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## President's message

Happy New Year! I hope that every club member (and friends) had an opportunity to take some time off and relax during the holiday season. This is the time to renew and make some solid New Year commitments. I certainly hope that your most serious one would have to do with flying. It does not matter whether it would be the pursuit of a new rating, the commitment to improve your skills and stay proficient, or simply to make more time for flying activities — there is the reason why you are in the flying club: it is the passion for aviation. So, why not pursue it to the full extent possible?

**Dan Hayes** passed away on 14 December. This was completely unexpected and shocking to many of us. Dan had been rapidly recovering from his surgery and then ... he was gone. We will miss him dearly. As a crew chief for many a club aircraft and most recently for 44N, his contributions to the club are immeasurable. I remember Dan for his expertise on anything avionics (he once showed me how to expertly remove and replace the radio using a specialized tool made of a piece of wire hanger), his work on the airplanes (patiently and methodically trying to set a new AI in place while lying on his back with hands up for longer than I would be able to hold them up), covert sales of extra (and obsolete?) parts and equipment on eBay, his great sense of humor including his word plays (such as "tough-shitsky," a word play on "tovarishch"), and his genuine interest in recent world history. It was Dan who collected many archive issues of the "Congressional Record," allowing us a unique insight into the club. It will be very hard to fill the void Dan left. As our friend Paulo

wrote from Brazil: "The year 2012 was particularly hard for our CFC."

The next fifth Tuesday gathering of club members and friends will take place on 29 January. This will be a chance to catch up on the fifth Tuesday tradition (we were weathered out last time), hold our annual delayed Christmas party, and celebrate the life and camaraderie of the late **Dan Hayes**. Expect some additional information from our fifth Tuesday boss, **Ruth Hornseth**, and from **Doug Holly**, who will preside over the short ceremony to commemorate Dan. I hope to see you all there.

Please welcome our newest club member. **Stephen Nash** holds a private pilot certificate, with most of his flying done in 172s and some time in 182s, Warriors, and Diamond DA20s. He started on his IFR training a while ago, but then it was put into a holding pattern. We hope Stephen will have a chance to pursue his IFR ticket in our club.

The Board made a decision to upgrade 44N. The new engine monitor has been ordered and will be installed sometime in the near future. The engine monitor will allow for better engine management, enable our mechanics to analyze how the engine is operated and also suggest improvements to pilots with regard to proper leaning, avoiding shock cooling, etc. The bottom line is that we will likely extend the engine life on 44N and make our flying safer. Training will be provided and likely mandatory.

Reminder on winter operations: Keep the propeller up, defrost if frost or ice is present — use the deicing liquid stored in the shed (apply sparingly and let it work) and under no circumstances use any scraping devices (such as a credit card) to remove ice or frost from the wings or (gasp!) from the windshield. Other things to remember are the increased probability of icing conditions, snowbanks after snowfall, runway and taxiway contamination with snow or ice, and so on. Use common sense!

Reminder to all members that we have some amazing deals for you. The Cardinal's rate continues to be at \$119 TACH hour wet. Passing any phase of the FAA WINGS Program gives you back one month of Club dues. We have the first member who gets rewarded. Your very own EI Presidente just completed the next phase of the WINGS — I am glad I can set a shining example!

❖ PIOTR KULCZAKOWICZ

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## *Washington Post Notice*

**DANIEL F. HAYES, JR. (Age 74)**

On Friday, December 14, 2012, of Wheaton, MD. Beloved husband for 46 years of Linda L. Hayes; father of Daniel R. Hayes (Lauren) and Nicole Hayes Grim (Joseph); brother of Mary Mason, Alice Froelich and the late Charles "Sam" Hayes; grandfather of Joseph and Jamie Grim. Also survived by other loving family and friends.

## *Chaplain's corner*

RELUCTANCE, RELUCTANT, DRAGON, SAINT  
I am reluctant to write this Chaplain's Corner article. Nevertheless, I attempt it. First, I need to know that I am using the correct word. To be reluctant one does something, but does it unwillingly. One might be a nice guy at heart, despite the appearance of being a dragon outwardly. One might simply not want to be dragon-like anymore. In 1898, such a story was written about a boy who discovers that the village dragon liked poetry, non-violence, and had lost its ability to breathe fire. Disney recast the story in 1941 with a proper title, "The Reluctant Dragon." How that title became attached to the Congressional Flying Club is a

matter for some Club historian to tell us. Having been around for only 18 years, I am not qualified to expound on the Reluctant Dragon logo.

I am not sure I can do any better on the Reluctant Saint topic either. And Dan is already dead. Dan graduated from Catholic Archbishop Carroll High School in D.C., class of 1956. I always thought he had a light in his eye radiating from his soul. I liked Dan. I still keep some of his email, and remember others that I have deleted. Some of his email was inappropriate for the Chaplain; most was not. Perhaps you have one of his latest postings explaining the Iron Dome over Israel. Or maybe you have the one about the first car, the 1886 Mercedes-Benz. Ah, I bet Dan could have told us about the Reluctant Saint! Reluctant Dragon, he lived his religion rather than preach about it. But really, no one can tell us much about the Reluctant Saint. A movie was released in 1962 about the Italian fellow born in 1603, four years before the English landed in Jamestown. St. Joseph of Cupertino, Italy (1603–1663), had many landings. Not only was he generally known by his contemporaries as being woefully what we might call Forrest Gump-ish, but he had the strange knack of levitating at unexpected times. While praying, or conducting Mass, or doing some other act of devoted reverence, he would simply drift upward. Sometimes he had to be ordered to land by his superior. Even after being exorcised by those who thought he might be demon possessed, he levitated. St. Joseph of Cupertino is the patron saint of astronauts, pilots, and the Air Force. St. Joseph, pray for us, that we might have a good year in aviation. I reckon you and Dan Hayes are sharing stories all over the place up there about now! Amen.

❖ CHAPLAIN (LT COL) EDCO BAILEY,  
D. MIN, B.C.C.

## *Remembering Dan*

I am not in the club now but I will miss Dan anyway. First of all, every day when I opened my email I would expect to find a gem from Dan. He didn't send a lot, but they were always gems.

When I first joined the club he made me very welcome. He found a club job for me so that I could satisfy the work hours requirement.

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I know we will all miss him.

❖ **ALEX WAGANHEIM**

[Here are some entries from the on-line guest book for Dan, thoughtfully provided by **Ruth Hornseth**.]

December 17, 2012

My heart is broken. I will cherish the memories of all the good times and too few shared flights with Dan. He was a very special individual. As Proverb 27:21 says , A man is valued by what others say of him. Dan was priceless. We shall miss him greatly and our prayers and thoughts are with the family as you continue without our very special friend.

~

Joe Stubblefield,  
Potomac, Maryland  
December 17, 2012

Sue and I will really miss Dan. Dan was a great guy and a lot of fun. We will say a prayer for him and the family. We really loved him.

~

John & Sueanne Buzzelli,  
Walworth, New York  
December 17, 2012

The Hayes family has lost one of our best, surely. Peace and healing to us all, especially Dan and his family.

~

Cousin Pat & Barbara Haley,  
Albany, New York  
Contact Me  
December 17, 2012

Was shocked to learn of Dan's death today. Will miss receiving his e-mail articles of nature and humor and our "backyard" talks. Our prayers and sympathy to Linda, Danny & Lauren, Nicole & Joe, Joey & Jamie, and Dan's relatives and friends. Rest in peace.

~

Deena & Ron Schrauder,  
Shady Side, Maryland  
Contact Me  
December 17, 2012

A real friend, who made my life richer!

He will be sorely missed.

~ Bill Hughes, Gaithersburg, Maryland  
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Dan Hayes (right) oversees the 50-hour on 44N  
October 24, 2011

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## *Fly-ins*

Looks like we have about 4–5 paneloads of folks headed to Sky Bryce for brunch on 20 Jan. That will be a good trick since we have only 3 planes. We're still thinking up what to do in Feb, something tasty and easy, maybe Georgetown, DE for buffalo burgers etc. The universe of places is getting smaller: Altoona, Cumberland, and Martinsburg all closed up their eateries. Gotta go while the food is hot. Had good food in Georgia over the holidays. Watched sunrise over the Mayan ruins down there in Blairsville day after the end of the world. Of course watching sunrise anywhere that morning was a treat. Let me know what you might like to do in Feb or March.

❖ JOE STUBBLEFIELD

## *Fifth Tuesday*

As mentioned earlier, we are celebrating the New Year and remembering those who have flown onward to other galactic planes.

Please email me about your intentions. Please bring something to share with your fellow members and guests.

Grilled chicken, burgers, kielbasa, and hotdogs will be provided. Beer, soft drinks, water also there at the trailer. Cost is STILL a very reasonable \$7 per person, or \$3.50 for tykes under 12. Any extra \$\$ collected go to the TRAMS fund!

Dinner will be around 1900, but come earlier for a propeller ceremony and memory sharing to honor our members who have recently passed.

Onward....

RSVP [ruthhornseth@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthhornseth@hotmail.com) or 301- 977-0563 (leave message, please).

❖ JOE STUBBLEFIELD

## *Aircraft rates*

Following are our aircraft hourly rates as of 1 January 2013.

Aircraft	Rate
N5244N	\$138
N20300	\$121
N739BA	\$106

Unless otherwise noted, rates are per tach hour, wet.

## *Work hours*

**Amy McMaster** ([AJMcMaster@venable.com](mailto:AJMcMaster@venable.com)) is our Work Assignment Officer; contact Amy to find out what jobs are available.

**Judy Bradt** takes care of recording the hours that you work. There is a new way to log work hours. For full details and pictures, see the December 2011 *Congressional Record*; otherwise, here's a condensed version.

First, you need to set up your user ID and password, if you haven't already done so.

- 1) Go to <http://www.cfcms.org>.
- 2) Your user name is your first initial followed by your last name (example: Russ Stoner --> rstoner).
- 3) To get your password, click the Login link at the top right of the screen.
- 4) Next, click on "Retrieve Password."
- 5) Enter your user name and click the "Send Password" button. Your password will be sent to your e-mail address on file.

Return to the login screen, and congratulations, you're in!

Now: go to Work Hours on the [cfcms.org](http://cfcms.org) website.

Select your own name, and you will see right away how many hours you've logged, and how many you have to serve before the end of June.

Submitting work hours is easy: Just click on the box for "Submit Work Hours."

A form will come up. Just enter the date, number of hours you worked, and what you did. Add

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something like the crew chief or person who assigned you the task in the NOTES section. Then hit SAVE. Your submission will appear with a little blank check box in the "APPROVED" column. The work credit timekeeper (at the moment, **Judy Bradt**) reviews and approves the hours -- and when she does, a little green check mark appears in the "Approved" column. So far, everybody has submitted hours for legitimate tasks.

Are you a Board Member or do you get work credit hours for other club functions? Click the "Work Credit Hours" box and select your responsibilities from that list, and get credit.

If you have questions, please contact Judy.

## Work hours monitor

January is the sixth month of the "work hours year," so by 31 January you should have 10 hours of credit.

Here are the work hours "waypoints" listed by quarter. If you have the indicated number of hours at the end of a quarter, you're on course.

Qtr 1	30 September	5.0
Qtr 2	31 December	10.0
Qtr 3	31 March	15.0
Qtr 4	30 June	20.0

Don't leave your hours until the last minute in hopes of a warm day for a plane wash!

If you're in doubt about your work hours, contact **Judy Bradt** after you have gone online to check; if you're looking for jobs to do, contact **Amy McMaster**.

## Your flying account

**Dick Stroock** and **Bryan Absher** are in charge of our flying account tracking. Dick is posting aircraft usage on a weekly basis and a doing a full close just after the first of the month. You will receive the monthly statement of your account at the beginning of the month for the previous month's activity. You will also get a weekly e-mail that shows your latest usage.

If you don't have an e-mail account, please let Dick know and he will print out your statement.

## Crew chiefs

A/C	Chief	Ass't Chief
N5244N	TBD	Phil Carls
N20300	Linda Knowles	Todd O'Brien
N739BA	Dale Thompson	Dick Stroock

## Address for checks

Please note that the address to mail Congressional Flying Club checks is:

Congressional Flying Club  
7940 Airpark Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Checks can also be brought to the meetings and given to **Dick Stroock** or **Bryan Absher**.

## Funny stuff

*Tower:* November 3 Alpha Delta, advise you have Delta.

*N123AD:* Three Alpha Delta's looking, negative contact — I didn't even think Delta flew in here!!

See next and last page for important notice and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

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*Happy New Year from the global bureau of the  
"Congressional Record"!*

*Happy flying in 2013!*

*Remember, writing for the newsletter is worth work hours!*