See web page here [www.miflightpath.org](http://www.miflightpath.org)
- See the facebook page here [www.facebook.com/miflightpath/](http://www.facebook.com/miflightpath/)
- Flight Path currently operates its FLIGHT NIGHT program in the FLYBY AIR pilot training center at the airport.
- FLIGHT NIGHT is an introduction to aviation program for middle and high school students. See next pages.
- Two simulators are operating currently. One is a Redbird TD2 Cessna 172 simulator. This certified simulator is also used by FLYBY AIR flight instructors for student pilot training. The second simulator uses a PC with X-Plane software and VR goggles to give young people a very realistic experience. The next simulator will be housed in a real 172 fuselage and use PC flight simulator software. This project is planned for 2022.
- Flight Path also participates in aviation events: open house, charitable events like Wings of Mercy, Emerson the Great, pancake breakfast, fly-ins, Wings and Wheels, etc.
- Flight Path is always looking for volunteers to help with FLIGHT NIGHTS and other events.
- Flight Path always appreciates donations to help support programs, supplies, equipment and events.
- Flight Path has recently teamed up with STEM Flights to enable young people to also experience a flight in a small aircraft. See last page.

### Flight Path staff

The Flight Path organization is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit volunteer group, 100% supported by donations. Our primary objective is to introduce aviation in all forms to young people.

Board of Directors:

Jeff Vos – President, pilot [accutechcnc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:accutechcnc@sbcglobal.net)

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Flight Path looks forward to discussing ways to assist the Authority and FBO to achieve greater community awareness and participation in activities at the airport.

Flight Path

# FLIGHT NIGHTS at West Michigan Regional Airport

**Flight Path** welcomes students, pilots, and all aviation enthusiasts to learn about aviation and flying a Cessna 172 airplane with our Redbird and X-Plane VR flight simulators. The program is called FLIGHT NIGHT. It is free and open to all middle and high school students. FLIGHT PATH is an all-volunteer, not for profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization so you can always help us by becoming a member of FLIGHT PATH, volunteering for events, or offering a financial donation.

The Flight Night sessions are scheduled based on requests. Check the FLIGHT PATH website page [www.miflightpath.org](http://www.miflightpath.org) for program details and the signup link for available dates and times. To request a special Flight Night event for a group, please email us at: [info@miflightpath.org](mailto:info@miflightpath.org)

## Flight Night Program

Best group size is 5 - 8 people (a guardian should attend with students)

Program starts at 6 pm, is about 2 hours, but flexible. Spectators welcome!

Typically on Sunday, Tuesday nights, but other times can be arranged.

Our instructors are volunteers (If you would like to help with events or Flight Nights, please contact us)

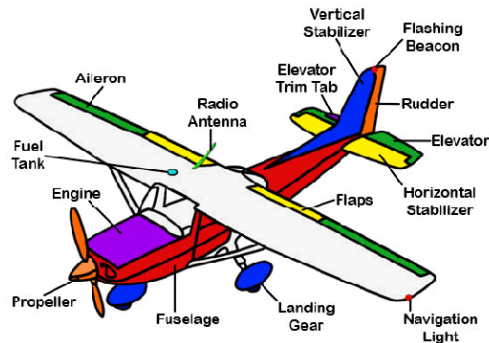


## Program content

- Meet at the FLYBY AIR hangar at the West Mi Regional Airport, 60 Geurink Blvd, Holland, MI 49424
- Sign-in, welcome and introductions. Brief presentation about history of aviation, aerodynamics, how do planes fly?
- Review of actual airplanes in the hangar - parts of the plane, flight controls, preflight checks, sit at the controls
- Talk to instructors, pilots, A&P mechanics, flight line specialists and tour the hangars and aircraft (varies with dates)
- Students learn to fly the certified Redbird TD 172 Cessna flight simulator, and X-Plane 11 VR flight simulator.
- Instructions for simulator operation, explanation of instruments and controls, maneuvers, beginning navigation
- Students fly from an airport, climb cruise and then descend to enter final approach and finally land at the West Michigan Regional Airport. Flight time will depend upon the number of attendees.
- Time permitting we have other flight challenges: night flying, mountain flying, emergency procedures...

The Redbird TD flight simulator is a certified system that enables student pilots and licensed pilots to log flight hours. It is the same system used by many commercial flight schools. The X-plane virtual reality system is state of the art. FLIGHT PATH also rents time on the Redbird simulator for student and private to log certified hours with their CFI.

Please share your Flight Night experience with your friends and others. Post on our [FLIGHT PATH Facebook](#) page... FLIGHT PATH is also working on a third simulator which will be built into an actual Cessna 172 fuselage. If you would like to donate toward the fuselage simulator project please contact us at [info@miflightpath.org](mailto:info@miflightpath.org)



**FLIGHT NIGHT**  
Sign up here





We invite young people to attend our **FLIGHT NIGHT** program at the West Michigan Regional Airport in Holland, MI and learn about the excitement of aviation. [www.miflightpath.org/flight-night-program](http://www.miflightpath.org/flight-night-program)



*Learn about airplane instruments*



*Fly the simulators*



*Learn about aerodynamics*



**FLIGHT NIGHT** is for **middle and high school students**. Sign up on our website for the free 2 ½ hour program on Tuesday and Sunday evenings. Groups of 6-8 students preferred with parent or guardian.



**Navigation**



**Get in the plane**

At the  
West MI Regional Airport



**Fly the simulators**

**Aircraft maintenance**



**LEARN  
ABOUT  
AVIATION!**



**Working the flight line**



**What about the WEATHER?**



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## **Flight Path teams up with STEM Flights**

Flight Path and STEM Flights are two nonprofit youth aviation education programs operating at West MI Regional Airport in Holland, Michigan. Flight Path operates a free *FLIGHT NIGHT* introduction to aviation program for middle and high school students. STEM Flights appeals to the same group of young people and offers a free flying experience with local volunteer pilots for students that want to take their interest to the next level.

For more information about the *FLIGHT NIGHT* program and sign-up go to [www.miflightpath.org](http://www.miflightpath.org)

For more information about the STEM Flights program and to apply for a flight go to [www.stemflights.org](http://www.stemflights.org)

STEM Flights is looking for local pilot volunteers to offer a flight experience in their aircraft. If you are interested in getting involved with flights or other events, please email [carley@stemflights.org](mailto:carley@stemflights.org)

Flight Path is also looking for pilots and other aviation professionals to share their experiences with young people during our *FLIGHT NIGHT* program and help them understand the career opportunities in aviation. If you are interested please contact Flight Path at [info@miflightpath.org](mailto:info@miflightpath.org)



For more information about the West MI Regional Airport go to [www.westmichiganregionalairport.com](http://www.westmichiganregionalairport.com)

## **FLIGHT NIGHT program REVEALED!**

Check out this new video produced by the West Michigan Airport Authority.

Anderson Bloemers and Flight Path President Jeff Vos explain the *FLIGHT NIGHT* program and the benefits of being at the West MI Regional Airport. Thank you to Aaron Thelenwood at WMAA for his support of Flight Path and our *FLIGHT NIGHT* program.

[CLICK>> Anderson and Jeff talk about FLIGHT NIGHT](#)

