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# Pilots for Patients

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## 3rd Annual Woodstock Golf Tournament

Now that 2010 is behind us, I'd like to tell you a story that I was personally involved with. Early in the year I received a phone call from a lady by the name of Niki Wooden. Niki was calling to tell me that she and a group of family and friends had set up a 501(c) 3 organization, **The Jeffery Wooden Memorial Foundation**, developed to honor her husband, a pilot, who had passed away a few years earlier at the age of 35 from colon cancer. Niki, along with the other board members of this foundation were getting ready to put on their second annual golf tournament and they were interested in donating the proceeds to Pilots for Patients, choosing PFP because of what we do in Louisiana to help those needing medical attention to get to far away locations, such as M.D. Anderson in Houston, for their treatments. I was excited as I knew we could really use whatever monies they were able to raise for us to help recruit more pilots, all of whom I consider the backbone of this organization. And more pilots would mean being able to fly more patients to and from their treatments.

I asked Niki what we could do to help with the golf tournament...supply water bottles, snacks for the golfers or even drive golf carts. All she asked for was for PFP to send a representative to the tournament to answer questions that some of the attendees might have regarding our volunteer pilot organization. Yep, I could do that. I've learned to be a multi-tasker so I had several people lined up before I even got off the phone with her! I got Niki's phone number and email address, hung up the phone and just sat at my desk thinking "Gosh, we sure don't get many calls like that - someone actually wanting to help raise money so we can continue helping those that need us". I was really touched. A couple of days later I needed to ask Niki a few things so, using the email address *I thought* she gave me, I emailed her. My email came back...not a deliverable address! So, I called her using the phone number she gave me, got her voice mail, left a message.....and waited. Two days later I tried calling again. Left a message and waited. A week later I did the same. I'd be the first to say I know what busy is. If I don't call you back for a few days, you know I've really been under the gun. Well, I think Niki must have a truckload of guns she's under. This is one busy lady if I ever saw one. A couple of weeks after I initially tried to call her, she called. I was out of the office so she talked to Philip and he got the answers to my questions.

The April golf tournament was outstanding. Golfers from as far away as California came. We even had a few golfers representing Pilots for Patients there, which ironically was the same day a tornado came within 9 miles of the golf course whipping up wind and rain but allowing the golfers to still have a beautiful day. Thanks to Niki and her foundation we are happy to report that we have acquired 14 additional pilots since the tournament. I know the money **The Jeffery Wooden Memorial Foundation** raised for us that day helped us to boost our pilot roster and has allowed us to more easily say we are " **MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS**". Thank you Niki and crew. We truly appreciate you.

We are also happy to report that **The Jeffery Wooden Memorial Foundation** has again chosen Pilots for Patients to be the benefactor of their 3rd annual **Woodstock Golf Tournament** to be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the Black Bear Golf Course in Delhi, LA. Let's see how many teams PFP can come up with to help with this very worthy cause. Call John Mulhern at 318 728-1417 for details.

by Sharon Thomas, Director

## 700th mission



Monroe pilot Michael Clay (r) patient Dealva Auttonberry (c) and daughter Ginger Clampit (l)

The mission of **Pilots for Patients** is to provide free air transportation to those patients needing diagnosis and treatments at medical facilities not available to them locally. Our goal is to eliminate the burden of travel allowing the patient to concentrate on getting well.

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Pilot Andy Barham (c) patient Gordon Hughes (l) and wife Barbara (r)



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**2010 YEAR IN REVIEW**

**2010 was a year full of milestones  
Here are some fun facts:**

**24** new pilots joined Pilots for Patients...of those **17** flew at least one mission. These **17** pilots flew **82** missions.

**310** missions were flown, an increase of **60** missions over last year.

**112,651** miles flown **1700** hours (Hobbs time) flown

Of our **65** active pilots, **49** pilots flew at least 1 mission – **76% !!**

Pilot Donald Imhoff (Baton Rouge) flew/drove the most missions – **33**.

Our **500<sup>th</sup>**, **600<sup>th</sup>**, and **700<sup>th</sup>** missions were flown

**71** different patients were flown or driven to and/or from treatment.

**49** new patients requested our services

Most frequent route was **Monroe to Houston**

**SINCE THE BEGINNING.....**

**Jan 14, 2008 to December 31, 2010**

**194** patients have requested our services **159** actually flew  
**771** missions **269,690** miles **2764.8** hours

Ryan Blakeney, **22**, join date October 5, 2010 – youngest active pilot

Edwards Barham, **73**, join date January 17, 2009 – oldest active pilot

Alexis S. was **1** year old when she flew with us – youngest patient

Richard W. was **89** when he started flying with us – oldest patient

**SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY**

Weather is always a concern of pilots, especially this time of year. It is constantly changing and can present challenges to even the most experienced pilot. As a Pilots for Patients PIC, the safety of you and your patient is your #1 priority. When planning your flight, be sure to check the weather at point A, point B and along the complete route. Know your comfort zone and limitations. Patients are always told to have a back up plan so cancel the mission if you have any doubt about the flight.



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---- TOP TEN FOR 2010 ----

Pilot Mission Count – 1/14/2008 – 12/31/2010

First	Last	Missions
Donald	Imhoff	33
Andy	Barham	29
Philip	Coyne	21
Mac	McKenzie	19
Philip	Thomas	19
Doug	White	16
Keith	Odom	16
Wayne	Petrus	14
Dan	Chase	12
Guy	Williams	11

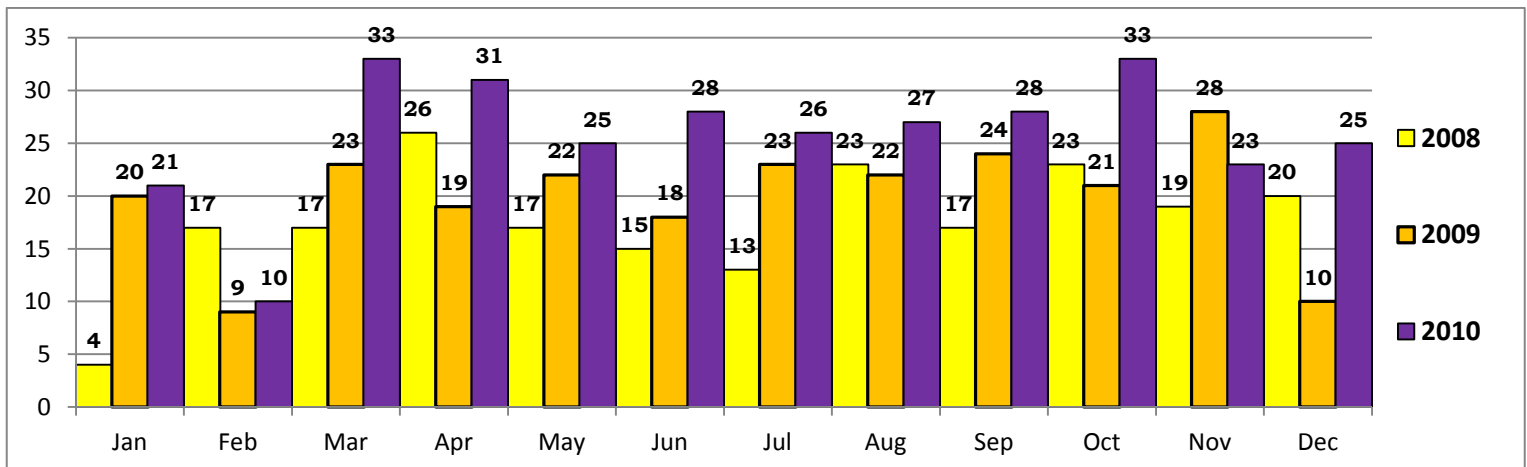
First	Last	Total	First	Last	Total
Ralph	Abraham	9	Bo	Hunter	22
Edward	Angel	1	Donald	Imhoff	33
Warner	Angelle	3	Marty	King	6
Everett	Baird	5	Dale	Lambert	4
Edwards	Barham	6	Daniel	LaRocque	1
Andy	Barham	73	Larry	Lehmann	24
Jason	Barrette	1	Mark	Lobell	1
Robert	Bash	2	Glenn	McGovern	4
Ryan	Blakeney	2	Mac	McKenzie	38
Mike	Blakeney	17	William	McMahan	1
Bill	Buck	2	Morris	Mintz	8
Dan	Chase	18	Brooks	Monypeny	3
Darryl	Christen	1	Joe	Neathamer	7
Michael	Clay	5	Robert	Nelson	1
Richard	Cloud	17	Keith	Odom	61
Ed	Collins	5	Daniel	Oppenheim	2
Philip	Coyne	27	Wayne	Petrus	51
Chuck	Crochet	1	Pilot	PFP	7
Quincy	Dalton	5	William	Runyon	29
Thomas	Dansby	3	John	Rutledge	7
Dennis	Daray	1	Phillip	Schaitel	1
Carlton	Dufrechou	2	Terrell	Sharplin	1
Robert	Eisenstadt	2	Riaz	Siddiqi	9
Robert	Gafford	1	Steve	Smith	3
John	Gaumnitz	1	Travis	Smith	6
Bruce	Goodbee	1	Philip	Thomas	105
Donald	Goodman	1	Christopher	Trahan	10
Craig	Gregory	1	Monte	Warne	1
Abraham	Hakim	1	Robert	Watters	1
Michael	Harris	3	Clyde	White	12
Pilot	HGA	14	Doug	White	16
Wade	Hosea	6	Guy	Williams	11
Ben	Hulsey	1	Richard	Worthington	10



Ground Missions

First	Last	2010	Total
Thomas	Dansby	2	2
Nancy	Worthington	2	2
HM	Butler	1	7
Lori	Dunn	0	2
Mike	Hartt	0	2
Tracy	Hilburn	0	1
Wade	Hosea	0	1
Bo	Hunter	0	1
Larry	Lehmann	0	1
Morris	Mintz	0	1
Wayne	Petrus	0	1
Jan	Rugg	0	17
Teri	Sims	0	1
Philip	Thomas	0	3

2008/2009/2010 Pilots for Patients Missions





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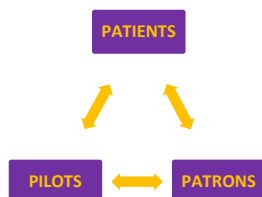
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