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President's message

Please welcome Jamal Yousefi to our club! Jamal is a student pilot who has great thirst for learning to fly. After taking an orientation ride with Gashaw not only was he sold on flying but, apparently, on our club as well – go figure! Thank you Gashaw for helping Jamal experience the sensation and freedom of flight when at the controls of the aircraft.

Thanks to Dick we now have a nice set of sun shields for 44N. These are the same kind of shield we use on 9BA and 300. They are easy to install and will go a long way in helping to keep our planes in fine condition. Please make sure you install them after your flight. Let's keep our airplanes in the top notch shape!

Another improvement that's coming up on 44N is the JPM EDM-830 engine monitor. We are still not certain when it is going to be installed but we'll let you know as soon as it is confirmed. Once installed, mandatory training on 44N operations will be provided at one of the club meetings.

Gashaw is now conducting ongoing training on Garmin 430. The club has purchased King Schools training DVDs and we are collectively going through the modules during club meetings. Even if you are highly experienced operator of Garmin 430, I am sure you will be able to pick some nifty features you had no idea had existed. Kings' haircuts aside, it is a great training program. While cold beer in the fridge is hard to beat, this is another great reason to show up at club meetings.

Talking about training and proficiency... Spring is in the air and Gashaw is scheming again to pull a proficiency day for club members. The idea is to have our instructors available one Saturday to bring to currency those in need of it. Last year we had great success and we hope to repeat it this year. The details are to be announced.

Our fly-ins are now packed. All planes went to Sky Bryce for the weekend of camaraderie, relaxation and watching skiers dunk into the pond. I am eagerly awaiting the report and pictures from this most recent escapade. Look out for the next destination.

Finally, I recommend that you listen to some of the most interesting ATC-pilot exchanges of the past year. The ATC is out there to help and get you out of the dodge... if you put yourself in a situation or completely empty your jar of luck. I am always amazed with their cool and the level of professionalism. It is also fascinating to hear how their calm and professionalism pacifies and brings pilots from being highly stressed and on the verge of panic to composure. The intriguing title of the article? "We got a rogue vehicle": ATC honored for assists." Copy and paste this:
http://www.aopa.org/training/articles/2013/130307-we-got-a-rogue-vehicle.html?WT.mc_id=130308epilot&WT.mc_sect=tt&WT.mc_cmp=ePlt:RdMr

Bring your friends to the club. We'll hook them up on flying ☺.

❖ PIOTR KULCZAKOWICZ

Chaplain's corner

Springtime's on the wing! Summertime is coming. Time for poetry, especially as we remember **Ayres, Hawkins, Boyle, Hayes, Marcom**, and now **Natof**. They've gone home, but it's easy to imagine any of them to be heard musing:

*Probably soon now,
Fifty years more or less, I mean,
- that's soon, I know, I've had them -
the collector, Time, will call and*

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*demand that I pay,
pay for time given, loaned, taken.*

*There'll be a tallying question
before the demand.*

*– "what have you done with time
that you've had?"*

I'll answer in a word,

"Loved!" – may it be said.

*"Enough!" will be the reply, "now
taste the bittersweet!"*

Alas, I will cry with laughter,

– eager, happy to be done with

Time

though hating like hell to die –

laughter so loud it'll burst the eternal door.

Time then will hang up the phone,

and march on.

And I?

I'll just be gone,

Come! Of course.

But not now, it's only springtime!"

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

Final flights

Bob Gilbert informed us of the passing of **Stuart Natof**, a long-time former member of the Club, on 27 February. His widow, Margaret, requested donations to a hospice of the sender's choice instead of flowers.

Bill Hughes sent along the following: **Don Wood**, the original owner of Aerotronics, the avionics shop that used to be in the hangar next to our trailer, passed away suddenly on 18 February.

Fly-ins

How 'bout breakfast at Ocean City and maybe more? There is a fly in breakfast at the airport and depending on what else you might want to do, some could hang out at the non-crowded boardwalk and maybe have a nice lunch too. Just add

booking time to your plane, and get your name on one thru me and for possible extended time NOW.

Planes booked for Sat April 13, just to keep the superstitious away.

Let me know.

Thinking about two-nighter at Dayton in May for the Air force museum. Any other ideas or requests let me know.

❖ JOE STUBBLEFIELD

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Aircraft rates

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

| Aircraft | Rate |
|----------|-------|
| N5244N | \$138 |
| N20300 | \$119 |
| N739BA | \$106 |

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

Work hours

Amy McMaster (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://www.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 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

March is the eighth month of the "work hours year," so by 31 March you should have 13.3 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 |

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| N739BA | Dale Thompson | Dick Strock |

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 Strock** or **Bryan Absher**.

Funny stuff

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

N123AD: Thanks, tower, but we don't need one; we live here, Three Alpha Delta.