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President's message

Please welcome back **John Rabner**, who is returning to the club after a break.

Congratulations to **Bob Swanson**, who earned his commercial pilot certificate.

Work on the airplanes picked up. First, N5524N went for a long overdue 50-hour inspection. Many thanks to **Dick Stroock** and those who assisted including **Ted Tschudy**, **Joe Stubblefield**, **John Rabner**, **Larry Baker**, and **Mladen Kriznik**. Next, N20300 went in for the 50-hour inspection and got new LED lights in the process. Now it's time to do the annual inspection on 9BA. It is great to see many members showing up to assist and practice the Zen and art of aircraft maintenance.

There will be a great opportunity to promote our flying club and the squadron this Saturday during the GAI open house. Please contact **Johannes van Dam** and **John Strong** if you'd like to help. Bring your friends and family.

Please watch for information about upcoming general elections. **Eldar** is running the event this time around, and you will hear from him soon. This is your once-a-year opportunity to shape and influence the ways of the Dragons. You must be present and in good standing to be eligible to vote.

Calling from Poland,

❖ **PIOTR KULCZAKOWICZ**

Board notes

October 2015 meeting

In Attendance: Piotr Kulczakowicz, Greg Castello, Dick Stroock, John Strong, Gashaw Mengistu, Dan Golas, Gary Jacobs

In an attempt to raise awareness of the Club to attract more members and add more value to our meetings, the Board discussed adding guest speakers to meeting and combining CAP safety briefing, creation of an IFR Club chapter for MCAP, and devoting one meeting a month to IFR. Additionally, there was a discussion about changing the initiation fee. Options were a lower fee in lieu of more flying funds in the account; canceling the fee; or keeping as is.

Brandebury will not be flying 44N after this month since the county is discontinuing traffic flights.

The Treasurer reports no significant changes to our accounts. Dick would like to retire from the position, so we need a volunteer for the Treasurer position.

❖ **GREG CASTELLO**

Chaplain's corner

Chaplain Bailey talked with **Henry Cox**, a past member of the Congressional (Field) Flying Club and MSS Civil Air Patrol, for this Chaplain's Corner column.

EB Henry, when were you born?

HC April 7, 1925.

EB Is it true that one of your ancestors, Hezekiah Frith, operated his own pirate ship in the Bermuda Island waters?

HC. Yes.

EB Twenty years after your birth, WWII ended in 1945. Does this mean that you were possibly a teenager when you participated in the War?

HC Yes, something like that.

EB What did you train for; and what did you do in the War?

HC I trained to be a gunner on a B-24 bomber. And that is what I did.

EB You served in the skies over Italy. You always returned safely to base. Is it true that an aircraft in your formation took a hit and went down with most of its 10 man crew still aboard?

HC It was a flak hit. An airman photographer aboard another aircraft caught a picture of the incident. I still have a picture of the craft on fire on the way down.

EB What was your major interest at age 40 in 1965, twenty years after the War?

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HC I don't remember. I know I went to Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn, New York, and studied for a B.S. degree in engineering after the War. At some point I went to work for the Vitro engineering outfit, from which I retired. But I don't remember all of the details.

EB You would have been 60 years old in 1985; do you remember when you joined the Congressional Flying Club and Montgomery Senior Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol?

HC I don't remember, but I have a logbook somewhere from the time I was trying to learn to fly. Maybe it contains some reference dates about when I joined.

EB I remember that you celebrated your 80th birthday at my house with several members of CFC/MSS.

HC I remember that vaguely.

EB Around that time, 2005, you had moved into Asbury Methodist Retirement Village. Did you get involved with any of the activities of ARV?

HC I served on one committee, but I don't remember the name of it.

EB Though never married, you did find a friend with whom you associated at AMV until her death.

HC Yes, you remember that!

EB This year, you reached the age of 90, the age to which your mother lived. How do you feel about living? Would you want another 10 years?

HC Not necessarily. I am ready to stay or to go as it so turns out.

EB You were affiliated with the Christian religion. Do you feel that religion had any practical value for your life?

HC Practical value? I suppose it did!

EB There are probably many words of wisdom you could give to folks who like to associate as airplane people. What is a brief word you can give to them to conclude this interview?

HC Be safe!

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

Fly-ins

We *almost* had a crew fly up to see the Old Rhinebeck air show and aerodrome 10–12 October. That has been a usual early October activity

for several years. You get to see the autumn leaves on the Hudson, see a great demonstration of WW I era planes (including dogfights), eat some great food, and finally return home via the Skyline tour of NYC down the Hudson. Nothing quite compares to circling the Statue of Liberty while perhaps in Bravo airspace. However, because of a number of issues, including a foot infection due to running for one of the pilots, we scratched the mission. **Dan Hayes** used to have a good expression describing exercise: "no pain, no pain."

We'll make another expedition to Greg's farm down in Spencer, WV, 13–15 November. Bring your appetite and earplugs. Still room to bunk last I heard, but let Greg and me know your intentions

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to come.

The first Saturday in December brings the Holly Run trip, with breakfast at Bay Bridge and subsequent hauling of the holly to Tangier Island and lunch at Lorraine's. Pretty neat trip with about 45 plane loads of our closest friends.

❖ **JOE STUBBLEFIELD**

Work hours

Sonia Ortega is our 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](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**.

Airpark doings

[The following is summarized from a message from **Keith Miller** that went out by e-mail in early October.]

Remember to check NOTAMS for information on cranes in the vicinity of the Airpark.

"Flying the Feathered Edge" will be showing in the Café on 16 October at 1800. There is a sign up sheet if you wish to attend the movie. Please contact [DC Metro](#).

The Annual Open House will be 17 October from 1000 to 1400.

Community meeting on 4 November at 1900 at the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Training Room, Montgomery County Service Park (MCSP), 16641 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville MD 20855.

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

October is the fourth month of the "work hours year," so by 31 October you should have 6.7 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!

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Your flying account

Dick Strock 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

<i>A/C</i>	<i>Chief</i>	<i>Ass't Chief</i>
N5244N	TBD	Phil Carls
N20300	Tom Wilk	TBD
N739BA	Gary Jacobs	Phil Carls
N236V	Philip Wilk	TBD

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

Most people think of a flashlight as something used to illuminate dark places. But **Bob Gawler** let me in on the true definition a few years ago: A flashlight is a metal tube that is used to store dead batteries.