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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Presidents Corner – February 2009

One of the main objectives of RIPA is training and education. The simplest way to keep informed and update our knowledge base is to use the AOPA Air Safety Foundation web site. I've downloaded a quiz on NOTAMS. Let's see how many answers you can get right. The member in attendance at the February meeting, that scores the highest, will get a prize. Consider that an incentive. We'll publish the answers in the March newsletter.

Beth



HANGAR FLYING



Paul and Rene braving the cold at Fitchburg

pix/Dave Czerwonka

Weekend Flying

Hello everyone, and welcome to winter. It has been a cold, windy and snowy January in New England as you all know by now. Just the same, the "Fly to Lunch Bunch" still managed to get out a few times this month. On Sunday, January 4th, we had 4 planes with 9 people onboard which met at (EEN) Keene, NH for lunch at Campy's Country Kettle. Other than the 25 knot head wind on the way there, it was a great day for a flight.

We also made it out to one of our local favorite spots on Saturday, January 10th. Plane Jane's is a pleasant airport restaurant that we all like.

Plymouth, MA (PYM) is a short hop from SFZ when time is of the essence. Three planes with seven on board attended that day.

On Sunday the 25th, 3 planes with 7 on board flew to (FIT) Fitchburg, MA for more food and conversation. Despite the very low temperatures, the winds were light and the sky was a gorgeous shade of blue which made for a nice flight.

Just think spring is coming soon. Okay, that's wishful thinking.

Keep Warm & Fly Safe....Frank Oliveira



Larry Levin, Paul Carroll, Dave Czerwonka, Hector Girouard, Buz Sawyer and Paul Tocco around the table at Fitchburg

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MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
January 13, 2009

The dinner meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick by Beth Tetreault, President. After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed. There were 40 members and friends present. A dinner recess was called after table introductions.

The Secretary's report was accepted as published in the Plane Paper.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported that there was \$2432.83 in the General Fund and \$793.42 in the Scholarship Fund. His report was accepted.

Announcements:

The Block Island terminal is scheduled to open this month.

Quonset Point terminal should open in 4-6 weeks.

The February meeting will be in the Valentine motif so please bring someone special.

Safety Seminar;

Jim Adams, FAA Regional Manager, will try to attend our meetings.

Scholarship Committee:

Received \$2000 in memory of Ron Tetreault.

WebPage Committee:

Frank Oliveira will update some of the information and pictures.

Windsock Committee:

Rene Cardon reports there are windsocks available.

Master Pilot Award applications are available. Candidates are urged to apply.

Bill Sheridan of the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame, invited members to attend their January 24th Banquet for the induction of five new honorees, including Gene Bielecki and Ken Brown.

Beth introduced our guest speaker, Richard Gould.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm

Respectfully Submitted
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

NOTAMS

PLANE PAPER BY EMAIL

Beth is asking if members would be willing to receive their Plane Paper by email. She is collecting members most current or preferred email address so you can receive the newsletter in living color.

This would be a cost saver for the association as at present the newsletter costs at least 75 cent per letter, between printing and mailing. This does not include the time needed to fold, seal, address and stamp each letter.

Sent a note to Beth at ETETREULT@cox.net to get on the list.

BOARD MEETING

Beth had some great suggestions for Dan, Marilyn, Bill and Rene at this meeting.

She decided to have the meeting the day after the dinner meeting in order to keep the ideas fresh.

Including a quiz in the newsletter to help in educating pilots.

Get the newsletter out earlier. (I have not been as successful in that endeavor as I hope to be in the future.)

Ask member to sign up for the newsletter by email.

Meeting agendas that we are working on include:

A special dinner menu in March

Having a Dinner Meeting in Westerly with invitations to the Westerly Pilots Association.

A Tower Tour for May.

Master Pilots award in June

Safety Seminar in September.

One very big advantage to having the board meeting on Wednesday is the parking. We had it all to ourselves.

A thank you

R.I. Pilots Association

*Thank you so much for Masses
and Prayers by the Passionist
Community in my wife's name
Cory Sawyer. I really
appreciate your compassion.*

Sincerely

*Walter (Bugs) Sawyer
Pvt. Pilot / SFZ*

NOTAMS QUIZ

According to federal data, pilots strayed into restricted airspace more than 330 times in 2008, resulting in more than 120 military intercepts. The number of intercepts has dropped about 50 percent in recent years, but that's small consolation when a fighter jet appears off your wing tip. Staying out of trouble means understanding the NOTAM system and avoiding temporary flight restrictions—the leading cause of airspace violations.

1. In January 2008, the FAA implemented the first stage of its plan for updating the NOTAM system, reclassifying all new ____ NOTAM's as ____ NOTAM's.

- D (distant); L (local)
- L (local); D (distant)
- L (local); FDC
- GPS; WAAS

2. An FDC NOTAM contains information that is regulatory in nature, such as amendments to instrument approach procedures and aeronautical charts.

- True
- False

3. During an outlook briefing, flight service specialists are required to provide NOTAM information whether or not the pilot requests it.

- True
- False

4. The FAA updates its electronic version of the *Notices to Airmen* publication (NTAP) every ____ days.

- 14
- 28
- 56
- 90

5. GPS and WAAS NOTAMs are included in a standard briefing from flight service.

- True
- False

6. NOTAMs related to military "Lights-Out" training are issued at least ____ hours before the exercises begin.

- 24
- 48
- 72
- None of the above

7. NOTAM 3/1862 (a.k.a. the stadium "blanket" TFR NOTAM) prohibits aircraft operations at and below ____ feet agl within ____ nautical miles of most large stadiums during sporting events.

- 1,500; three
- 1,500; five
- 3,000; three
- 3,000; five

8. According to NOTAM 4/0811, aircraft operations are prohibited within three nautical miles of power plant facilities.

- True
- False

9. Temporary flight restrictions are issued as FDC NOTAMs.

- True
- False

10. A Presidential/VIP movement TFR will be issued at least ____ hours prior to the President's arrival.

- 24
- 48
- 72
- None of the above

February in Aviation History

At our January meeting Dick Gould spoke about a wreck of a B-50 well, coincidentally the B-50 made history this month in 1949!

Feb. 26-March 2, 1949. Capt. James Gallagher and crew of 13 fly USAF Boeing B-50 bomber Lucky Lady II in first nonstop around-the-world flight, 23,452 miles (four in-flight refuelings), in 3 days, 22 hours, 1 minute.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Hanger available at Quonset - it would hold a small twin or smaller airplane. Price depends on size please call Steve at 401-338-9747

Beech BE-55 Baron for sale. 9869 TT, 202 SMOH/760 SNEW. GAMI injectors, Air Wolf remote oil filters, leather seats, 136 gallons fuel, century III AP, KLN-94 GPS, HSI w/slave compass, 70 A alternators, deice boots, Whelan strobes, EZ-heat engine preheaters, NU-lite panel lights, speedslope windscreen, plumbed for oxygen, complete logs, fresh annual, more. Asking \$94,995. Listed with Tsunami Aircraft Sales, Westerly. Contact Bill Weedon 401-474-8082. (check details at www.RIPilots.com/classified)

USED C172 PARTS FOR SALE:

-Complete original **exhaust system** for a Cessna 172M, (O320 engine) in good condition. This system was removed so as to install a Power Flow Exhaust System. Asking \$800

-Two sets of **McCauley main wheels and brake calipers** from a Cessna 172M. All in good condition. They were replaced with Cleveland wheels. Asking \$125 and \$75 per set.

-Sigtronics **Intercom**, SPA-400, w/ installation manual. Asking \$100

-II Morrow **Loran**, Apollo 618C, with antenna and all manuals. Best Offer

-ARC **Nav/Com** RT-385A with IN-385 indicator and tray. (24V). asking \$500

-ARC **audio panel**, with tray (24V). Asking \$150

-ARC **marker beacon receiver** R-402A (24V). asking \$75

-**(NEW)** Rapco **vacuum instrument filter**: #RA 1J10-1, \$10 Call Frank...days 401-787-2338 or evenings 401-727-2580

FOR SALE: Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL(cases & drums). SHELL Flight Jacket, plane care products are now available at 123 Ocean State Dr. No. Kingston, RI 02852 1800 554 4557

Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.
Marilyn:568 3497,Fax:568 5392, email biagettim@cox.net

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EXCAVATING



eMAIL BAG

As you all know, Skylanes has gone out of business, but Greg Ludovici has asked me if we can keep the Skylanesinc.com website going as a tribute to his dad and granddad. Greg just renewed the web domain today, I was wondering if we could add a link on the RI Pilots website to the Skylanes website, not to promote a particular FBO, but as a tribute to the organization that has been such a big part of RI aviation for so many years? Thanks, Bill

EVENTS

St Patrick's Day Brunch

The St Andrew's Church Ladies Guild on Block Island has again invited RIPA members to their Annual St Patrick's Day Brunch on Sunday March 15 at the church hall. Members have been attending for many years and have always been given a hardy welcome. Although the weather has a big influence on our attendance we have missed only 2 or 3 times in the last 15 years. It seems to mark the start of the summer flying season.

Master Pilots Award

Members are asked to sign up for the Master Pilots Award. Board members can provide help in obtaining and filling out the application and with letters of recommendation.

Qualifications include:

(1) Have completed either a flight review or equivalent within the 24 months before qualifying for the award, to verify currency as a pilot.

(2) Have held a CAA/FAA pilot certificate with: 50 consecutive years or more civil experience, or up to 20 years of which may be military experience in combination with civil experience, to total 50 consecutive years

(3) Have three letters of recommendation from holders of FAA pilot certificates.

(4) Have been a U.S. citizen for the 50 consecutive years.

b. Revocation of any airman certificate will disqualify a nominee for this award.

c. Prior accident history will be considered and may be disqualifying.

d. Civil penalty or suspension will automatically disqualify a nominee for this award.

STAY IN TOUCH Join RIPA'S YAHOO Group. To join go to www.RIPilots.com/join. Remember if you have changed your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.

MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAcmail@aol.com by February 8, 2009.

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2009

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:



Sausage Penne with Pink Vodka sauce and Baked Scrod, vegetables, potato, rice pilaf, and fresh baked bread.

A special dessert,
Coffee and Tea.

Price: \$20 per person

\$5 just coffee and dessert

Bring someone special

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 meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS

February – Dan Rabinovich

“Flying to Cancun”

Dan has put together a presentation of his flight into Mexico. He met with many pleasant surprises and wants to share them with us.



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

February 10 – Dinner Meeting

Valentines Day

February 11– Board Meeting

March 10 - Dinner Meeting

March 11 – Board Meeting

March 15 - St Patrick's Day Brunch BID

April 14- Dinner Meeting

April 15– Board Meeting

May 12–Dinner Meeting Tower Tour

Scholarship Awards

May 13– Board Meeting

June 9– Dinner Meeting

Master Pilots Award

June 10– Board Meeting

September 8- Dinner Meeting

Safety Seminar

December 12 – Holiday Gala