

# THE PLANE PAPER

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*I'm including Bill's January message, which came in too late to be included last month, because of the information it contains.* EDITOR

I hope everyone had a most excellent Christmas holiday and New Years celebration. Our December Holiday Gala, held at the Quonset O'Club was great success. Norman Bishop was inducted as our Airman of the Year. Awards from the RIPA, the RI legislature, and Governor Carceri were presented. (DTEC Entertainment) provided holiday music, while Dee and Dan showed us some of their new dance moves. Everyone had a great time.

Jack Keenan from the FAA could not make the Holiday Gala, so the FAA award to Norm Bishop will be presented this month. Bob Berlyn from New Horizon Aviation will speak to us about Fuel Management. The slate of new RIPA officers will also be sworn in at the January meeting.

There was an issue with our contract with Chellos not being renewed for 2007, and some of our usual meeting dates were booked by another organization. I don't know how this slipped through the cracks, but Marilyn was able to salvage most of the 2007 meeting dates, with the exception of March and May. So please stay tuned, we may have to move those meeting dates to another location, such as Chellos Waterfront Grill at Masthead Marina in Warwick.

*(Dan corrected this problem)*

Happy New Year! Thanks, Bill Weedon



## HANGAR FLYING

The "Fly to Lunch Bunch" flew into Keene for a nice brunch and at the regular picture taking time Paul Carroll leaned behind Rene Roy to once again avoid the lens just as the shutter clicked. (first pix) But the bunch decided that he deserved to be included and the second picture resulted when they sprung their surprise. Is Paul laughing or grimacing with pain???

Join the bunch which flies each weekend, weather permitting. Contact Frank O at 401-474-7687 or Rene Cardon at 401-651-3528 between 9:30-10:00 am to get the destination.



Tony Correia, Rene Roy, Paul Carroll, Buz Sawyer and Frank Oliveira at Keene. Pix/ ReneC



Smile for your fans, Paul,

Pix/ ReneC

## MEETING MINUTES

Rhode Island Pilots Association  
Dinner Meeting  
January 9, 2007

The dinner meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick by Beth Tetreault, Vice President. After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed for our troops serving over seas. There were 47 members and friends present. A dinner recess was called after table introductions.

### Announcements include:

A Safety Seminar scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>,  
Scholarship applications are available on the rear table,

The Aero Club Of New England is soliciting nominations for Rhode Islanders for their yearly award

The new officers, Beth Tetreault – President, Bill Weedon – Vice President, Dan Scanlon – Treasurer, and Marilyn Biagetti – Corresponding Secretary were sworn in by Frank Sherman. A Recording Secretary is still needed.

Treasurer, Dan Scanlon, reported \$4391.17 in the General Fund and \$1595.57 in the Scholarship Fund.

The minutes for the November meeting were approved as published in the Pane Paper.

### Airports:

Work at Block Island has been completed.  
North Central's Localizer is back in service.

### Events:

The weekend Fly to Lunch Bunch is still running, weather permitting. Contact Frank O at 401-474-7687 or Rene Cardon at 401-651-3528 between 9:30- 10:00 am to get the destination.

The FAA has suggested that some of our dinner meeting be open to the public as safety seminars. Arrangements will be worked out.

Door prize winners include; Ed O'Neill, Tony Fontana, Sue Ellin, Alma Fontana, Gene Bielecki, Roger Biagetti, Dan McGowan, Fred Crudale and Lowell Cornell.

Bob Berlyn of New Horizon Aviation was the guest speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted  
Marilyn Biagetti, Acting Secretary

## VISITING AOPA

On a recent business trip to Washington DC, I had a little extra time and decided to visit the AOPA headquarters in Fredrick, MD on the way home. It's only 29 nm from Dulles (IAD) to Frederick (FDK), but ATC saw fit to climb me to 5000' for the short 13-minute flight. I was surprised at how rural the FDK airport is – kind of like North Central, but without trees and surrounded by farms. and lots of hangars. AOPA has their own little ramp for members, and you can park right in front of their building. When my colleague and I arrived, the receptionist asked for my member number and offered a tour. AOPA president Phil Boyer was out of town, unfortunately, but the tour included a visit of his private office and allowed me to take the above photo sitting at his desk (hope you don't mind Phil)!

Bill Weedon



Pix/Bill Weedon

Bill Weedon in front of AOPA in Fredrick, Md



Phil Boyer's desk fits Bill well

Pix/Bill Weedon

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## FROM THE EMAIL BAG

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This summer I visited Ashville, NC and picked up a flyer from the Western North Carolina Pilots Association. Thought you would appreciate seeing how another regional pilot organization operates:

*"The purpose of the WNCPA is to promote general aviation through monthly meetings that emphasize flying safety, ongoing education related to flying and to provide opportunities to exchange information with flying enthusiasts across a wide range of flying experiences. Guest speakers, videos and discussions led by experienced club members are the primary means used to support this purpose. Occasionally, flying trips to aviation museums and other aviation points of interest are arranged by club members. Membership in this association is open to all who are pilots, thinking of becoming pilots or just have an interest in aviation.*

*We meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month starting with a light dinner at 6:15pm, followed by the general meeting at 7pm. Our meeting takes place at the O.D. "Lacy" Griffin building, Asheville Regional Airport. Entrance is off Hwy. 280 via Aviation Way (just north of the airport terminal). Visit our website [www.WNCpilotsassociation.com](http://www.WNCpilotsassociation.com)." Thanks, Bill Weedon*

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Dear friends and colleagues,

This is an extremely important issue for general aviation and I ask you to comment to the FAA as directed, and to communicate the details of this to all those you know in the aviation community.

Airline aircraft have multiple systems that provide backup to GPS navigation. So do many corporate aircraft..... But as the VOR's and ILS's are phased out most light general aviation aircraft will be left with one possibility for maintaining navigation should GPS go south, and that system is already installed in many GA aircraft. It is LORAN-C..... we definitely need a good backup system and we have one now. Why throw it away until we have a proven, economical, and sufficient replacement?

.....the British have already decided not to wait for international solutions and are maintaining LORAN-C while working on an upgrade to it for use as a backup to GPS. The U.S. too should maintain the system while working on upgrades to improve its utility as a backup, or until we have something better. ....Time is short. We must all comment as indicated... ....If we do not act now one day we may be flying in difficult circumstances and wish we still had that LORAN box to get us out of a jam caused by GPS going south.

See the articles below - Regards, Rol Murrow,  
<http://www.avweb.com/eletter/archives/avflash/781-full.html#194192>

AOPA also published an article in its Friday January 12 email newsletter as follows:

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## EVENTS

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Please join us for this first. A RIPA Dinner and/or Dessert Meeting and Safety Seminar. Pre-registration is required for those having dinner and/or dessert prior to the seminar. For information on times and registration please contact: Marilyn at 401-568-3497 or e-mail at [biagettim@cox.net](mailto:biagettim@cox.net)

Our Presenters, Mr. Bob Adelizzi, Boston TRACON and Mr. Tom Lafen from PVD ATCT and Approach Control. They will discuss T.F. Green Airport operations including suggested taxi routes, recent airport changes, information requested on initial contact, and operations within the PVD Class C and BOS Class B airspace. They will also discuss VFR altitudes to avoid. Many of you are aware of the congenial manner and entertaining presentations made by Bob Adelizzi. This time Bob will share the stage with Tom Lafen from PVD Tower. It promises to be a great learning experience for all of us who share Rhode Island's airspace. This event is open to the public and all pilots are encouraged to bring a fellow pilot or friend.

Boston FAASTeam

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## NOTAMS

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### BOARD MEETING

Beth Tetreault led Rene Cardon, Bill Weedon, Dan Scanlon and Marilyn Biagetti through her first Board meeting as Pres.

After the reports, the upcoming time table for speakers and events were discussed.

The FAA will present a Safety Seminar at the February meeting that will have to be coordinated, as a count for dinner is needed.

### Join RIPA'S YAHOO Group

Go to [www.Yahoo.com](http://www.Yahoo.com), select groups in column on left. Enter Rhode Island Pilots into the search. You can join once you've logged in.

Remember if you change your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

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### Used Headset For Sale

TELEX ANR 4000 in good condition. Gel cushions. Uses 6 AA batteries or can be hard wired (12V). Make an offer Call Frank, 401-787-2338 weekdays.

**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 Rd, Quonset 1800 554 4557

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**Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.**  
Marilyn:568 3497,Fax:568 5392, email [biagettim@cox.net](mailto:biagettim@cox.net)

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## MEETING NOTICE

**Make your reservations** by calling 568 3497 or email [RIPAE@AOL.COM](mailto:RIPAE@AOL.COM) by Sunday, February 11, 2007.

### THE FAA HAS THIS DINNER ON THEIR SAFETY SEMINAR WEBSITE.

Date: Tuesday February 13, 2007

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:

Meatballs with Ziti and Baked Scrod  
with salad, vegetables, potato, rice  
pilaf, and fresh baked bread.  
Mixed Desserts, Coffee and Tea.

Price: \$20 per person

\$5 just coffee and dessert

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

Feel free to join us by 8:00pm if you wish to attend just the meeting. There is a \$5.00 charge if you would like coffee and dessert.

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

## GUEST SPEAKERS

February – “An Evening with ATC”  
Bob Adelizzi BOS TRACON and  
Tom Lafen, PVD ATCT

March – RIAC, Steve Tibbits of Landmark  
Aviation  
“Recent Changes at the RI Airports”

April – TBA

May – “Cross Country Flight Planning”  
Rene Cardon / Bill Weedon,

June – Master Pilots Award

September - Gregg Marley from Avidyne



## EVENTS SCHEDULE

February 13 – Dinner Meeting“  
An Evening with ATC”

27 – Board Meeting

March 13 – Dinner Meeting

27 - Board Meeting

March 31 - New England Aviation Expo

April 10 – Dinner Meeting

24 – Board Meeting

May 8 – Dinner Meeting

29 – Board Meeting

June 12 - Dinner Meeting

October – Harvest Hangar Party

December 8 – RIPA Holiday Gala