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President's message

Autumn is probably my favorite time of the year for flying. The temperatures are cooler but still very comfortable. The weather is nice and flyable most of the time. No hazy summer days with chances of afternoon thunderstorms. The airplanes perform better in denser air, and it almost feels as if they want to fly more. The days are shorter, but what a great opportunity it is to regain your night currency! Autumn night flying in crystal clear and stable air is simply enchanting.

October not only brings us great opportunities for flying but is also packed with other aviation related activities. The 13 October GAI Open House is a great opportunity to spend half a day with friends and family outdoors and share your passion for aviation. Big thanks to **Doug Holly**, who took charge of coordinating the CFC presence at the event.

On 30 October, a day before Halloween, the club gets back on track with the 5th Tuesday tradition and throws a party. As usual, **Ruth** is in charge and needs help with preparation and execution (grilling). We are starting at 1830. We also have a special guest that evening. **Susan Parson** from the FAA will join us to talk about situational awareness.

The Board has assessed the first two months of 44N use in public service. It appears that everything works perfectly for all parties. 44N is used twice a week for traffic watch and as a result the aircraft utilization improved significantly. Members have priority when reserving extended trips in 44N.

Finally, I wanted to share a few observations on the state of general aviation outside the USA. Ba-

sically, we have it golden here and we should make every effort to keep it that way and do not allow for gradual loss of our flying privileges while costs increase. During my recent trip to Poland, I spent about four hours at the local airfield — a grass airfield on the outskirts of a town of 300,000 people. I observed only six operations during that time and it included two Medevac flights. Flying is expensive there, and if we were to gauge the cost of flying against the average income levels, it becomes prohibitively expensive. Just to give you a point of reference: automotive gasoline is twice as expensive in Poland as it is in the US. I am sure the situation is much worse with regard to 100LL. Take full advantage of the opportunities available to you here.

❖ PIOTR KULCZAKOWICZ

Fly-ins

OCTOBER UPDATE!!

Charlie Brown(Mike R) let us in on something. Changing to this on Oct 20 for fly in. Pumpkin bombing !!! Great Pumpkin fly in Bethel, PA 8N1 <http://www.goldenageair.org/Great%20Pumpkin%20Fly-In%20Airports%20flyer%202012.pdf> Let me know, we only have 2 planes but maybe you can snare a ride with one of the hotrod guys.

NOVEMBER:

"Prepping" for WV at Greg's farm weekend of Nov 9-12. We will adjust schedule to fit weather a bit and may just spend a night there....or two. Not quite two hour ride down there. We sure had fun last time. Won't be any polk salad this time of year, but we will figure out something good to eat. That is holiday weekend, so have luxury of letting schedule or other household duties slip a little wide for this. Gary and his Buffalo welcome. Targets appreciated. Already got 3 plus Greg which means he can't bring his son...darn! Maybe we can fit him in. Who else?

DECEMBER:

Pencil this in if interested. Always fun for all, nice lunch at Lorraine's on Tangier Island. Breakfast at Bay Bridge in route. Details to come probably in November. But if you have done it before, you know the drill. If not, just watch the rest of us. Probably 40 planes or so descending on Bay

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Bridge, then Tangier. Enough to make it fun without being a hassle. Let me know.

❖ **JOE STUBBLEFIELD**

Chaplain's corner

THE THREE LISAS

Carl Gustav Jung (1875–1961) a Swiss psychologist and psychiatrist, published a thin book about 50 years ago entitled *Synchronicity: An Acausal Connecting Principle*. "The concept of synchronicity indicates a meaningful coincidence of two of more events, where something other than the probability of chance is involved. ... Synchronicity elucidates meaningful arrangements and coincidence which somehow go beyond the calculations of probability."

What is the probability that three women intimately connected to Todd Beamer and the demise of United Airlines Flight 93 in Shanksville would have the same first name? Can't be calculated. But with critical meaning it happened.

The interviewer asked Mrs. Jefferson, the Verizon Airfone supervisor, "When did you realize that you and Todd's wife had the same first name?"

"When the plane took a dive. And like I said, when I took the call over, I introduced myself as Mrs. Jefferson, but when the plane took a dive and he thought they were going down, he hollered, 'Lisa!' And I had a look on my face like, how'd he know my first name? I'm sure I answered as Mrs. Jefferson. And then I said, 'Yes?' And he said, 'Oh, I'm sorry. That's my wife's name.' And at that point, I knew we held the same name and I just, — it was just so many coincidences that we had. At that point, I knew that his wife's name was Lisa and when I told him my name was Lisa also, he said, 'Oh, my God.' He couldn't believe it.

And at Verizon Airfone, when we went to call the authorities and the FBI to report this to the emergency center, the emergency operator was also named Lisa.

That's why I said this was all planned. You know, it was just something in God's hands that he had a plan."

Mrs. Lisa Jefferson points to the infinite and ultimate source of synchronicity. It was a God thing and for meaning, purpose, comfort, and affirmation that a most difficult occurrence was nonetheless within the divine purview. She and Todd

prayed this prayer together on the phone before he and his group went to their heroic death.

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen."

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

Fifth Tuesday!

30 October: We are gathering for food and conversation at the trailer. Bring something to share and feel free to bring family and friends. Hamburgers, chicken and hotdogs plus drinks will be provided. EARN hours by volunteering to grill or set up.

Please email me <ruthhornseth@hotmail.com> with your intentions. Costs are a mere \$7per person, and \$3.50 for youngsters under 12.

Dick Stroch has invited Susan Parson from the FAA to give a presentation on "Situational Awareness" at 20:00 (see description below).

Come on and fill the trailer and have some fun!

❖ **RUTH HORNSETH**

Susan Parson to speak



In conjunction with our "Fifth Tuesday" social tradition, Susan Parson, Editor of FAA Safety Briefing magazine, will be joining us once again on 30 October. Susan has visited us on several occasions in past years, and her

presentations have always proven to be both informative and entertaining. This year her topic will be the Science of Situational Awareness.

Don't miss this opportunity to further your knowledge of aviation safety while spending some quality time socializing with your fellow Club members.

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Aircraft rates

Following are our aircraft hourly rates as of 1 October 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 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

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

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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 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

A/C	Chief	Ass't Chief
N5244N	Dan Hayes	Phil Carls
N20300	Linda Knowles	Todd O'Brien
N739BA	Dale Thompson	Dick Strock

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

[From Dan Hayes]

Student Pilot: 'I'm lost; I'm over a big lake and heading toward the big "E."

Controller: 'Make several 90 degree turns so I can identify you on radar. (short pause).... Okay then. That big lake is the Atlantic Ocean . Suggest you turn to the big "W" immediately. ..'