



SEPTEMBER
2017

GACE Flying Club Inc.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE AT THE **PLANE WASH** ON SATURDAY September 16TH 9 AM



From The Left Seat

Jeff McArthur

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FROM THE LEFT SEAT: I am happy to report that the 2017 Summer Flying Season was a success! The planes were airborne most days, new pilots joined the club, and members have earned their Pilot's Certificate(s). We also had Jason Zhang, who earned multi and seaplane ratings. Austin Ingalls and Rosie Dimola earned their SEL & MEL instrument and high performance ratings. Both are members of the 106th Air Rescue Group based at FOK. They were recently deployed as ground crew for the C-130s and Blackhawk Helicopters.

Under the **BRAGGING RIGHTS** column, Mike Keaveny and his daughter did a long cross country down the intra-coastal. Julia Lamanna just completed another Hudson River Corridor flight.

Our last General Meeting was well attended and much, need to know, pilot information was shared by club pilot's who recently finished a rating or interesting flight.

The club would like to thank Mark Goodman, Ken Kranz, Bob Schellberg, Roy Mathews, Warren Miller & Barbara Salva for their unselfish volunteer work for this club. Thanks guys & gals!

Warren is working overtime in keeping the aircraft up and running for the fall foliage flights. 28E gets a lot of use and therefore requires more TLC than 12S.

Recently Barbara Salva and I were completing the right seat portion of her pattern, X-wind landings and takeoffs; as well as the short/soft field landings and takeoffs. As many of the club pilots know, I prefer to finish this training module with stop and go's at Chester Airport, CT (SNC) and Goodspeed Airport, East Haddam, CT (42B). Both airports present different pilot allusions, SNC an almost constant X-wind landing/take off. 42B presents a Sea Level airport with two seemingly challenging approaches. Club pilots and I usually finish at 42B and walk up to the LaVita, Italian Restaurant for a well deserved lunch!

Prior to the above mentioned luncheon; Barbara and I were doing stop and back taxis at Chester when we began to experience the first of a cold front coming through the area. Barbara had just performed a text book short/soft field landing. The next approach she decided to do a go-around (there is no paperwork on a go-around), she exhibited a proper "discretion is the better part of valor" decision. At this point I took control of the plane and set up a text book approach; on short final, wind shear came into effect and we lost the head wind and started to descend. Power was applied, field was made, then just before touchdown, the plane was picked up and forced above and to the right of the runway. Power was applied again and a safe landing was made. At this point, Barbara and I jointly agreed that a quick flight over the CT River to Goodspeed was in order. Within just 4 miles there wasn't any wind whatsoever! Again, Barbara came in from the south, through the slot in the trees and executed another text book landing.....We both enjoyed our Italian fare.

All club members are encouraged to send in accounts of their flights, photos, etc., safety seminars attended for this newsletter.

I was recently contacted by the NY Blood Bank requesting *platelets & whole blood* for Huston TX and the surrounding areas. There is a *critical shortage of platelets & whole blood!* Club members can donate by calling **1-800-933-2566** and schedule a donation in your zip code. I'm sure when we see Austin and Rosie at the office and flight line, we will hear some horror stories about the flood victims. Please call and donate.

Safe flying,
Jeff

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