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President's message

Please welcome some new members. **Dhruv Thakkar** is a student pilot with 55 hours of total flight time. He is picking up on his flight lessons after a long break and is already flying with **Gashaw Mengistu**. He recently moved to the DC area for work and quickly found his way to our eclectic club.

Kasper Kubica is a student pilot with 4 hours of total flight time and is going to continue his flight lessons with me. Kasper developed a passion for aviation very early and was able to learn to fly a simple model helicopter in about two minutes when he was just nine years old. He is a college student and will be going after his certificate intermittently during his college breaks.

We waved goodbye to **Sonia Ortega**, who is leaving for a job posting in Brussels. It was great to see her on election day, just a week before her departure! She is staying connected to the club but, obviously, taking an equivalent of a long leave of absence. Sonia says she has an extra bedroom for guests!

Eldar Aharonovich did a wonderful job in coordinating the annual elections. This year's elections weren't too competitive, and your new Board is exactly the same as the old Board. Just to recap: I continue as the Club's president. **Greg Castello**, **Dan Golas**, **Gary Jacobs**, **Gashaw Mengistu**, **Dick Strock**, and **John Strong** are the Board members. **Dick** is the treasurer, **Greg** is the Secretary. **Steve Bushby** continues as the Chair of the Flight Proficiency Board and is the assistant treasurer. Finally, **John Strong** continues as the Chair of the Trams Fund Committee, with no changes to the committee members (**Steve**

Bushby, **Greg Castello**, **Gary Jacobs**, and **Dick Strock**).

Rado Ivanov created beautiful gift certificates, as well as leaflets to inform people about the availability of the certificates. The leaflets can be used to subtly let your loved ones know about the great opportunity to give a gift that would be remembered and highly appreciated. **Russ Stoner** will make the leaflets available on the website.

The Holly Run was an apparent total success. The weather could not have been better. **Eldar**, **Mladen Kriznik**, and **Chris Moses** plus some non-Club passengers flew to TGI via W29 in Club airplanes, while **Joe** chose to be a Tiger test pilot. The next fly-in is planned to Sky Bryce. Contact Joe if interested.

Fly safe,

❖ **PIOTR KULCZAKOWICZ**

Board notes

In attendance: Piotr Kulczakowicz, John Strong, Dan Golas, Greg Castello, Gashaw Mengistu, Gary Jacobs, Dick Strock, Bob Gawler

The Board reviewed November minutes and approved an idea to print gift certificates to be paid for by friends and family for flying hours. They also approved a student application for membership and flight lessons.

Verizon has discontinued internet service through a contractual technicality. The Board decided that we do need to reconnect service. They discussed various options from starting our own contract for service to fixing existing airport equipment. During this period, we do not have easy access to keep flying accounts current. Members are reminded to keep track of their flying hours and pay their estimated flying costs through this period.

❖ **GREG CASTELLO**

Election results

I'm pleased to announce the re-election of **Piotr Kulczakowicz** as president of the club.

In addition, **Greg Castello**, **Gary Jacobs**, and **Dick Strock** were elected to serve on the Board for two-year terms.

Let's congratulate our elected president and board members!

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I would like to thank all the candidates and everyone who arrived to our annual meeting and voted. Special thank you to **Owen Andrusiak** for his guidance and support.

❖ **ELDAR AHARONOVICH**

Chaplain's corner

TO FORGIVE IS DIVINE

When people are in pain and deep anguish of soul, and yet are expressive of grace and forgiveness, the moment and situation become more, for them and for us. The moment becomes transformational. It links up with the spirit of the martyrs of all ages. It becomes the re-expression of the Lord of the martyrs, Jesus Christ. The crucified One is no longer simply a historical figure who was born, who lived, died, and asked God's forgiveness for his tormentors during His execution on a Roman Cross two thousand years ago. The Christ lives again, and suffers again, and dies again in the people, and expresses the love of God all over again in the plea for and offer of forgiveness to those who have left themselves open to the error of doing the satanic work of attempting to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10) faith, life and love.

When a person, a church, a nation and the world hear the voice of anguish embracing pain and yet expressing forgiveness, the localized event becomes global and universal in the cosmic sense. All heaven and earth pauses, looks, listens, and pays attention to the glorious great spirited nature of God manifesting in the stressful localized human situation. Divinity and humanity are seen as fused together again. A new transfiguration occurs. The glorious possibilities of grace flash forth from the evident agony commanding reverence, solidarity, and action that validates, affirms, and enshrines new resolves and resolutions in the affairs of humankind and in the dominion of God. The moment becomes the possession of the heavenly court, the spiritual cloud of witnesses of all ages, and the whole family of humanity. (Hebrews 12:1-29) A widower husband in Paris affirms, "I will not give you the gift of hating you!" In Charleston, a forlorn daughter says, "You took something very precious from me. But I forgive you. And have mercy on your soul."

Each one journeying to the memorials in the wake of terrorism participates in this cosmic phenome-

non. They come to embrace the pain, the suffering, and agony, and anguish that circles the world instantaneously. They come in expression of solidarity with the victimized. They come to witness and participate in the process of catharsis, the beginning of closure, and healing. They come in continued prayer, the ongoing spiritual warfare of the people of God against evil. They come to help with the making of meaning and resolution regarding the proper pathway that leads forth from the unimaginable event. They come in freedom and fearlessness to join in forgiveness. They come to declare that love cannot die, that love is unlimited, because it is of God, and is for everybody, even for the enemies of love. As the Christ calls all to pray for our enemies, so He prayed for His enemies, "Father, forgive them for they know not what

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they do." (Luke 23:34)

It is not possible to kill love. It is possible to join in pathetic league with the satanic, unwittingly, and to attempt to kill love. We deeply regret the violent departure of so many this year because of terrorism. We cannot rejoice at the death of persons victimized, nor at the destruction by perpetrators of evil. "Father, grant peace to the faithful departed!" Father, be merciful to those who do evil. We are peacemakers, children of God, in a world where the evil operates. May all the people by what they have seen of You, Oh God, act in such a way as to affirm life, faith, hope, and love! Indeed, may all the people by their resolves, resolutions, actions, and reactions praise You, Oh God, now and forever! This, after all, is what Christmas is all about! (John 3:16) Amen.

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

Fly-ins

Looks like we had a good turnout for the Holly Run. Good weather and fun had by all I am sure.

In January we are starting to think about Sky Bryce brunch run as usual. As soon as calendar shapes up will plan for a Sunday run to do that and enjoy their good food while we mostly watch the downhill activities coming towards us. Get your short game in order so you can stick an aircraft in there.

Let me know if and when will work best for that.

❖ **JOE STUBBLEFIELD**

Work hours

Stand by for a new work hours coordinator, following **Sonia Ortega's** departure as announced in Piotr's column. If you are interested in filling this position, or if you have questions about work hours in the absence of a new coordinator, contact any Board member.

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 December 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

December is the sixth month of the "work hours year," so by 31 December you should have 10.0 hours of credit.

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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!

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
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Checks can also be brought to the meetings and given to **Dick Stroock** or **Bryan Absher**.

Funny stuff

[Here's another one from the late, great **Dan Hayes**]

The aircraft limits are only there in case there is another flight by that particular aircraft. If subsequent flights do not appear likely, there are no limits.