

# THE PLANE PAPER

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Our not so present, present President, Paul Carroll, is off on a flying tour of New Zealand, over the holidays. We await a presentation about his adventure.... Editor*



## HANGAR FLYING

### HOLIDAY GALA

All decked out in their holiday finery, RIPA members converged at the Quonset "O" Club and enjoyed a grand evening.

The Twenty Week Club drawing presented \$250 to Ken Brown, \$500 to Ulrich Merlin and \$1000 to Gabe Laurienzo. Gabe generously presented part of his winning to the Scholarship Fund. The \$25 winners were Jan Mowry, Martha Dunbar, Jan Sherman and Vin Confreda.

Door Prize winners included John Sulyma, Deb Tocco, Phyllis Bielecki, Fred Crudale, Jan Sherman, Gene Bielecki, Paul Tocco, Louise Ludovici, Bob Wolff, Frank Sherman, Peter Tocco and Ann Crudale.



Beth Tetreault amusing tablemates while Joe Ludovici tries to hide from the camera. Pix/FrankO



Phyllis & Gene Bielecki, Frank & Jan Sherman and Dot & Rene Cardon. Pix/FrankO



Rog Biagetti, Rick & Shirley Jacks with Jerry Scanlon & Jean Schrader Pix/FrankO



Andy Andersen, Fred Crudale, Al Lamothe, Ann Crudale, and Maryanne Lamothe Pix/FrankO



Lorna & Gabe Laurienzo with Karen & Lowell Cornell. Pix/FrankO

## MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2005

Paul Carroll, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Chelo's Restaurant on Post Road in Warwick, RI. We said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and we observed a moment of silence.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous RIPA dinner meeting was seconded and passed.

The 2006 RIPA board was presented:

President:	Bill Weedon
Vice President:	Beth Tetreault
Corresponding Secretary:	Marilyn Biagetti
Treasurer:	Dan Scanlon
Recording Secretary:	Korrie LaBrie

John Crowley, a pilot as well as a controller for the Providence Air Traffic Control Tower, updated RIPA members with the latest news from the tower.

The dinner meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Korrie LaBrie  
Recording Secretary



Sue & Don Pillsbury dancing along with Gene & Phyllis Bielecki. Note Don's festive attire. Pix/FrankO

## SAFETY SEMINARS

Frank Sherman & Gene Bielecki remind you that RIPA Safety Seminars include coffee & donuts and door prizes.

### **RESCHEDULED**

Date: Thursday, January 12, 2006, 7:00 pm

Place: K of C Hall on Jenkes Hill Rd, Lincoln  
½ Mile East of SFZ entrance or Route 123 West  
exit off Route 146

Topic: To be announced

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2006, 6:00 P.M

Place: AeroServ Express facility, SFZ

Topic: Garmin on the GNS 430 and 530

BASIC OPERATIONS INCLUDING:

- DIRECT-TO NAVIGATION
- FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT
- APPROACH PROCEDURES AND MUCH MORE..

Refreshments and door prizes

Reservation are necessary, call 401-753-2121

To receive your Safety Seminar schedules online please subscribe by going to the following link: <http://faasafety.gov/>

Call Gene Bielecki, Pilot Examiner, for information 231 6229

## EVENTS

### **Valentine Dinner**

Keeping to the tradition, RIPA will be having a Valentine dinner on Sunday, February 12. Once again it will be held at The Crow's Nest Restaurant, 288 Arnold's Neck Dr, Warwick at 5:30pm. Attendees had a great time there last year....

The choices of the yummy entrees are; prime rib, stuffed shrimp and stuffed boneless chicken. All entrees include soup, salad, baked potato, veggie or pasta, coffee and dessert.

The price is \$30.00 per person. A maximum of 42 people is allowed so get your reservations in early by contacting Dee Scanlon at 885-1196 or email [Deescanlon@aol.com](mailto:Deescanlon@aol.com). BRING YOUR SWEETIE!!!

Dee Scanlon

## NOTAMS

Got a short message from Adam Sugalski, one of RIPA's Scholarship winners, over this Holiday season. He has just completed his first semester with a 3.47 average and is very close to his private rating. He will be returning to Daniel Webster early to get in some extra flight time. He has asked to remain on our mailing list for the newsletter. We wished him a very good New Year...

### BOARD MEETING

This board meeting was short and sweet, just needing to clarify upcoming activities. Bill got the meeting going a little late but Korrie, Dan, Frank, and Jerry were ready by then to zip right along. The board's effort to reduce expenses to have more money to work with seems to be in place. The upcoming year should see the association in good shape.

Entry codes for the states airport locks have been changed, as per Homeland Security.

### RENEWAL

Korrie reports than many renewals have arrived. This is a reminder that dues must be paid by March to remain on the mailing list.



Bob & Cindy Wolff greeted at the door by committee members Dee Scanlon, Marilyn Biagetti and Dan Scanlon  
Pix/FrankO



The crowd at the Skylane/NE Aviation Xmas Hangar party  
Pix/FrankO

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**Wanted: Aircraft Mechanic Trainees.** Up to an **\$8,000.00 cash bonus, the Montgomery GI Bill and Kicker, plus a Student Loan Repayment Program, limited time only, don't miss this opportunity.** The RI Air National Guard has several openings for C-130 Crew Chiefs, Aerospace Propulsion Technicians, Avionics Technicians, Fuel Systems specialists, plus more. Paid technical training, travel, college education, and retirement benefits. - For more information contact Col Matt Dzialo or Capt Ron Cloutier at (401) 886-3549

**FOR SALE:** Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL(cases & drums). SHELL Flight Jacket, plane care products are now available. 1339 Davisville Road, Quonset 1 800 554 4557

Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.

Marilyn Biagetti: 568 3497, Fax: 568 5392, email [biagettim@cox.net](mailto:biagettim@cox.net)

## FROM THE e-MAILBAG

Air Racing: Oshkosh Made Easy

Our entry kit is posted on the web site <http://www.us-airrace.org/entrykit.html> .... This is your invitation to join us for the U.S. Air Race 2006 events. Our theme this year is "Air Racing: Where it's all about the Pilots" Patricia Jayne Keefer, President, US Air Race, Inc

*Got this from a friend and thought it would give you a chuckle*

Subj: **Thanks to the USAF**



Heard on Philadelphia Approach:

**Duke 1234:** Philly Approach, we're gonna begin our VFR descent for the field.

**Controller:** Duke 1234, say altitude descending to.

**Duke 1234:** We're descending for the field.

**Controller:** Roger, Duke 1234, say altitude descending to.

**Duke 1234:** Well, the field elevation is 78 feet, so ... hopefully, we won't be going below that.

**Controller:** Squak 1200, radar services terminated.

## MEETING NOTICE

Call 401-885-1196 or email  
[RIPaEMail@aol.com](mailto:RIPaEMail@aol.com) by Saturday,  
January 6, 2006 to make your reservations.

Date: Tuesday January 10, 2006  
Time: 6:30pm Cocktails  
7:00pm Dinner  
8:00pm Meeting and Speaker  
Place: Chelo's in Warwick  
Airport exit off Rte.95 to Post Rd  
south, 500ft on right  
Buffet of: Cajun Pork Chops, Scrod Au  
Gratin, Sausage Penne w/pink Vodka  
sauce  
Mixed Desserts, Coffee and Tea.  
Price: \$20 per person  
\$5 just coffee and dessert

### PLEASE CALL TODAY!!!!!!

Members wishing to fly into PVD can call any  
Board Member to arrange transportation to and  
from the event.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

January – **Tom Lafen** or RIAC for an update;  
February – Flying the VFR corridor  
(a safety seminar);  
March – Ken MacDonald;  
April – Our tour of New Zealand (Paul Carroll);  
May – Airport tour (very well received last year)  
June – Wright Brothers Award;

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## EVENTS SCHEDULE

January 10 - **Dinner Meeting**  
Airman of the Year Award  
12- **Safety Seminar *RESCHEDULED***  
K of C Hall , Lincoln 7:00pm  
24 - **Board Meeting**, PVD  
Hangar #1, 7:00pm  
25 – Safety Seminar  
Aeroserv at SFZ, 6:00pm  
February 12 – **Valentine Dinner**  
The Crow's Nest Restaurant, Warwick  
Reservations needed  
14 - **Dinner Meeting**  
23 - **Safety Seminar**  
28 - **Board Meeting**, PVD  
Hangar #1, 7:00pm  
March 14 - **Dinner Meeting**  
22 - **Safety Seminar**  
28 - **Board Meeting**, PVD  
Hangar #1, 7:00pm  
April 11 - **Dinner Meeting**  
20 - **Safety Seminar**  
25 - **Board Meeting**, PVD  
May 9 - **Dinner Meeting**  
23 - **Board Meeting**, PVD  
June 13 - **Dinner Meeting**  
**Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award**

