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President's message

With summer ending, it seems that both flying and non-flying social activities are picking up. Just a quick reminder about the second drive/fly-in event at **Dick Stroock's** Lake Anna compound. I am rather sad I will not be able to join you this year.

September also brings us a Fifth Tuesday barbecue (29 September). We need a crew chief to organize a few helpers and orchestrate the event (work hours!). Also, contact **Joe Stubblefield** for additional fly-outs he is organizing.

Autumn brings some of the best weather for flying. Labor Day weekend treated us to spectacular weather, and I was glad to see that all the airplanes were flying. I had incredible unrestricted visibility on Sunday afternoon while flying 23GV — I could see Sugar Loaf Mountain very sharply from the Bay Bridge (over 50 NM). Shenandoah and the next mountain ridge were clearly visible from 3,500 ft over Carroll County Airport, a distance of over 80 NM. The sunset was a bonus. My passengers were in awe.

Fly safe.

❖ **PIOTR KULCZAKOWICZ**

Board notes

September 2015 meeting

In Attendance: Piotr Kulczakowicz, Greg Castello, Dan Golas, Bob Gawler, John Strong

John Rabner petitioned to rejoin the Club, which was unanimously approved. Welcome back, John!

Fernando Campos requested to go inactive for one year.

CFC will participate in the KGAI Open House on 17 October. **John Van Dam** will coordinate.

We are looking for someone to coordinate our 29 September Fifth Tuesday picnic.

Good news: **Rich Fenati** re-certified as a club CFI.

No treasurer report.

❖ **GREG CASTELLO**

Chaplain's corner

MUSEUM SPEAK

I have been to the Smithsonian Institute's Air and Space Museum many times, in both Washington, D.C., and northern Virginia. I would welcome any occasion to return again. There is something fascinating about the place and its subject. Air and space are infinite. In them our concepts of limitation recede. We even dare to entertain the thought of freedom all over again whenever we visit the Museums — or the skies.

My greatest excitement about visiting the Museum in Virginia is the joy at being there with the supersonic Concorde. What an aircraft! I had hoped to be able to have a flight upon it. Dear Jonathan Livingston Seagull, what's it like to fly at 1,350 mph? And thus my sadness, disappointment and sorrow at visiting the Museum. This "Queen of the Skies" is grounded, grounded in a museum! The story of her grounding is told repeatedly by the docent and that is all we get — no ride on those majestic wings, just the story.

It was a piece of junk on the runway, a little wasted strip of metal that started the chain of events that grounded the "Queen." And this is the awe, respect, and fear that seeing the "Queen" also occasions. A little piece of junk in our life can put an end to our high aspirations, dreams and wishes of freedom, empowerment, and constantly expanding progress. And the weird thing about life is that that piece of junk keeps trying to return, delight us, but eventually "de-flight" our best wishes and intentions.

Are we aware of the tempter's guile? Do we know when the desire is not love but lust, not fair nor beneficial to all concerned, not true but in essence false? Do we let ourselves journey into near occasion of inappropriate behavior? It's so easy to do, and, wonderfully, so easy not to do, when we decide "in accord with our better angels." A prayer that has been prayed for nearly two thousand years, and answered, is still good. We ask God to "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from

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evil." May we surround each flight with prayer that we overlook no good preparation, which failure might endanger us, our flight, or those others who could be adversely affected by our taking the quick, careless, or easy approach to preparing for and conducting the wonderful feat that is flying.

The Air and Space Museum is a marvelous place, but we do not want our aspirations landing in the museum too soon. Amen.

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

Fly-ins

A weekend at Lake Anna at Casa Strock is coming 11–13 September. Get your name on a plane and let Dick and I know the headcount. Last I looked there is an airplane available, or you might squeeze in with someone. Driving down is not too bad a deal, just get there. We have wall to wall pontoon hotrods and jet skis and will have good food and time together. I look on this sorta like a church retreat with beer.

The weekend of 9–11 October we are going to Old Rhinebeck and hanging out in the area until they run out of tasty bits etc. Then after a hearty diner breakfast head back via the downtown New York City route by plane. Maybe I will be in helicopter BA again. That is a story in itself. We already have some rooms in Kingston, and you might want to grab one now if you intend to come. Apparently a lot of folks drive in there that weekend too and clutter up the countryside and motels. Some of us are staying at the Super 8 in Kingston. I would suggest the \$84 rate in case we have to cancel for weather or (arrggghhh) TFR. We will land at POU and grab rental cars. We need two now. Let us know if we need three.

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Rhinebeck_Aerodrome

Also, don't forget to try out lunch at Ryder center at HGR when you can. Park in the shade at the door if you can, or gee, walk another 30 feet if you can't.

❖ **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,

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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 September 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

September is the third month of the "work hours year," so by 30 September you should have 5.0 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 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	Tom Wilk	TBD
N739BA	Gary Jacobs	Phil Carls
N23GV	Philip Wilk	TBD

Address for checks

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

Congressional Flying Club
7940 Airpark Road
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Checks can also be brought to the meetings and given to **Dick Stroock** or **Bryan Absher**.

Funny stuff

It's not that all airplane pilots are good-looking. Just that good-looking people seem more capable of flying airplanes.