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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

PVD Tower Tour and Fire Safety Demo

This month, we have an exciting meeting planned. It will take place at the PVD Airport Fire Station (directions are enclosed). There will be a tower tour for those that arrive early, followed by a safety demo by the fire department staff, and a dinner catered by Cellos. No alcohol will be served due to the logistics of the location. The tower tour is limited to **45 people maximum**, and it will be first-come, first-served, so please arrive early. We will be taking three groups of 15 people over in vans starting at 6:15 pm. To visit the tower, you must be a **US Citizen with a valid Photo ID**.

Next month, we will hold the FAA Master Pilot Award (or Wright Brothers Award) ceremony at Cellos Restaurant. Jack Keenan from the Boston FSDO will present the awards. We have submitted applications for 6 pilots. As you may know, this award recognizes pilots with 50 years of continuous pilot experience without accident or incident. So these are some of the most experienced and safest pilots around. It is a great testimony to the RIPA organization that we are able to submit this many qualified candidates again this year.



I thought this would be a good time to bring up an issue that we have been asked as an organization to address. I was approached individually by one of the PVD tower controllers a couple of months ago and asked if RIPA would support the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) in their labor dispute with the FAA. As pilots, we have to work with both ATC and the FAA, so it puts us in a precarious position to support one side or the other. My response as RIPA President is that it would not be right for our organization to take sides in this labor dispute. However, I would like to pass this message on to our membership so that you can read up on the issue and contact your congressmen if you feel compelled to do so. I personally am not familiar with the negotiations, but from what I have read online, the arbitration has reached an impasse and has been sent onto congress to resolve the issue. More information can be found on the FAA website (http://www.faa.gov/about/contract_negotiations/) and the NATCA website (www.natca.org).

Bill Weedon

HANGAR FLYING



On April 15th, our **mystery fly-out** decided to visit Kimball Farms opening weekend in Jaffery, NH (AFN). After early morning weather started to get better, three pilots filed IFR flight plans and headed north from SFZ. The weather did get better and the return trip, although rather bumpy, was VFR. Attendees are from left to right: Ed O'Neil, Rene Cardon, myself, Jan Mowry, Tony Palumbo and Nick Barone. Seeing Paul Carroll didn't want to be in our photo (surprise), I got him to point and shot.

Pix and story/Frank Oliveira

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2006

Bill Weedon, President called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. After the pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed. Table introductions followed. There were 48 members and friends present.

Jeff Soules invites members to a picnic/polka run at Aeroserve, SFZ, on May 20th

The Aero Club of New England at their April 20th banquet will honor Frank Sherman. Members are asked to attend.

The Aviation Safety Banquet is scheduled for May 10th at Lantana's in Marlboro. Members are asked to sign up and attend.

The Secretaries report was approved as written.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported that there was \$2224.20 in the General Fund and \$2198.80 in the Scholarship Fund.

Rene Cardon, Twenty Week Club Chair, thanks everyone for their quick response to the mailing.

Events Chair, reminded members of the Flyout Saturday April 15th.

Windsock Chair, reports he acquired material for new windsocks and will have them assembled at a greatly reduced price.

Marilyn Biagetti, Scholarship Chair, reported that she, Frank Sherman, Jan Sherman and Dee Scanlon have chosen the winners and will invite them to our May dinner meeting.

Frank Sherman asks if the Association could help in a petition to have the rotating beacon at SFZ adjusted and/or elevated to make it more visible.

Ray Andraka asks if members will volunteer for the EAA Young Eagles Flight at OQU on June 10th.

Raffle winners included: John Sulyma, Jan Sherman, Jerry Scanlon, Launa Laurienzo, Fred Crudale, Lowell Cornell, Jan Crouse, Ron Tetreault, Gabe Laurienzo, Ray Andraka, Ed Oneill, Kim Ellin, and Tony Fontana,

Doug Stewart spoke on "Flying the NY Corridor".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted
Marilyn Biagetti
Corresponding Secretary

NOTAMS

Remember that there is always a standing invitation to catch a ride with the fly to lunch bunch. Weather permitting of course. Just show up at SkyLANES lounge on Saturday or Sunday morning or call Rene (401) 651-3528 or Frank (401) 474 7687 for information.

BOARD MEETING

Dan Scanlon got the meeting off to a brisk start as he had other commitments on that night. After the normal proceedings, ie. Treasures, Secretaries and membership reports, Beth, Ron, Rene, Frank and Marilyn tackled the preparations for the May dinner meeting.

With a few decisions to be made and arrangement to be arranged everything was moved along fine in that department. As of this meeting there were 43 members signed up for the tower tour. The maximum is 45 but members can come just for the Fire Station tour and dinner. Check this issue for information

The Twenty-week Club raffle license will be processed. Guest speakers, a regular topic, were verified. And the website contract will be checked.

Dan suggested that Rene be reimbursed, to some extent, for his many years of donations to the dinner meeting raffle for which he has never submitted receipts. A motion was made, seconded and approved to reimburse him \$250.

After adjourning, members assembled across the street for the monthly late evening dinner/dessert. We were regaled with adventures concerning navigation aids (functioning and mis-functioning) and especially informative, how the errors were discovered.



I wonder if he forgot to drain his floats.



Directions to the Airport Fire Station: From the Airport Connector turn North on Post Road (Route 1) to Airport Road. From Route 37 go south on Post Road to Airport Road. Right to Hoxie Four Corners (first major intersection). Right on Warwick Avenue. Fourth Right onto Lake Shore Drive. Right onto Rowe Avenue to Cedar Swamp Road. You can park along there. The gate to the station will be open

RIPA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2006

The Scholarship Committee will present the winners at the May Dinner Meeting, where they have been invited to tour PVD with our members as a special treat and welcome to our group.

Max E. Nielsen, from Wakefield, RI has always aspired to have a career in aviation as well as having flying as a personal hobby. He has been preparing for his flight lessons for a Private Pilots License by taking ground school with the Rhode Island Wing Civil Air Patrol. He is a Cadet Second Lieutenant, Cadet Commander of the South County Composite Squadron.

Max will be starting at Wentworth Institute of Technology in September, Majoring in Electomechanical Engineering. With this degree and his Private Pilots License he wants to attend Air Force OTC, eventually, engineering new aircraft and aircraft systems as an aviation Engineer.

Gail M. Schell of Westerly, RI took her children to an EAA Day of Aviation in 2000 and fell in love with flying. Since then she has earned her Private Pilots license, Commercial Single engine and Multiengine, and Instrument rating while holding down a full time job, caring for a family and attending college. She works for Action Airlines as Second in Command when needed and looks forward to PIC in the future.

Gail wants to continue training for CFI, CFII and MEI over the next few months, working as an instructor once she has her CFI. She would like to eventually fly for a regional carrier.

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 Rd, Quonset 1800 554 4557

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

SAFETY SEMINARS

Date: Monday, May 15, 2006, 7:00 pm

Topic: "Single Pilot IFR"

Speaker(s): Chuck Berry

Location: Holiday Inn Providence
South Rosemoor Ballroom

21 Atwells Avenue Providence, RI 02903

I-95, Exit 21 North or South Easy Access - At the corner of Atwells Ave and Broadway.

Full Description: Short of an emergency, there is probably no greater test of a pilot's skill than flying IFR, alone. Is it safe? Can we make it safer? The answer is a resounding YES, and this seminar will give you some tips and techniques to make it that way. We'll take a quick look at some common IFR-related accidents and discuss some of the important issues such as planning, equipment, organization, situational awareness, weather, and that all important question. "What's my out?"

Contact Info: Tracy Kursch 301-695-2184
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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

FROM THE e-MAILBAG

Subject: Young Eagles - Volunteers Needed!

Greetings-

EAA 1363's Fourth Annual (can you believe that?) Young Eagles Rally is coming up on June 10th (11th rain date) and we need YOUR help to ensure that the event is a success! We need volunteers for ground support activities as well as pilots. You don't need to have an aviation background / experience to participate. If you plan to volunteer, please send an email to noahforden@cox.net. Let me know if you have a preference with regard to what you would like to do.

The rally will be on Saturday, June 10th from 7:45 AM until 2:30 PM. ...our rain date is the 11th. As in previous years, we will have a recording on the "Young Eagles Hotline", 401.258.0762 on the day of the event for last minute details (GO / NO GO) for the event.

The Quonset Air Museum will be open. Participants will have a chance to visit several workstations in the museum that will provide an introduction to the overall flight process from pre-flight inspection and flight planning to the parts and function of different aircraft components. Young Eagle Flight Leader volunteers will take them for an introductory flight.

Thanks very much for your support of Young Eagles!
Noah Forden Y E Coordinator Ocean State Aviators EAA
1363 www.eaa1363.org/YE/ or noahforden@cox.net

EVENTS

The 14th annual **Aviation Safety Counselors Banquet** is scheduled for May 10, at Lantana's in Randolph, Ma. reservations are needed. You can contact Bob Adelizzi and pay at the door. call 978 808 8112 cell or 978 374 9879 home Email: Radeli2940@aol.com for information.

To Lantana's from RI take I95 north to I93 north to exit 5A (Randolph Route 28 south). Right at the lights to the end of Scanlon Drive on right.

The FAA always looks forward to our participation.

AeroServe cookout at SFZ will be held, Saturday May 20th. It will include a poker run with proceeds going to a charity. For information call Jeff Soules at 401 753 2121 or email bob@aeroservexpress.com. All are invited to attend.

Quonset Air Museum's **Annual May Breakfast Fly-In/Drive-In**, Sunday, May 21, 8:00am to 1:00pm. Enjoy a breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, bacon and hash browns. Adults, \$8.00, children 6 to 12, \$2.00. 488 Eccleston Ave, North Kingstown, RI 02852. Quonset State Airport next to runway #5

An Aviation Expo will be held at PVD October 4th. The Expo was well-attended last year and more people are expected this year. In order to be represented, RIPA will need volunteers for a booth.

Proudly flying my new Lancair Columbia 350 into Tucson International, having been cleared for the visual to 11L, I heard this interchange with a regional jet:

Tower: RJ1234 you're cleared for the visual following the Columbia on a one mile final.

(pause)

RJ1234: ...I'm following the Space Shuttle?!!

We were out taking pictures for a safety seminar, and admittedly a bit distracted (no, the irony is not lost on us) when we reported a left base to the tower. That's when things got silly...

Us: Tower, we're high, uh, Cessna 1234, on the left base.

Tower: Sir, you're speaking with ATC, and I'm only qualified to respond to the second part of your transmission. Cleared to land 14.

(short pause)

...that first part sounds more appropriate for someone with the ATF



Weekend Flying

The SFZ "fly to lunch bunch" decided to try to reach out to some where different on Sunday April 9th. Because the weather was VFR through out New England, we headed west to Sky Acre Airport (44N) in Middlebrook, NY. It was a nice ride in both directions with plenty of visibility and smooth air.

Three planes and ten pilots and hitchhikers came along for the journey. The food and camaraderie was good as usual. There is a small pilot shop there as well. In the photo from left to right standing in front of the terminal, (which is a converted barn) is Tony, Rene R., Dave, Buz, Frank S., Ed, Rene C., Tony P.. Not in this photo is myself and Paul "no photo" Carroll. But as you can see I managed to photograph his best side as he was trying to make a get-a-way!



Pix and story/Frank Oliveira

MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations by calling **568 3497** or email RIPAE@mail@aol.com by Sunday, May 7, 2006.

Date: Tuesday May 9, 2006

Time: 6:00pm Tours begin

7:00pm Dinner

8:00pm Meeting and Speaker

Place: T F Greene Fire Station

Cedar Swamp Road, Warwick, RI

Instructions inside

Buffet of: Broadway Chicken, Pork Chops and Baked Scrod with potatoes, and 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 event.

GUEST SPEAKERS

May – Airport tour

Reservations are mandatory

June 13 – Jack Keenan:

FAA Master Pilot Awards

Auggie Comella of the CAP

“The New Mission of the CAP”

September - Dr. James Ross, AME

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

- May 9 - **Dinner Meeting**
PVD Tour
10 – FAA Safety Counselors Banquet
Lantana's, Randolph, Ma
14 - **Mystery Flyout**
15 – Safety Seminar “Single Pilot IFR”
Holiday Inn Providence 7:00pm
20 – Aeroserve Cookout SFZ Sunday,
21 - May Breakfast *Fly-In, Drive-In*
Quonset Air Museum, 8:00am-
1:00pm.
30 - **Board Meeting**, PVD
June 10 - EAA 1363's Fourth Annual Young
Eagles Rally at OQU 7:45-2:30
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**
October 4 – Aviation Expo PVD