Greenleaf Flying Club

Guess Where?

The Greenleaf Flying Club owned a small private airfield in Greece. It closed sometime in the 1970s and is now a tract of homes. The first person to guess exactly where it was will win a Greece coffee mug. Call 585-225-7221 or email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

The answer to last month’s question about the location of the Greenleaf Flying Club was correctly answered by Gene Preston. The Club was located on Kuhn Road northwest of St. Mark’s Church. This aerial photo was taken in 1970 clearly shows their field and several airplanes.

Not much is known about this private club including why it was called Greenleaf, although we do know that a 17 year old tried to steal a plane in 1964, there was a tragic accident in 1969 that killed two pilots and in 1974 or 1975, a student pilot from the field got in a little trouble with the Greece Police when he did some low flying over his high school, Greece Arcadia. Sometime in the early 1980s the owner of the land got an offer he couldn’t refuse, so he sold the land, most of the members moved to Ledgedale Airpark near Brockport and Sweet Acres Drive was built.

If you have any more information or stories about the club or its grass landing field, let us know, Email us at greecehistorical@yahoo.com or call Bill at 225-3760.

Photo supplied by Gene Preston. That’s Gene with the large white dry chemical fire extinguisher in the left portion of the picture.

Plane Crash In Greece Kills 2 Men

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Two Monroe County men, both private pilots who spent much of their free time flying, died yesterday morning after their two-seat plane crashed moments after taking off from a Greece airfield.

Victims of the Father’s Day tragedy were:

Wesley Bell, 49, of 109 Thornecliffe Road, Irondequoit, a baker and real estate salesman. He leaves a wife and two sons.

Lloyd A. Frye, 45, of 425 Ridge Road, Webster, a type writer repairman. He leaves a wife and daughter.

To the Greenleaf Flying Club, which numbers about 15 members, the loss is a severe blow.