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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Winter Thoughts

Well it's official – this year's Valentine's Dinner was an official BUST! The weather just did not cooperate. But overall you have to admit that this has been one of the mildest and most pleasant winters in recent memory. This time of year, many of us are thinking warm thoughts of beaches, boating, summer parties, etc. while we cuddle by the fire. Personally, I really love living in this part of the country ... but I would rather be somewhere else January through March!

Fortunately, flying offers us an escape from the winter doldrums. Winter flying actually offers some of the best flying conditions in terms of visibility and aircraft performance. Unlike boating (which I really enjoy), flying can be done all year long. Better yet, you can jump in a plane and fly somewhere warm ... like the EAA Sun-N-Fun, April 4 – 10 in Lakeland, FL. Rene Cardon, our RIPA Events Chairman, also hosts flyouts for breakfast or whatever just about every other weekend. So if you're looking for somewhere to fly or someone to fly with, talk to Rene or check the newsletter or website (www.RIpilots.com).



Last month, I used the President's Corner to address two important issues that as pilots we should actively oppose: *user fees* and *airspace restrictions*. This month, I seem to be rambling, but I would like to bring up the issue of *membership*. It is important to the continuity and success of our organization that we continue to increase membership. RIPA should not be just about a group of old-timers getting together once a month for dinner (I turn 40 this year, so I'll be joining the group of "old-timers")! We have an excellent scholarship program that we will continue to promote, and we really would like to see more of the "younger generation" involved in RIPA events. We'll be talking more about this at the upcoming meetings, so bring your ideas and enthusiasm. And always feel free to invite guests to RIPA meetings, even if they are not members.

Bill Weedon

HANGAR FLYING

Paul & Debbie Carroll did a great presentation on their trip to New Zealand at the February dinner meeting. Paul got a lot of small field landing and mountain flying experience as the pictures attest. It's a surprisingly beautiful country.



The RIPA Mystery Fly-Out met at EEN, Keene, NH for food and conversation around noon on Sunday, February 19th. Three aircraft and eleven people had lunch at Campy's Country Kettle. The weather was brisk and somewhat breezy with excellent visibility. Pictured from left to right are: Beth & Ron Tetreault, Rene Cardon, Lowell Cornell, Frank Oliveira, Buz Sawyer, Phil Sargent, Ed O'Neil, Paul Carroll and Rene Roy. Jan Mowry took the picture so I could be in one for a change. Don't be afraid to join us on the next Mystery Fly-Out scheduled on March 19th.

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
February 14, 2006

Bill Weedon, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed for Charles Earl, who passed away on Saturday. After table introductions, dinner was served. There were 42 members and guest in attendance.

Bill reported that there was \$2645.65 in the general fund and \$2406.00 in the Scholarship Fund. The report was approved.

The Secretary's report was approved as written in the Plane Paper.

The speaker for April, Doug Steward, has requested a fee to cover his travel expense. After some discussion, Beth Tetreault made a motion to allow the payment of up to \$150. Seconded by Paul Tocco and approved.

Applications for the FAA's Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award were available. A recommendation letter from RIPA can be obtained from Marilyn. Contact her with your information.

The Board of Directors recommended a membership campaign. Posters for RIPA will be placed in FBO's, flight schools and with the CAP to advertise our association and encourage young members.

Rene Cardon, Events Chairman, announced that the flyout this weekend would be either Saturday or Sunday depending on the weather. Call him by 10:00 am for details.

Winner of the door prizes were Andy Chartier, Kim Elin, Jack Crouse, Sue Pillsbury, Bob Wolff, Jan Sherman, Dick Gould, Ron Tetreault and Lowell Cornell.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Paul and Debbie Carroll gave a presentation on their flying trip to New Zealand this past New Years.

Respectfully Submitted
Marilyn Biagetti, Corresponding Secretary

NOTAMS

This will be the last newsletter for members that have not renewed. If you have paid and do not receive your newsletter, please let us know. We have been having problems with mail and want to be sure that you receive the Plane Paper. We want to thank the other tenants of Hangar #1 for their help with our mail.

BOARD MEETING

Beth Tetreault, Rene Cardon, Dan Scanlon, Marilyn Biagetti and Bill Weedon met and assembled paperwork for the Master Pilots Awards that had been sent to us. It was suggested that an application for Al Sparling be researched and submitted.

The contract from Chelo's was reviewed, edited and will be submitted by Dan.

Upcoming guest speakers were verified.
Upcoming projects were discussed.

Beth Tetreault suggested that the May meeting at PVD be held at the fire station. Rescue equipment and procedures can be explained. Another idea is to hold the meeting in the old (newly restored) terminal on Airport Road.

EVENTS

Gene Bielecki informs us that the 14th annual Aviation Safety Counselors Banquet is scheduled for May 10, at Lantana's in Randolph, Ma. Further information is forthcoming but reservations are needed. The FAA always looks forward to our participation.

"New England Aviation Expo"

Saturday, April 22, 2006, 8:00 am at Daniel Webster College 20 University Drive, Nashua, NH

"Enhancing Aviation Safety" This event will be held at the Eaton-Richmond Center, adjacent to Boire Field (KASH). The event is FREE and open to the public. The exhibits and classes are designed to educate and promote the safety of general aviation pilots and aircraft technicians throughout New England. Seminars qualify for credit towards the Wings Program, IA renewal and AMT Awards. Sponsored by the FAA and Daniel Webster College. Further information available at WWW.FAA.GOV/REGION/ANE/EXPO or contact the Expo Chair, Karen Goff, at Karen.L.Goff@faa.gov or (603) 879-6807.

SAFETY SEMINARS

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

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 22, 7:00 pm

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall

171 Jenckes Hill Road Lincoln, RI 02865
Directions to Venue From Route 146 take the Route 123 exit. Follow the signs toward North Central Airport. The Knights of Columbus Hall is about 1/2 mile East of North Central on Route 123.

Topic: To be announced

Speaker(s): ASC Frank Sherman

Sponsors: RIPA, Paul Carroll of American Printing and Aviation Safety Counselor Frank Sherman.

Next Seminar - Thursday April 20th.

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

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 1800 554 4557

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

Overheard

Pilot: Tower, Cessna1234 would like to shoot a missed approach.

Tower: Cessna 1234 approved for missed approach.

Pilot: Roger. How close can we come?

[pause]

Tower: ... Just don't hit the tower.

FROM THE e-MAILBAG

I visited the Civil Air Patrol Historical website www.caphistory.org and found it very interesting. Take a look for yourself.

Date: 2/3/2006 From: SGRILLS@cbmail.gdeb.com

From AOPA e-Pilot~~~ AOPA Close to Home ~~~
RHODE ISLAND BILL WOULD USE AIRCRAFT FEES FOR AIRPORTS

The fees aircraft owners pay to register their aircraft in Rhode Island would be used to support airport infrastructure at the state's general aviation airports if state legislators pass House Bill 6846.

The bill would shift the collection of those fees from the state's tax administrator to the Rhode Island Aviation Corporation. "Aircraft registration fees can be utilized more effectively and efficiently to directly support the state's community airports," said Owen Sweeney AOPA manager of state and local government affairs, in a letter to the Finance Committee. "This would result in safer and better-managed airports and would ensure that fees collected from Rhode Island's pilots are used for aviation purposes."

Subject: Date: 3/2/2006 From: noahforden@cox.net

Invitation - Young Eagles Committee Meeting 14 Mar
Anybody interested in participating in the Ocean State Aviators (EAA 1363) Young Eagles Committee which is responsible for planning and coordinating Young Eagles flights and events, including National Young Eagles Day, (Saturday, June 10th, rain date is the 11th) is welcome to meet at the **Quonset Air Museum on Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30 PM.**

Word of mouth from last year's successful rally is likely to mean more kids than ever, and this means lots of challenges - so we can use all the help we can get!! In fact, I have already received more than 30 kids signing up via our website - which is unprecedented this early in the year. If this is any indication, we will have a ton of kids this year!

Noah P. Forden, Young Eagles Coordinator,
Ocean State Aviators', EAA 1363
401-295-8677 Home 401-258-1642 Cell

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Overheard at my local 'drome [superbowl] weekend...
N465: Ground, N465 at Pacific Aviation, VFR to the west with Victor, ready for taxi, we're going to need a progressive, please.

Ground: N465, roger. Alpha three, right Bravo, hold short 27 Right. [short pause]

Unknown: Hike!

MEETING NOTICE

Call **885 1196** or email
RIPaEMail@AOL.COM by Saturday,
March 11, 2006 to make your reservations.

Date: Tuesday March 14, 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: Oven Roasted Turkey Breast,
Baked Scrod and Pot Roast, potatoes,
vegetables
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 meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS

March 14 – Ken McDonald
An Analysis of The Root Causes of
Runway Incursions.
A Safety Seminar
April 11 – Doug Stewart
Flying the NY VFR Corridor
A Safety Seminar
May 9 – PVD Tour
June 13 – Jack Keenan
FAA Master Pilot Awards
September - Dr. James Ross, AME



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

March 14 - **Dinner Meeting**
19 - **Mystery Flyout**
22 - **Safety Seminar**
28 - **Board Meeting**, PVD
Hangar #1, 7:00pm
April – 4-10 Sun'N Fun
11 - **Dinner Meeting**
15 - **Mystery Flyout**
20 - **Safety Seminar**
22 - "New England Aviation Expo"
Nashua, NH
25 - **Board Meeting**, PVD
May 9 - **Dinner Meeting**
PVD Tour
10 – FAA Safety Counselors Banquet
Lantana's, Randolph, Ma
14 - **Mystery Flyout**
30 - **Board Meeting**, PVD
June 13 - **Dinner Meeting**
Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award
24-25 - **Quonset Air Show**
July 8 –FlyRI cookout Newport
August 25-26 Gadabout Gaddis Campout
September 8-10 Greenville Seaplane Flyin