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President's message

Summer is almost gone, but the fall brings some great flying weather, not to mention the reduction in density altitude issues. By the time you read this, N5135R should have its annual completed and be back flying.

A reminder to everyone, 1 December is our annual meeting and election. This newsletter constitutes the official notification of the annual meeting and the fact that there are pending changes to the Rules and Regulations, as well as suggested changes to the By-laws, which must be approved by a vote of the membership.

I will send a separate e-mail to everyone as soon as the final version of the proposed changes is ready for review. You will be able to download a copy from the AircraftClubs.com site and review it before the meeting; paper copies will also be available in the trailer. The changes are primarily administrative — for example, the references to the “scheduling book” have been removed and that section redone to reflect the current on-line scheduling system. In any case, the general membership needs to approve these changes, and this is normally done at the annual meeting.

December also brings an opportunity for you to serve the Club by being a member of the Board of Directors! Three seats are open for 2010; they offer a great opportunity for you to help manage your club and to shape its future. Piotr Kulczakowicz has agreed to manage the election, so if you are willing to serve a two-year term (one meeting

per month, on the first Tuesday), please contact Piotr at go62onair@hotmail.com.

❖ BOB HAWKINS

FAR changes

FAR 61, 91, AND 141 CHANGES EFFECTIVE 22 OCTOBER 2009

Everyone gets a copy of the Federal Register and reads it daily, right? Well, neither do I. But I do have an acquaintance who does, and he passed the 21 August 2009 copy along to me. There are 77 revisions to Part 61, one to Part 91, and 23 to Part 141. The ones on “night vision goggles” will be of interest to most of us, I’m sure. Permits the use of flight simulators, flight training devices, or ATDs for performing instrument recent flight experience and requires an instructor must be present and sign the person’s logbook or training record. BIG changes for ex-military instructor/examiner pilots who did not convert their military records to FAA after discharge. They can get their FAA CFIs now just by showing their military records to the FAA even if they have been out over 24 months. I have the 74 page Register if anyone would be interested in reading it.

❖ BOB GAWLER

Log that fuel!

I know at times, especially when fueling at GAI, that the amount of the fuel purchase is not readily available, and it may be an inconvenience to obtain the appropriate information and enter it on the flight ticket.

But I’m spending hours each month tracking down fuel purchase info for as many as 12 flight logs.

PLEASE, take the time to ensure the fuel entries are complete, legible, and accurate following your flight. The club is making a concerted effort to provide timely account information to the membership, but you must also do your part.

Flight logs are usually processed each Monday, so take the time on those weekend flights to complete the logs. If you’ve got time to fly the plane, you’ve got time to do the paperwork.

Thanks.

❖ DICK STROCK

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Aircraft rates

Following are our aircraft hourly rates as of 1 September 2009.

Aircraft	Rate
N15624	\$135
N20300	\$100
N25883	\$77
N5135R	\$92
N739BA	\$92

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

❖ BOB HAWKINS

Election judge

Every year in December we hold our elections for Club officers. When I put out a call for election judges, **Piotr Kulczakowicz** responded first, so he wins the race.

David DiNardo was a close second and becomes the assistant judge.

Judy Bradt, Frank Anderson, John Strong, Danny Boyle, Navid Rahimi, Magdy Ibrahim, and **Dave Burket** all spoke up, and I am sure that the judges can use at least one more judge. I'll let them pick based on availability. Remember, no beer drinking during the counting of votes!

❖ BOB HAWKINS

Chaplain's corner

THE 4-WAY TEST

In the Great Depression era in 1932, Herbert J. Taylor accepted a call to revitalize the failing Chicago-based Club Aluminum Company. He left his successful job, invested \$6,000 in the venture, prayed, and went to work. The company could have gone bankrupt as many other businesses did. Taylor said, "To win our way out of this situation, I reasoned we must be morally and ethically strong. I knew that in right there was might. I felt that if we could get our employees to think right they would do right. We needed some sort of ethical yardstick that everybody in the company could memorize and apply to what we thought, said and did in our relations to others. So one morning I leaned over my desk, rested my head in

my hands and prayed. In a few moments, I reached for a white paper card and wrote down that which had come to me, in twenty-four words.

About everything we think, say and do, we ask four questions:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Applying this test rigorously to its business practices, Club Aluminum Company averted bankruptcy and eventually paid a dividend. In the mid 1950's, Taylor released the copyright to these words, which had become known as The 4-Way Test, to Rotary International. It has been translated into more than 100 languages. Today, 77

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years after its birth, it is the standard reference for ethical conduct in Rotary around the world.

Imagine the results we could experience if in our Club and Squadron, we apply this simple yet profound and practical rule of conduct!

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

Work hours

Amy McMaster (AJMcMaster@venable.com) is our Work Assignment Officer; contact Amy to find out what jobs are available.

Mike Regen takes care of recording the hours that you work. You can e-mail your work hours to me (capflyer071@yahoo.com). When sending them to me, please put in the subject line: *Work Hours, your name, # hrs worked*. This will help me organize the e-mails for future reference if there are any discrepancies.

❖ **MICHAEL REGEN**

Work hours monitor

September is the fourth month of the "work hours year," so by 30 September 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	31 August	5.0
Qtr 2	30 November	10.0
Qtr 3	28 February*	15.0
Qtr 4	31 May	20.0
*29 February in a leap year		

Mike Regen, Keeper of the Hours, has the following reminder:

Please everyone, when you submit work hours to me please...PLEASE...use the following format in the subject line:

Work Hours-your last name-#hrs

It is difficult for me to filter through the 60–80 e-mails I get a day — some of which, including your work hour requests, get sent to my spam box, which I only check every few days. Even though correctly formatted work hour messages are tagged, there is still a need to filter through all of them to be sure I am getting everyone's work hour

requests. In order to make my life easier and sure that I don't miss your work hours, PLEASE follow this format in the subject line.

If you're in doubt about your work hours, contact **Mike**; if you're looking for jobs to do, contact **Amy McMaster**.

Fly-ins

In September we are planning an overnighter to Tangier on the 19th and 20th. Right now two planeloads are going.

The Rhinebeck run is set for 9–11 October. We'll go up on Friday for a late lunch at the CIA (no, not *that* CIA!). We'll probably have a nice dinner on Saturday night at the winery after a day at the living museum at Rhinebeck, including the air show. Get in on that for some great food, views of the Hudson and the museum. We return coming down the Hudson thru NYC, which should be a little more interesting with folks up in the crown on the lady now.

Let me know so we can make sure we have pilots for all the folks that need drivers. Put in back ups if you might need a plane; right now it looks like 624 and 9BA or the Cardinal will handle our mission.

❖ **JOE STUBBLEFIELD**

Alaska in 2011?

While at Oshkosh I made contact with a company that organizes and guides trips to Alaska (go to <http://www.americaairtours.com/>).

Although the web site provides an itinerary only for 2010, it should be similar to what one might expect in 2011. The cost is not insignificant, but I might point out that flying in Alaska presents some unique challenges that one may not want to confront without benefit of an experienced guide.

Anyway, if you are even remotely interested, let me know and I will add your name to a distribution list. There is a possibility that the person I spoke with at Oshkosh may visit GAI in February or March to provide more information and answer any questions we may have, and present one of the seminars he gives at Oshkosh.

❖ **DICK STROCK**

MCAA picnic

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GAI ANNUAL PICNIC AND OPEN HOUSE — SATURDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 11:00 – 14:00

It's that time of year again when pilots, friends, neighbors, and family reunite at the Montgomery County Airpark. Please join us on Saturday, 12 September, from 11:00 to 14:00 for this special annual event, sponsored by MCAA and our resident flying clubs. As always there will be free food and beverages, music, aircraft displays and fly-bys, and plenty of activities for the kids including the ever-popular paper airplane contest.

We're also very excited to have History Flight as our special guest this year. Members of this Florida-based not-for-profit aviation organization will be bringing their carefully restored and maintained B25 and T6 aircraft for display and, weather permitting, rides. For more information on History Flight and their vintage aircraft visit www.historyflight.com.

Back by popular demand is the Waco biplane flown by former airline pilot John Corradi, of Culpeper, VA. For more information on John and his plane visit www.blueridgebiplanes.com.

We hope to see you on 12 September!

❖ **BRYAN ABSHER**

More on the picnic

As our esteemed president, Bob Hawkins, points out, "[the picnic] has been a great recruiting opportunity for the flying club and Montgomery Senior Squadron.

"We plan to put the "Little Red Dragon" (the Cessna 152) on display and we will need some help / recruiting folks to stand by the plane and answer questions. I have asked the cadets to lend a hand but we need a couple of the "older" folks to answer questions. We have a small information placard but personal contact is what generates interest to possibly join our little group.

"The flying club will also be manning a booth that will be giving out water and snacks. We need help here too.

Please let me know if you can lend us a hand."

Your flying account

Bob Hawkins helpfully pointed out that **Dick Strock** has been doing the accounting for the last three months. We have converted to QuickBooks,

and every effort is being made to reconcile accounts in real time.

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.

New book

Sandy Gilmour brings news of a new book by the excellent William Langewiesche (son of Stick and Rudder, of course).

The title is *Fly by Wire: The Geese, the Glide, the "Miracle" on the Hudson*. It tells the story of the January 2009 bird strike that caused a USAirways Airbus A320 to ditch in the Hudson River shortly after takeoff from LaGuardia Airport.

Go to <http://us.macmillan.com/flybywire> for information; ordering info is also available at <http://www.amazon.com/Fly-Wire-Geese-Miracle-Hudson/dp/0374157189>.

Publication is scheduled for 10 November 2009.

Address for checks

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

Congressional Flying Club
7940-I Airpark Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Checks can also be brought to the meetings and given to **Bob Hawkins**.

Funny stuff

[Editor's note: The following was inspired by Dick Strock's article on a possible trip to Alaska in 2011.]

Joe Pilot: Do you think your wife would let you go on a trip like that?

Bob Pilot: Dunno. Alaska.

❖ **ANDY SMITH**