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President's message

Mother Nature presented many great opportunities for club members to earn work hours during the last month. Thank you to all members who swiftly cleared the snow and made our airplanes accessible and flyable. I also received reports that the new pre-heater works very well — after years of jerry-rigged contraptions and some real marvels of engineering, a home-brew kind, we finally have a proper device. And real-world tested. We do not have to worry about the next winter as this one is finally gone.

Moving into spring, we have some exciting fly-ins, coordinated as usual by **Joe Stubblefield**. I hear members can still join the fly-in to Sky Bryce for some snow and water skiing craziness (I guess as a spectator, although who knows, perhaps **Gary Jacobs** will team up with **Gashaw Mengistu** to push their relatively new love of skiing to the next level). **Greg Castello** is inviting us for the next inevitably memorable event at his farm. I hear you can still join this troupe.

Dick Strock and **Bill Hughes** are managing, coordinating and doing most of the work on the Cardinal. Big thank you! Inquire about lending them a hand.

We continue with short knowledge sharing sessions, a program initiated by **Ted Tschudy**. **Mark Ross** guided us through Lockheed Martin's 1800wxbrief.com web site at the last meeting. The FSS briefing at your fingertips on your portable device is a nicely designed and useful product.

Sonia Ortega is our new job coordinator. She is the person to go to find out what work hours worthy tasks are needed to be done to keep the club fully operational. Sonia will also assist **Judy Bradt** in monitoring and approving work hours on our web site.

Mark your calendars for Movie Night at the trailer on Thursday, 26 March, at 1900: *Flying the Feathered Edge* — *The Bob Hoover Project* and the restart of our long-time tradition of the Fifth Tuesday BBQs on 31 March.

❖ PIOTR KULCZAKOWICZ

Chaplain's corner

Cleanliness is next to godliness. In what sense? Well, what is godliness all about? It is about life and all of those qualities that make for life. We could mention love. Without it no life! Joy, that is certainly something nice to have, to contribute, or to experience! Peace! People will kill if after love and joy, no peace follows. Peace is a good thing! But so is patience. Most all things that enhance relationship quality and growth require process

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and patient pursuit of process.

Goodness must be the aim and outcome of every worthy process. Kindness is something we all know when we see it, when we receive it, and when we have the option of rendering it. It too, makes for life and godliness. If we did not believe that love, joy, peace, patience, goodness and kindness were such wonderful qualities and godly, we would not think of them or speak of them or encourage them. In other words, we understand that faith is also a wonderful quality of life, and of godliness.

The one who understands life and godliness has a strange characteristic or trait. It's like the one who is heir apparent and not a contender for the post, position or office. There is a calmness, confidence, and gentleness of spirit about the one who conceives of one's self as centered in godliness.

Gentleness is the virtue that I have seen in those who are sure that they belong and are comfortable with their identity as one of the valued insiders. Notice the speech and carriage of that person. There is a radiance and ease of smile. No outbursts, no shouting wildly — there is a modest and mild degree of self-control and general moderation evident about that person. There have been confident persons even in captivity whose dignity and carriage evidenced royalty and majesty overwhelmingly commanding respect.

What is godliness all about? We say it is about life! And how is it related to cleanliness? The thought came to mind as I watched news reportage on the MD-80 that veered left off center line coming to rest on the berm that prevented its plunging into the water of Flushing Bay at LaGuardia Airport during an early March snowstorm. Thank goodness no one lost life or suffered severe injury. It was an unwelcome incident with a happy outcome. Constantly, during the focused reporting of the accident commentators would repeat that every piece of debris would be policed and removed before the runway would be reopened. It was repeated so very many times. And then I remembered. Cleanliness! It's all about life.

And that is what godliness is all about. A shred of metal unrecovered could cause death, or even the end of a 25 year stellar career of the queen of the

air, the supersonic Concorde. Yes, cleanliness is next to, related to, required for godliness — for life! And conversely, dirtiness is deadly and ungodly. In every way and every sense let us assure cleanliness of heart, of aircraft, of taxiway and flyway. It's a quality we can live with! "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8

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

The grip of winter!

Here are a couple of pictures from **Mladen Kriznik** that should give you an idea of what GAI looked like recently!



Fly-ins

Who is in?

The official event in March is a day trip to Sky Bryce Winterfest with the pond skimming and a

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meal or two. I have planes laid on for that Saturday, 14 March. Let me know if you want to go.

Greg Castello has graciously risked his farm to our group again for weekend of 17–19 April with all the usual festivities. Bring your own earplugs and safety glasses — and that is just for meals! There might be a little associated noise at other times as well, bring your hardware.

First six people get a bed or couch. After that, it's tents and sleeping bags.

Let me know of your interest for either activity and put your name on a plane for Greg's farm weekend. I have 44N reserved for 3-4 people already to Greg's. We need to get this run done so we can be genteel by the time we get invited back to the lake.

❖ **JOE STUBBLEFIELD**

Work hours

Sonia Ortega is our new work hours coordinator! Here are the instructions for recording your work hours on-line.

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 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 March 2015.

Aircraft	Rate
N5244N	\$138
N20300	\$119
N739BA	\$106
N23GV	\$110*

Rates are per tach hour, wet.

* Reflects installation of analog tach in November 2014

Work hours monitor

March is the ninth month of the "work hours year," so by 31 March you should have 15 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!

As of right now the work hours jobs are open, so if you have any questions about your work hours, please contact **Piotr Kulczakowicz** or any other Board member.

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

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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	Greg Castello	Phil Carls
N20300	TBD	Stephen Nash
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

CFI: OK, now let me see you fly straight and level.

Student: Sure, which one would you like?