Here in Louisiana, we like to believe that our communities are all about helping our friends and neighbors. That’s why my organization helps Amy, a woman from Monroe suffering from late-stage breast cancer, who must travel to Houston every week to receive chemotherapy. In addition, because of fractures in her back, she is not able to make the five-hour car ride it would take to get there.

Pilots for Patients, based here in Monroe, organizes pilots who are willing to volunteer their time and money to fly patients to the medical care they need. For the last six years, we have been flying Amy and other patients to treatments they need on a regular basis with our aircraft.

Since we formed, we have flown about 1,870 flights, all free of charge for the patient, and with 90 active volunteer pilots, we are ready to serve more.

The truth is that unless one owns their own aircraft or depends on it for emergency response, specialized medical care or a variety of important services, most people aren’t aware of how much of an integral part these aircraft are in terms of delivering services and protecting our public safety, daily life and infrastructure.

For emergency medical responders, firefighters, law enforcement, fish and wildlife authorities, search and rescue teams, not to mention the countless charitable organizations like mine, general aviation makes it possible to perform a variety of specialized functions that would otherwise be unmanageable.

In the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and Hurricane Katrina, general aviation helped to track the movement of the oil for the most effective coordinated response.

General aviation and our local airports are also crucial for business and commerce. Offshore oil platforms rely on helicopters to move material and personnel on and off the platform, as do remote construction projects such as power lines and pipeline.

In addition, businesses of all types, of all sizes, rely on general aviation to more productively meet their travel needs and interact with other businesses and customers. Especially in rural and isolated parts of our state, general aviation provides the access to the broader marketplace that companies in larger cities take for granted.

For example, my business, Precision Paper & Board ships paper products to 22 states. I use my aircraft to travel to visit clients and reach far-off markets. I am able to meet with multiple clients in multiple states, minimizing my time away from home.

Despite the benefits and the diversity of general aviation, some in Washington still don’t understand what a lifeline and benefit general aviation is for businesses and communities around our state. For example, a proposed $100-per-flight user fee which was included in President Obama’s recent budget would not only heap new taxes onto farms and businesses that are already struggling to recover from the economic downturn, but these new taxes would also decimate operators in bureaucracy as they struggle to keep up with these fees upon fees.

The system in place now is a pay-at-the-pump system — it is simple, efficient and proportionate to use.

Fortunately many of our leaders in Louisiana understand the vital importance of this industry and form of infrastructure. Gov. Bobby Jindal recently declared March to be “Aviation Appreciation Month” in Louisiana. In addition, Congressman Jeff Landry and Sen. David Vitter, R-La., are members of the General Aviation Caucus.

We applaud these efforts, and encourage all of our leaders to help educate the public and other lawmakers about the crucial importance of aviation, and general aviation in particular, to our national and local economy.

*Philip Thomas is the president of Pilots for Patients, president of Precision Paper & Board and a member of the Alliance for Aviation Across America.*
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2013 YEAR IN REVIEW

2013 was a year of growth and milestones

10 new pilots joined Pilots for Patients...of those 7 flew at least one mission. These 7 pilots flew 13 missions....1 pilot flew 6 missions!

286 missions were flown,
107,347 miles were flown  883.1 hours were flown (Hobbs time)
Of our 82 active pilots, 49 pilots flew at least 1 mission – 60% !!
Pilot Clay Dean (New Caney, TX) flew the most missions – 41.

Our 1600th mission was flown on April 9, 2013.
Our 1700th mission was flown on July 25, 2013.
Our 1800th mission was flown on November 12, 2013.

Pilot of the Year – Philip Thomas from Monroe, LA

71 different patients were flown/driven to and/or from treatment.
51 new patients requested our services (not all flew in 2013)

Most frequent route flown was Monroe to Houston

SINCE THE BEGINNING...1/14/2008 TO 12/31/2013

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DELTA STYLE MAGAZINE AWARD

President of Pilots for Patients Philip Thomas was named the Delta Style Magazine 2014 Healthcare Hero Volunteer of the Year. Pictured (right top) are Philip and Sharon Thomas. Pictured (right bottom) is Mr. Thomas and last year’s recipient Vicki Caskey, Founder of Wiggin Out, a resource partner of Pilots for Patients.

Life is an incredible gift. Using that life in the service to others in their darkest hour is a life altering experience. Unknown author
## Pilot Mission Count for 2014

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(through April 30, 2014)

## Mission Milestones

The following pilots have reached significant milestones as members of Pilots for Patients.

**50+ missions**
- Larry Lehmann, Florence Bethard, Keith Odom, Philip Coyne, Clay Dean, and Bo Hunter

**100+ missions**
- Wayne Petrus, Andy Barham, and Donald Imhoff

**200+ missions**
- Philip Thomas

Congratulations and thank you to these pilots for their accomplishments. We appreciate them and all who fly to make a difference in so many lives.

## Richard A. Worthington: 8/10/20 – 4/3/14

Richard A. Worthington, better known to his students and friends as “Doc”, and one of the founding members of Pilots for Patients, passed away on April 3rd of this year leaving a legacy topped by few. A small man in stature, he was tall on talent. He not only was a pilot but a distinguished musician as well. Doc was Director Emeritus of the School of Music at ULM, Founder of the Monroe Symphony Orchestra, and former Director of Arkansas Razorback Marching and Concert Bands. Doc served in WW II in the U.S. Army Air Corps, was a member of the Downtown Monroe Lions Club and he served as District Governor of the Arkansas Lions Club. He was Grand President of the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Band Fraternities. Doc also served as the Commander of the Monroe Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, Mission Instructor and Check Pilot. For many years he served as the Commercial, Instrument Rating and Chief Flight Instructor for McMahan Aviation in Monroe. So long our friend and mentor.
Meet some of our patients and pilots

In looking at the pictures in this centerfold, one thing is obvious….everyone is smiling. It’s not just because they are having their picture taken. It is because of the amazing spirit each of them has. Our patients are in the middle of a very personal challenge and have allowed Pilots for Patients to help
Pilot Wayne Petrus received his 100 mission pin from his wife, Kay Petrus (right) and his mother Ginger Petrus (left) them. Our pilots smile because they love using their God given talents and skills to help others. Both are giving and getting a blessing with each and every flight. Thank you to our patients for letting us help you, and thank you to our pilots for flying and making a difference in someone’s life.
Mission Milestones

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Please visit the website for details on these and other missions.

Can’t Fly ???

We realize there are many reasons why a pilot isn’t flying at this time but there are many other ways to help.

✦ Spread the word about the 3 P’s - Pilots, Patients, Patrons
✦ Host a fly-in at your home base airport or a fundraiser in your area OR distribute brochures and posters to Airports, FBOs, or Flying Clubs in your area. WE NEED MORE PILOTS !!!!
✦ Man a booth at an aviation event on behalf of Pilots for Patients
✦ Make a monetary donation and encourage others to do so
✦ Ask your employer about matching funds for volunteer hours and contributions
✦ Honor loved ones with a memorial or honorarium gift
✦ Offer to fly with a new pilot to help him get acquainted with PFP.

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Dr. Ralph Abraham in Mangham, LA is available to give any PFP pilot that has flown 1 mission per year his/her medical exam free of charge. Contact the PFP office to learn more.

You can do so much more on the website than just look at the available missions!

You can update your pilot info, change your password, view your mission records, read what’s going on with Pilots for Patients, make an online donation, see your YTD mission stats, link to our Facebook page, read the current newsletter, view milestone mission pictures and information, download forms, and request a mission online. Visit often as there are some exciting additions and changes coming soon.

Just a Reminder

✦ Once you have accepted a mission, please refer to the Mission Checklist on the back of your ID badge and contact the office at 318 322 5112 if you have any questions.
✦ Make sure we have up to date copies of your insurance coverage and medical certificate on file at the office, even if you aren’t flying right now. Please fax them to 318 388 4924.
✦ Please fax or email the Hobbs time and miles as soon after you complete a mission as possible so we can complete them in our records.
✦ Please take pictures (if the patient is comfortable with this) and send to the PFP office.
✦ If you wish to fly a mission involving Houston, please request it as early as possible to allow time for the ground angel coordinator to find a driver. Remember, even if the available list shows EFD Ellington or another airport, we can usually change it to any Houston area airport that our partners, the Houston Ground Angels, support. Call the office if you need to change the airport on a mission you would like to fly.

PATIENTS - please contact the mission coordinator at 318-322-5112 to schedule your flight requests. Please DO NOT contact the pilots directly. All requests must go through the mission coordinator. Please call or fax your mission requests as soon as you have the dates for your next appointment.
Cleveland High School Senior Cassie Campbell will be graduating this year with not only her high school diploma, but a pilot's license as well.

Like most teens, Cassie Campbell of Cleveland earned her driver's license at the tender age of 16. Two years later, and now as a senior at Cleveland High School, she carries a pilot's license, too.

“She actually flies a lot better than she drives,” said her mother, Elaine.

According to Campbell, she has always had an interest in flying. With the help of Clay and Darline Dean, who recently took over operation of the Cleveland Municipal Airport, Campbell has been able to take flight lessons, receive her pilot's license and achieve a lifelong dream.

“I was always interested in flight as a kid,” said Campbell. “My mom told me about the flying lessons [being offered at Cleveland Municipal Airport]. Clay and Darline took me in and that's when I really decided to pursue this.”

Campbell has lost count of the number of hours she has spent pursuing her goal. Some of the hours are attributed to several flights with the Pilots for Patients program, which helps cancer patients make the trip to and from MD Anderson in Houston for cancer treatments.

Campbell’s first solo flight, a requirement for attaining a pilot’s license, took place last October.

“I think that was the most nerve-wracking part,” said Campbell. “You have to have 40 hours of flight experience to get your license and I have over 100 hours, including the Pilots for Patients flights. I like knowing that I am flying for a purpose. I am doing what I love to do, but I am also helping people and that’s the best part for me.”

She continued by saying that “the patients get excited and it is so nice to do this for such a powerful reason.”

On March 23, Campbell received her pilot's license. She admits she is still in a state of both shock and excitement about accomplishing this at such a young age. She says the accomplishment came as a surprise to her classmates and friends, who knew of her affinity for flying, but were unaware that her dream was so close to her grasp. “It’s really just an amazing feeling and I am so glad that I got to do it at the Cleveland airport,” said Campbell. “Everyone here is like a family.”

This summer, Campbell plans to be an instructor at the airport in hopes of passing her passion on to others. In addition to the Deans, she credits her parents, Joe and Elaine Campbell, and other family members for their support. “When they found out that I wanted to fly, they were really willing to help out and pay for everything,” said Campbell of her parents. “It’s funny though because we all kind of refer to Clay and Darline as my ‘airport parents.”

Before beginning the pursuit of her pilot’s license, Campbell played several sports throughout her high school career; however, when the opportunity came to work at the airport in exchange for lessons, she was more than willing to sacrifice that time. “I think this will always be a part of my life,” said Campbell. “I would feel like something was missing if I wasn’t doing this. I definitely think it’s a part of me now.”

PILOT SPOTLIGHT

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Pilots for Patients has a beautiful hangar at the Monroe Regional airport for our pilots and patients to enjoy, relax and replenish and prepare, whether flying out to or flying home from their medical treatment. A great way for you to contribute to PFP is to help keep the beverage and snack supply stocked. Below is a list of items needed. Please contact the Pilots for Patients office (318 387 9961) to coordinate a time for you to come by, look around and drop off supplies.

- Small water bottles (8 oz. size)
- Soft Drinks: Coke, Diet Coke, Dr. Pepper, Diet Dr. Pepper, Sprite, etc.
- Snacks: packs of peanut butter crackers, wheat & cheese crackers, etc.
- Nature Valley Sweet & Salty Nut Granola bars – almond (Find at Sam’s packed 30/box)
- Coffee and teas to fit a Keurig coffee maker
- Paper towels  Toilet Paper
If you or your organization would like to host a fly-in, fundraiser or other event please contact the Pilots for Patients office. Phone: 318 322 5112 or email: pfp@pilotsforpatients.org

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