

# BLUE SIDE UP!

## The Newsletter of the Business Men's Flying Club

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Edward Richard Vogler  
December 14, 1949 – May 25, 2003

*For death and life, in  
ceaseless strife,  
Beat wild on this  
world's shore,  
And all our calm is in  
that balm—  
Not lost but gone  
before.*

Caroline Elizabeth Sarah Norton



Carl John Price  
March 17, 1939 – May 25, 2003

Dear BFC Members & Friends,

As most of you know by now our club lost two beloved members, Ed Vogler and Carl Price, in a tragic airplane crash on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003. While we are only just beginning to cope with their sudden passing, it is our privilege to remember them in these pages and to reflect on the ways in which they touched many of our lives.

Ed and Carl shared so much more than their association with the BFC. Both were honored veterans of our nation's armed forces, Chief Pilots for American Airlines in Chicago, and men of faith with loving families and loyal friends.

By virtue of their superior leadership skills, vibrant personalities, and peerless aviation proficiency, Ed and Carl made contributions great and small to our club and to our lives; contributions that will be difficult to measure and impossible to replace. They shared their considerable gifts freely and selflessly and for that we will be forever grateful.

On the following page you will find information on various charities that have been established in their names. A voluntary donation to any of these charities would be a fitting way to express your individual thanks and respect for what these fine men accomplished while they were with us.

Perhaps the most fitting and meaningful tribute of all will be for us to carry on guided by our fond memories of Ed and Carl, as they surely would want us to do. Fly proudly. Fly safely. Fly joyfully.

As a simple but hopefully lasting gesture I've renamed our club newsletter to echo the cheerful and dependable salutation of our fallen Colonel Vogler. "Blue Side Up!" my friend...we will sorely miss you and Carl but take our solace in the certain knowledge that you're already boring your share of holes in the heavenly firmament.

**Marty Scheckel**  
BFC Secretary

## Attendance & Notes on the Meeting Minutes

The Business Men's Flying Club held its monthly meeting, Tuesday, June 3rd, 2003, at the Naper Aero Clubhouse. Mike Pastore called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

There were no corrections to the previous (May 2003) newsletter. A motion was made and seconded to accept the May newsletter as the minutes of the last meeting.

### **Attendees**

Mike Pastore	Nick Davis
Marty Scheckel	Mike Leavy
Hubert Elsen	Ken Leibach
Ray Kvietkus	Jack Lindquist
Matt Kenner	Don Patterson
Todd Mick	Marc Olson
Rudy Moore	Roberta Priz
Val Vlazny	Ken Best
Pat Wager	Rick Patelski
Steve Snapp	Joe Weston
Fiore D'Orazio	Bob Betyoumaran
Rick Martinez	Saeed Razfar
Chris Sims	Jim Krzyzewski (Guest)
Mel Finzer	

## 2003 Work Night Credits



Todd Mick	3
Val Vlazny	2
Jack Lindquist	2
Ken Leibach	2
Don Patterson	2
Marc Olson	2
Marty Scheckel	2
Hubert Elsen	2
Ray Kvietkus	2
Val Vlazny	2
Pat Brady	1
Matt Forsberg	1
Mike Leavy	1
Jack Lindquist	1
Bryan Barus	1
Todd Mick	1
Rudy Moore	1
Matt Kenner	1
Bert Toppel	1
Nick Davis	1
Steve Snapp	1
Roberta Priz	1
Fiore D'Orazio	1
Joe Weston	1
Saeed Razfar	1

## **Memorial Charities for Ed Vogler & Carl Price**

The families of Ed Vogler and Carl Price have identified the following charities for members wishing to make a donation in their memory. As the club is planning to pool the donations of interested members and submit them to the appropriate charities, you are encouraged to remit an additional amount with your monthly payment to the BFC. You may also send your donation directly to the charity of your choosing in your own name.

### Charities for Carl Price

Evangelical Free Church of  
Naperville Building Fund  
1551 E. Hobson Rd.  
Naperville, IL 60540

Moody Bible Institute  
Aviation Division  
Attention: Stewardship  
Department  
820 N. LaSalle Street  
Chicago, IL 60610

### Charity for Ed Vogler

Edward R. Vogler Memorial  
Fund  
Mid-America Bank  
1001 S. Washington Street  
Naperville, IL 60540

## Aircraft Reports

### N388ES

The aircraft appears to be flying well by all accounts. The seat belt cable was replaced and the aircraft had an oil change.

### N983SP

The A/C was about 10 hours from an oil change. The DME was returned to the AV shop in Rockford then subsequently sent to another firm for further analysis.

### N415RC

The inertia reel lock on the pilot side resulted in a replacement of the seatbelt for the tidy sum \$800.

The knob for the map light on the yoke is off (although the light still works).

The alternator field circuit breaker was still popping intermittently. As of the date of the meeting the plan was to continue to monitor the problem to avoid a diagnostic wild goose chase.

### General

Due to the loss of Ed Vogler, the club is in desperate need of an Operations Officer to fill the void. **Matt Kenner** has agreed to serve in this capacity for the near term. In addition, **Bryan Barus** has agreed to serve as plane captain for N415RC. And **Rudy Moore** has agreed to step up as plane captain of N388ES. The board

#### MAY AIRCRAFT REPORT

	<u>N388ES</u>	<u>N983SP</u>	<u>N415RC</u>
<b>Flying Hours</b>	23.9	29.7	34.7
<b>SMOH</b>	1390.6	1076.3	1545.1
<b>TBO</b>	2000	2000	2000
<b>TMOH</b>	609.4	923.7	454.9
<b>Club Time</b>	0.5	1.3	0.4
<b>Gallons/Hour</b>	10.4	10.3	12.2

**SMOH – engine time since major overhaul**

**TBO – engine time between overhauls**

**TMOH – engine time to major overhaul**

and the club greatly appreciate the generosity of these gentlemen in a time of great need.

**Mike Pastore** also added a couple of housekeeping notes and reminders:

1. Don't use the metal steps or struts of the planes to climb up on them, use a ladder instead.
2. Especially at this time of year, all pilots need to be conscientious about promptly cleaning the bugs off the leading edges of the aircraft. And only use clean paper towels, NOT SCRUNCHIES, when cleaning the windscreen.

## May 2003 Treasurer's Report



### CASH

Harris Money Market	23,220.35
Harris Checking	11,762.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,982.62</b>



### PAYMENTS

Aircraft Loan	Harris Bank	1,249.76
Fuel	Naper Aero	2,190.39
Hangars & Fees	Naper Aero	573.00
N983SP - Pitot Static & ELT	JA	361.05
N415RC - Oil Change	JA	223.86
Quarterly Insurance	Avemco	3,620.25
N9833SP - Oil Chg & Prop Bal.	Lumanair	624.08
N415RC - Spare Bulb	Lumanair	46.81
Safe Deposit Box	Harris Bank	35.00
5RC - Seat Belt	Cameron	835.24



### RESERVES

Maintenance	-12,700
Insurance	-1,200
Annuals	-8,000
LL10 Dues	-1,225
Inactive	-11,777
Reserve NET	80.62
Reserve INCREASE	2,800



### LOANS

Interest Paid	749.76
Principal Paid	500.00
Aircraft Loan	138,000



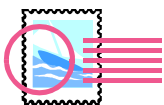
### RECEIPTS

Equity	2,041.01
Dues & Flying	9,298.55
Interest - Harris	13.54



### CREDITS

Fuel Away	934.18
Postage	0.60
5RC - Alternator Belt	27.50
Work Night Food	11.87



## Old Business

### Summer Picnic

The date for the annual BFC summer picnic is Sunday, **July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003**, and we'll begin around **4PM**. There are several important notes with regard to the picnic:

1. In an effort to save money the club will not be renting a tent and tables for the picnic. Members are requested to bring their own tables if possible, or "grab some turf" (anyone ever heard of a picnic blanket?). If you have an especially large table, or an extra one, please contact Bert Toppel and let him know what you can contribute.
2. Bring a dish to pass and any cooking utensils you might require. The club will provide lemonade and water to drink, as well as the barbecue grills to share.
3. The regular July work night will be held on July 1<sup>st</sup> (without a monthly meeting).

## New Business

### Club Financial Position

**Mike Pastore** opened a discussion item regarding the membership situation and the club's overall financial position. Despite five (5) current vacancies and challenging economic and aviation industry conditions, the BFC's financial condition is strong and the club has at its disposal numerous options to combat not only the current state of affairs but even so-called "worst case scenarios". By way of example:

1. Even in the event of a dissolution of the club and the buyout of all members, the club would have as much as \$87,000 in residual funds remaining (based on current aircraft values) to disburse to

the equity members.

2. If the club chose to sell one plane and go down to 30 members, Mike calculates that as much as \$30-40,000 would remain after the sale of the plane.

And we are still flying above our budgeted number of hours going into the busy summer flying season. Mike's main point in raising this topic was to reassure the membership of our long-term viability and strong financial shape. Jim Krzyzewski pointed out that his old Northbrook flying club had an equity buy-in of \$7000 (with much older planes), putting to rest the notion that the club is overpriced. And Bert Toppel, as the most tenured member of the BFC, confirmed the cyclical but ultimately benign nature of membership fluctuations in the club's history.

A brief discussion ensued, but the members present understood and acknowledged Mike's evaluation of the matter.

### Financial Matters Related to Ed Vogler & Carl Price

There were a few important issues for the club to settle with regard to the financial impact of the deaths of Carl Price and Ed Vogler on their families and estates.

First, the BFC board announced its decision, which was supported by all members present at the meeting, to eliminate any membership dues charges to the estates of Ed Vogler and Carl Price. Furthermore, a discussion was initiated about how to accomplish a refund of Ed's and Carl's equity membership investments in light of the three resignations that were pending at the time of their deaths. The BFC board's recommendation was that immediate refunds should be made to their estates and be paid out of operating reserves. This would preserve the order of refunds that must be made to other members who've resigned while providing the

families with financial resources they may need. While the members agreed in principle to the objectives of and source of funds for these extraordinary refunds, several members raised questions and concerns regarding the legal and potential probate issues that might accompany an immediate refund. After considerable discussion, the following motion was made:

**A motion to authorize the BFC board of directors to release equity membership refunds for Ed Vogler and Carl Price, at the legally appropriate time and without regard to the acceptance of replacement members, if necessary.**

The motion passed as worded above. The board will make known to the families that the club has set the money for these refunds aside to be disbursed at a time of their (the families') choosing.

The final financial item was related to the flyovers by the Lima Lima Flight Team at the funerals. The expenses related to this item are currently being negotiated and will be funded in some fashion by donations from the BFC, American Airlines pilots, and other donors. The final cost to the club, if any, is not known at this time but is not expected to be more than a few hundred dollars.

### Dues & Rental Rates

**Mike Pastore** announced that the dues increase scheduled for July would be postponed for up to six months, but that rental rates would increase modestly, by \$1 per hour.

**(New Business is continued on Page 6)**

## Refreshment List

The BFC refreshment list was created as another way of recognizing special aeronautical achievements. Criteria for membership vary with the length of the list. The person scheduled for refreshments should bring beverages and dessert to the club meeting. If unable to attend, he or she should arrange to trade meeting dates with someone else on the list.

Pat Wager	August 2003
Fiore D'Orazio	September 2003
Todd Mick	October 2003
Bryan Barus	November 2003
Todd Mick	January 2004
Pat Wager	February 2004
Mike Pastore	March 2004

## What's Up...

No news this month – what's up with that?!

## Membership

**Jim Krzyzewski** was welcomed as the newest member of the BFC at the June meeting. Jim is a 600-hour pilot and Naperville resident who formerly flew out of Palwaukee Airport. Welcome aboard Jim!

## New Business (continued)

### Membership Committee

In light of our five vacancies, and in order to help build a longer waiting list, the club needs to be more proactive in its membership recruitment. To that end, a membership committee will be formed to pursue tactics such as direct mailings, FBO and airport postings, and web site enhancement.

**Steve Snapp** was good enough to allow himself to be drafted into leading this effort, and will receive assistance from **Chris Sims**, **Nick Davis**, and **Rudy Moore**. Steve noted that the most effective way to build our membership

is for each current member to speak to fellow pilots, friends and acquaintances about the wonders of aviation and the great benefits of belonging to such a professional and well-managed flying club. Thanks to all for their volunteer spirit!

## Safety

**Steve Snapp** offered a reminder that the straps on the cowl plugs (especially in N415RC) must be draped over at least one blade of the propeller in order to be automatically ejected by the prop (in the event the pilot forgot to follow his/her pre-flight check list).

**Rick Patelski** reported that professionally printed, aircraft specific aviation checklists were orderable from a company for about \$10 each.

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(630) 420-9731****We're on the Web!****See us at:**<http://www.flybfc.org/>**NEXT BUSINESS  
MEETING**

The Business Men's Flying Club will hold its next monthly meeting at the annual summer picnic on **Sunday, July 13th, 2003** at Naper Aero. The normal work night and cookout will take place on **Tuesday, July 1st, 2003.**

***About Our Organization...***

The BFC, founded in 1956, meets at Naper Aero Estates (LL10), a private residential community in Naperville, Illinois. Monthly meetings are held at the airport in the clubhouse near the South end of the runway on the first Tuesday of every month beginning at 7:30PM. The Club has three planes: a **Cessna 172R**, a **Cessna 172SP**, and a **Cessna 182S**.

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