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President's message

We have a new pilot in our club! **Cuan Hendricken** (see photo below) launched on his first solo flight on 6 June. After his first ever three solo takeoffs and landings at GAI he said: "my solo was definitely one of the most exhilarating moments in my life." Cuan is the first recipient of the Bob Hawkins Flight Scholarship, and he is working toward his private pilot certification in a very focused manner. I'd like to thank the Trams Committee for continuing support of Cuan in his pursuit of the aviation dream.



The aircraft wash party was a big success thanks to **Stephen Nash, Doug Holly, Sonia Ortega, Nathan Youell, and Adam Vasiliou**. Let's also not forget about **Alyscia Eisen**, who organized the event, herded and supervised the pilots (which apparently is harder than herding cats). (See separate article on p. 8.)

Let's keep the fleet shiny. Put in 15 minutes of work hours and clean those bugs off the windshield and leading edges after your flight. If everybody does that, you will not have to spend time prior to the flight trying to remove the fossilized bugs off the windshield.

Thanks to **Stephen Nash**, we made some progress with getting the antennas up high on the mast near the Coast Guard trailer. This is a joint effort between various bodies, including CFC, CAP and the airport. This, among other benefits, will hopefully bring Wi-Fi to the airplane parking area. We are very thankful to everyone who contributed their time and calluses to the effort (see article about the ditch-diggers on p. 9).

Rado Ivanov and **Andy Mullen** are working on revamping, improving, and standardizing our checklists. The idea is to make them current, easier to use and standardized across the airplanes to improve safety and operational effectiveness.

A sizable group of club members spent a wonderful weekend at **Dick Stroock's** property at Lake Anna. As you can see on the picture below, Dick is really getting his lair right.



Seriously though, while the Airplane Single Engine Sea rating is not quite available within our club, Dick's place is lovely, and we are already pressing Dick for a new date for another Lake Anna fly-out.



As usual, we enjoyed good company, great food: including pasta "polognese" prepped by **Piotr**, venison chili cooked by the **Hornseths**, and incredible breakfast feasts courtesy of **Dick Stroock** and **Gary Jacobs**.

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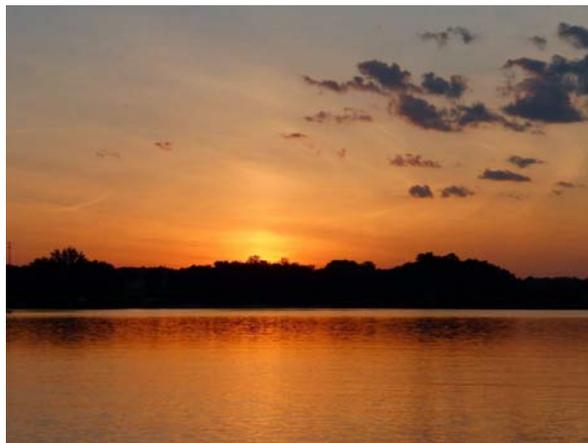
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Members also pursued a variety of water activities. **Gashaw** was trying kayaking but was not quite grasping the concept.



Captain Frankie was taking us on jet ski and boat rides.



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Overall, it was an incredibly relaxing and fun filled weekend with weather fully cooperating. I hope to see you on the next club fly-out wherever it may take us. The next destination: Oshkosh.

❖ PIOTR KULCZAKOWICZ

Membership renewals

It's that time again! Time to fill out a new membership renewal form. This applies to everyone: members, members on special status, and designated CFIs, even if you just joined within the last month or two.

Only the 2011 edition of the forms will be accepted. These are available in the documents section of the cfcms.org web site in two versions.

CFC App 2011.doc can be filled in on your PC before you print it out and sign it.

CFC App 2011.pdf can be printed out and then filled in by hand before you sign it. There are also some copies available in the trailer in the Air Ops mailbox that you can pick up and fill out. I would prefer to receive the forms with your original signature, but scanned copies with your signature are acceptable. You can either leave the completed forms in the Air Operations mail box in the trailer, or mail them to me at our CFC address or to my house:

Dan Golas
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As always, try to be reasonably accurate with your hours and other information. Since this information is used for our insurance renewal, any false statements could have unfortunate consequences if you have the misfortune to have an accident, or if we have to file a claim with the insurance carrier, *i.e.*, you could be on the hook for more than the deductible if your information was incorrect.

And as always, a few tips on filling out the form:

1. Most people will check at least one box for Ratings ASEL (Airplane Single Engine Land), unless you are a student pilot.
2. Constant Speed Prop hours means time in an airplane with a variable pitch propeller, not C152 or C172 time.
3. I can usually tell if you are guessing at your hours if the hours listed are less than the year before. If you want to at least be consistent

you can call me or send me an e-mail and I can tell you what you entered on your application last year. Also, an entry like "500+" or ">150" doesn't help.

4. Don't forget to check all the questions either yes or no. If you have a conviction for a traffic violation also include your driver's license number. You don't have to say what the conviction is for, if the insurance company really wants to know they can access your driving record themselves.

Complete and submit the forms by the end of the month. On 1 July, anyone who hasn't submitted their renewal will be locked out of the scheduling system.

❖ DAN GOLAS

Chaplain's corner

CATCH THE MAGIC AGAIN!

A thousand springtimes in a day were never so glorious as today, when every songbird sings beautifully and little children play. White clouds watch in oceans of blue as souls soar high and clear, of earth and sea and all the things that make earth seem dreary. Fly man, fly woman, fly bird and bee, fly high above fragrance in multifold flavor. Safely, carefully, clear and quietly, fly on without burden or bother to neighbor.

This is the spring day the Lord has made, and why did He let us fly? To remind us that though we dwell on earth, we are creatures of the sky. Creatures of the sky, you say? And yet so earthly and lowly made? Yes, creatures of the sky, I say, for in God's image we are made.

Every time I fly, I ponder the miracle of surmounting the gravitational pull. I think, thank God! We are made to soar! Life rises and yearns to be full. Lift up your heads, your spirits, your hopes, your dreams, your ways! You have already proven in flight that the drill, the discipline, and the training for flying yield grand reward.

No one managing a flying machine above the things of earth ever questions the truth realized that there is so much more to life than dwelling on the place of our birth. We imagine that we are a part of the great big infinity, of peace, beauty, progress and wholeness to which all is en route — eternity! Careful, for with such view, we may join a re-creative cause.

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Yes, in the sky we run the risk of thinking big thoughts and dreaming big dreams and resolving to live life full for ourselves and for our neighbors, or at the least, of making a mighty effort to do so. Let the magic, majesty, and magnanimity of the sky catch you by the spirit, and recreate in you the glory of returning to the destiny and legacy and original contribution you came to earth to bring. So let it be that you shall not have soared in vain. Let the magic of flying catch you again. Amen.

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

RV fly-in

Just a heads-up that this Saturday, 14 June, the Carroll County EAA chapter is hosting the second annual RV Fly-In at DMW from 10:00 to 14:00. They are expecting a huge turnout, 100+ RV's, so if you plan on heading up that way on Saturday keep your head on a swivel and look for RV's and RV formations around that area.

[*Editor's note: I didn't know Winnebagos could fly! Oh, wait ... never mind.*]

❖ **MICHAEL REGEN**

TRACON tour

[*This is from Philip Wilk — kind of short notice, but you still might be able to sign up.*]

14 June: Potomac Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) is hosting a tour of the fourth busiest approach control facility in the United States. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** All pilots and their guests must be registered. **Walk-ups will be turned away.** Register on the FAA website.

Plane wash

This year's spring plane wash was very successful. Thanks to club member **Steve Nash**, the highlight of this year was the absence of water!

The cleaning team used one gallon of "Aero Glaze" from Sporty's, which costs \$45 per gallon. Additional supplies included a bag of cloths, throwaway small paint containers from Home Depot, and protective latex gloves. The cleaners went over each plane once with the liquid wax substance, let it dry for a few minutes, and then wiped it off with a clean rag. The Aero Glaze made bug and oil spot removal simple, without the

elbow grease that usually goes into the cleaning day. The treatment is supposed to last about 90 days. All of the windows were also cleaned, and a little extra oil added to 9BA.

Sonia Ortega, Nathan Youell, Doug Holly, Steve Nash, Paul Schuh (fiancé of Alyscia and usually dragged out to the plane washes), and **Adam Vasiliou** all took part in the festivities. A special thanks to Adam for taking care of the underbellies of each of the birds, he really took care of the "dirty" work!

The day ended with Doug running to pick up some pizza for a very hungry and grateful cleaning crew.

Next year, I would like to add music, but in the absence of formal entertainment, we all kept each other company for the long morning with good conversation and story telling.

Aero Glaze:

<http://www.sportys.com/PilotShop/product/12027>
(there are extras in the hangar).

❖ **ALYSCIA EISEN**

Fly-ins

By now several of us will have attended the WWII show at Reading (6–8 June). You really need to get your stuff together and go to this show sometime.

The next really big thing is OSHKOSH, the last week of July and first few days of August. Last I saw the Cardinal is still free (as in "available" — you have to pay for the tach hours) for that trip and a good way to get there. I made my first three landings at Oshkosh on my first trip, all on one rollout in the Cardinal. Also consider worming your way into a ride with someone else who is going. We camp together and have a good time making some meals at camp but this year may plan to eat out a bit more. We should end up camped by the new showers which also have the rest of the plumbing that makes life a little easier — real sinks etc.

Don't forget that you can grab someone and one of the planes and just go somewhere for lunch or breakfast. That to me is the best use of the planes and the club. It cuts expenses while doubling the fun.

The welcome mat is still open at **Larry Falls** down at Morganton, NC. So we should scheme to take

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advantage of that and maybe look up **John Peake** while down that way. We (you guys) could try out hang gliding and some other flying contraptions as well as possibly going to the Biltmore house in Asheville.

Late September or maybe first weekend in October we should try to get up to Old Rhinebeck in NY. That trip is really neat on so many levels including the trip home down the Hudson thru the city. Circling the Statue of Liberty must be done. Bring ideas to the table that we can hopefully work into the mix.

❖ **JOE STUBBLEFIELD**

Music at Oshkosh

At a recent meeting a few people asked what band was headlining at Airventure this year.

Big concert on Monday after the airshow is Kenny Loggins (Danger Zone), then on Friday is Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, the best modern swing band ever!

<http://www.eaa.org/en/airventure/aaa-airventure-news-and-multimedia/aaa-airventure-news/aaa-airventure-oshkosh/2014-05-08-kenny-loggins-to-bring-the-danger-zone-to-oshkosh>

<http://www.eaa.org/en/airventure/aaa-airventure-news-and-multimedia/aaa-airventure-news/aaa-airventure-oshkosh/2014-04-03-big-bad-voodoo-daddy-to-swing-at-aaa-airventure-2014>

❖ **MICHAEL REGEN**

Ditch digging

Thanks to the persistence of **Steve Nash**, the ditch digging effort to install the PVC that would carry the cables/wires for the installation of the Wi-Fi is now completed. Steve didn't get any response from club members to go dig a ditch during the Memorial Day weekend. He persisted and sent another call for the following weekend. Five volunteers showed up bright and early on Saturday morning 31 May with shovels and hoes to dig a ditch. In addition to **Steve, Doug Holly, Mladek Kriznik, Richard Marko, Sonia Ortega**, and **Jim Novitzki** worked on the ditch.

Mother Nature was kind to us and sent some rain during the week to soften the soil so the digging on Saturday wouldn't be so hard. Since there's no

such thing as an easy job, the rain had also filled up a portion of the ditch that had been previously dug out. This meant that we had to get the water out. We tried with a pump for a while but the pump would clog up with the muddy water. So, the old-fashioned method of using a plastic container to get the water out of the ditch worked well.

Once the ditch was done, the job of cutting and putting together PVC pipes started. Steve showed us how to glue the pieces. It was tricky to keep the pipe clean especially around the muddy areas. Also a rope was placed inside the pipes to later replace it with cable/wires. How many pilots does it take to do this job? See pictures on p. 9, courtesy of **Doug Holly**.

The job was completed under beautiful blue skies. We should have been flying instead!!! Once the PVC pipe was installed, we had to fill up the ditch with dirt. This part didn't take as long as digging the ditch. We were even able to restore the grass on the ditch. Probably by the next Club picnic people won't even know there's PVC pipe underneath the grass, but club members will sure be happy to have Wi-Fi available.

Thanks to all members who contributed to this job.

❖ **SONIA ORTEGA**

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.

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

Now: go to Work Hours on the 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**.

Aircraft rates

Following are our aircraft hourly rates as of 1 June 2014.

Aircraft	Rate
N5244N	\$138
N20300	\$119
N739BA	\$106
N23GV	\$100 (Hobbs)

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

Work hours monitor

June is the twelfth month of the "work hours year," so by 30 June you should have 20 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.

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Crew chiefs

A/C	Chief	Ass't Chief
N5244N	Greg Castello	Phil Carls
N20300	Stephen Nash	Thomas Wilk
N739BA	Gary Jacobs	Phil Carls
N23GV	Thomas Wilk	Philip Wilk

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

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

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Plane wash pictures!



(L to R) Doug Holly, Nathan Youell, and Paul Schuh working on 23GV



Steve Nash posing with 23GV

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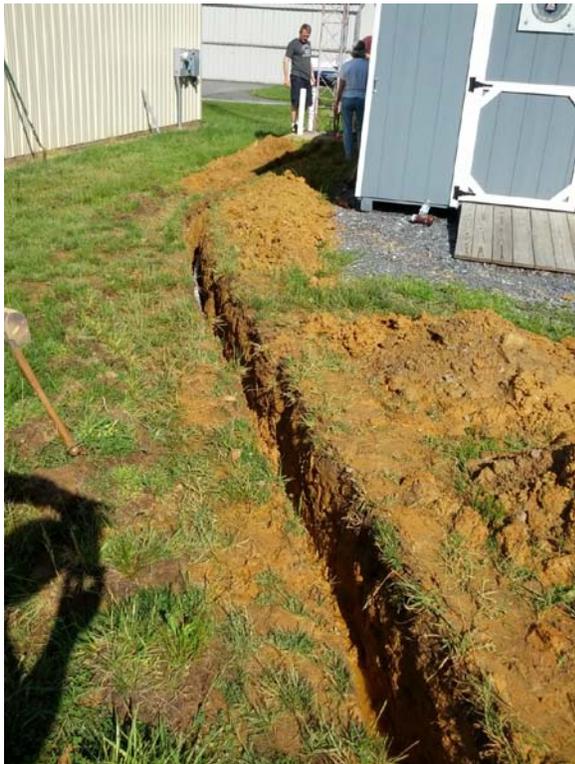
Ditch-digging pictures!



Steve Nash and Jim measure the ditch depth while Richard Marko and Mladek Kriznik get ready to dig.



Is the ditch deep enough? Jim, Sonia Ortega and Steve Nash are trying to figure it out.



Are we ready to place the PVC pipe in the ditch yet? Richard Marko is thinking while taking a rest.



Sonia Ortega and Richard Marko are putting sod on top of the ditch while Mladek Kriznik and Steve Nash do a final inspection.