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President's message

I was deeply saddened by the news of the death of **Dick Stroock's** wife. I am sure many of you have met **Judy** at various club functions. She was a very kind soul and developed an extraordinary knowledge of aviation weather. She was able to quite precisely predict when Dick would be stuck on the ground hundreds of miles away from home. On behalf of all club members, I wish to express my deepest condolences to Dick.

The beginning of March brought us some nice weather, and I have seen all of our airplanes flying. That is a good thing, as we are trying to keep the cost of flying down despite rapidly increasing fuel prices. This last Sunday the weather was simply unreal, with unlimited visibility and very stable air -- though not to make things too easy and to keep the pilots on their rudder pedals, we had some intriguing westerly crosswinds at GAI. Overall, it was a fantastic day to fly. I saw 9BA and 300 being flown while I took my cadet in the CAP C-182 all the way to 8,500 feet. We had a peek at the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the Appalachian Mountains on the other — truly enchanting. Not to fly on a day like that would probably be qualified as a sin by most religions.

This same weekend we had another successful fly-in to Sky Bryce. That is the second time in a row! I am sure there will be some interesting stories at the next club meeting. More cool fly-ins are in the works.

Thank you all for your contributions to the Trams Fund. Some of you do it very consciously and generously. Some of you just drink beer from the CFC fridge. Either way funds the Trams Fund and offers us an opportunity to sponsor teenagers who show the true passion for flight. One of our "young

eagles" has been accepted into the USAF Flight Training Program. We felt that it would be in the spirit of the Trams Fund and the most appropriate thing to do to give **Todd O'Brien** an opportunity to prepare even better for his next year's challenge. In recognition of his commitment to pursue his aviation passion, the Trams Fund awarded Todd 10 hrs of flight time in a club airplane. He kept his cool quite well when I told him on Sunday, when he was about to launch with a friend of his (also in AFROTC) in the Cardinal.

On the lighter side, we were offered an opportunity to buy back 35R. There is nothing wrong with the plane. She is as fine as she was. But we declined; we need to get the utilization of the existing fleet way up before we consider any additions.

❖ PIOTR KULCZAKOWICZ

Chaplain's corner

PRAYING PSALM 23

One 83 year old patient, whom I attend weekly, has asked that I pray for her to pass from this world. The patient constantly reminds me of this desire to depart and be with the Lord. It is a rather sobering request. I have thought much of it. I have learned to frame what the person might be requesting. I think that a good dying is desired. A swift, painless, and merciful dying is the way I phrase it. As I have called on this patient over the months and years, I have tried to remain faithful to the patient's request. And interestingly the patient has responded well. I have been given information about the favorite prayers that the patient likes for us to pray together. Later in the relationship, the patient has requested the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion. The most favorite prayer is the statement recorded in the Old Testament as Psalm 23, the one that begins with the words, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Another rendition of those words state, "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I lack." Have you ever gone into the shopping center, walked over the whole place, and departed with the complete satisfied feeling that there was nothing there that you needed, desired, or wanted? My wife and I chuckle every time we leave having arrived at that conclusion. Imagine how wonderful when all of life's accounts are balanced, settled, and reconciled to the best of your ability; you are filled with confidence that the journey of life continues on beyond the grave; and you eagerly wel-

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come the invitation and promotion to enter eternity! At this point one prays with sincerity that part of the Psalm that affirms, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." May our every need remain completely addressed by the goodness and grace of our neighbor, friends, family, and God. And after the segment of our life that occurs in time is completed, may we abide forever with the Creator of life, heaven and earth. Amen.

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

Fly-ins

READING 17 MARCH

The food there at the Malibooz sounds too good for us not to try it out (again). Wings for \$.39 and other good-sounding stuff. Lift off 10:30 and back by 15:00 or so. We could even go to the museum if folks wanted to. <http://www.maam.org>
http://www.maliboozbarandgrill.biz/menus_appetizers.htm.

Greg Castello goes there almost every weekend! Right now, **Doug** and **Joe** are going, another plane ready to fill. Have 300 and 44N ready.

SUFFOLK 28–29 APRIL

Virginia Regional Festival of Flight, Suffolk Executive Airport (Suffolk, VA; SFQ), 08:30–17:00:

Attend the East Coast's largest full featured fly-in this year. Hundreds of aircraft will attend this 15th year. Dozens of aircraft and aviation vendors, 40+ aviation-related forums and workshops. Large RV and tent camping area (reservations available), free Under-the-Wing Camping. Expanded youth activities. Young Eagles flights only on Sunday. Pancake breakfasts and other food all day. Aircraft judging and on Sunday a Rally Adventure timed flight around a triangular course. Discounted prices for 100LL and Auto Gas. See web site for much more info, especially suggested approaches for GA and Ultralights. Help flagmen by putting two-letter sign in windshield as listed on web site 'Arriving' drop down menu. Virginia Aviation Ambassador Program stamp available. If you love aviation, you'll enjoy this event. Check our web site for the full information.

MASSEY CHILI FIESTA – 28 APRIL

Fly in, drive in, with your best chili recipe and/or hors d'oeuvre item. This annual event attracts lo-

cal townsfolk, and if weather permits, a large contingent of interesting flying machines. Festivities begin at 11AM and go most of the day. For the story of the 2011 Chili Fly-in, see www.masseyaero.org/news/chili2011.html.

❖ **JOE STUBBLEFIELD**

FDK class D

'FDK Class D is now depicted on the TAC and the Sectional CHARTS EFFECTIVE FEB 9 (hint: this could be a subject of inquiry from a DE on your next check ride or the next time you fly with your instructor).

❖ **PIOTR KULCZAKOWICZ**

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Aircraft rates

Following are our aircraft hourly rates as of 1 March 2012.

Aircraft	Rate
N5244N	\$138
N20300	\$121
N739BA	\$106

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

Work hours

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

Judy Bradt takes care of recording the hours that you work. There is a new way to log work hours. For full details and pictures, see the December 2011 *Congressional Record*; otherwise, here's a condensed version.

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.

Work hours monitor

March is the ninth month of the "work hours year," so by 31 March February 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!

If you're in doubt about your work hours, contact **Judy Bradt** after you have gone online to check; if you're looking for jobs to do, contact **Amy McMaster**.

Your flying account

Dick Stroch 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	Dan Hayes	Dan Boyle

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A/C	Chief	Ass't Chief
N20300	Linda Knowles	Todd O'Brien
N739BA	Dale Thompson	Ron Newton

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

O'Hare Approach: USA212, cleared ILS runway 32L approach, maintain 250 knots.

USA212: Roger approach, how long do you need me to maintain that speed?

O'Hare Approach: All the way to the gate if you can.

USA212: Ah, OK, but you better warn ground control.