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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings fellow pilots and friends,

Welcome back. We had a good time this summer with our "Fly RI" picnics. They were a huge success. Rene Cardon worked very hard to set them up and he had a good crew to help him. Lowell Cornell was the grillmaster, Tony Palumbo, Ed Oneil, John Hayes and Gabe were all a big help as were many others. Thank you all for a great time.

The returns on the Twenty Week club have been very good. If you still have your tickets please get them in by the dinner meeting. We will be drawing twice on the 14th, one for August and one for September. The "RI Pilot's Scholarship Fund" now has its' own account so we can better report to our members what we have in the treasury. Our next effort will be to get a tax free status so donations can be tax deductible.

Finally, our nominating committee set up. If you or someone you know in the group would like to be a board member or officer of the association please submit their name to the committee. We all would like to see more members volunteer their time to keep this organization fresh and moving forward.

See you at dinner. Paul.

HANGAR FLYING

When the weekend for the Gadabout Gaddis fly-in came, so did a miserable weather forecast. But, led by Howard Rowland, two planes departed RI with full camping gear headed for Sanford, Maine for lunch. There the decision would be made to press on or return home. Both planes filed IFR from RI because of the departure weather. The flights were smooth and uneventful. We met just after noon and were later joined by Rene Cardon and John Hayes who came up for lunch.

The forecast for Saturday was still rain but the weather looked good to the north so Howard, Sue and I decided to go for it. As we headed out, the stormscape showed a mass of cells behind us.

Glad we were headed north. Not good prospects for a smooth flight for Rene & John.

We arrived in beautiful weather at Gadabout. Since we had limited airlift capacity, we had decided to leave the cooking to others. Gadabout is now a bustling year-round operation with an addition to the lodge and three new cabins. (They snowmobile during the winter.) The rafting operation was very busy with three buses on Saturday and four on Sunday. We had wine and hors d'oeuvres by the planes and a lovely dinner at the lodge. It was a beautiful evening.

The rain started about 4 am Saturday. Fortunately, there were no thunderstorms. We awoke to a lull in the rain and strolled over for breakfast. We spent a nice, quiet, dry day in the lodge just hanging out, schmoozing, hanger flying and reading. By dinner the rain had stopped and we had cocktails by the planes, dinner at the lodge and were treated to a beautiful starlit evening as we sat around the "campfire". (Howard's large citronella candle.) Sunday was a beautiful day with a glorious dawn. Clear blue sky's with mist over the river. After a leisurely breakfast, we struck camp, loaded the planes and departed to Central Maine for lunch for ourselves and the planes. We had a great time and look forward to you joining us next year. Put Friday, August 26th on your 2005 calendar.



Sue Pillsbury, Howard Rowland and Don Pix/D Pillsbury

NOTAMS

BOARD MEETING

Paul Tocco, Rene Cardon, Marilyn Biagetti, Cheryl Hanson, Dan Scanlon and Korry Labrie, looking refreshed after their summer hiatus, got back to the matters at hand.

Dan, RIPA's Treasurer, reported that he has separated the Scholarship Funds from the general fund with it's own checking account. This will aid in the endeavor to qualify for a "charitable organization" designation.

Rene agreed to chair the nominating committee.

Rene and Marilyn, who have been attending the Chili/Chowdah Flyin (on 9/18) meetings at Quonset, reported that they are awaiting more contestants' entries. There are at least 8 contestants signed up but more would be appreciated.

Cheryl announced that she will not be able to stay on as Recording Secretary and brought in files for storage and reference.

Paul reported on progress for the "Charitable Organization" status. A report will be made to the membership.

RIPA's contract with Chelo's will be up for renewal soon. Dan will negotiate.

Korry reported that membership is still increasing. Please note that her email address has changed to korrielabrie@hotmail.com. Over the summer she has been monitoring Yahoo's group mailing to keep out the spam that had been invading. We thank you.

Rene, being the most adventurous of us, gave brief descriptions of his summer's activities. Everyone, looking at Marilyn, was wondering where she and Rog were hidden all summer. She explained that this was the summer of the fix. It seemed that every flight was accompanied by a visit to the shop when something else was found to be malfunctioning. Cheryl's grandkids have been keeping her very busy and she is glad to see the school year commence. Korrie has changed jobs, working much closer to home, giving her more time to get in some flying.

FIRST DRAWING

There will be drawings for the Twenty-week Club at the September meeting. If you have not mailed them, remember to bring your tickets. Don't miss any of the drawings. The money raised goes to the RIPA Scholarship Fund.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is once again time to construct the slate of officers for the coming year. Rene Cardon will chair the committee, Frank Oliviera and Frank Sherman have volunteered. Members may volunteer for the committee or a place on the slate, by contacting Rene.

Paul Tocco, President, and Cheryl Hanson, Secretary, will step down due to personal commitments, so replacements will be needed. Members are encouraged to step forward to assist and to sign up as officers or committee members. If we all do a little it would be a great help to the members that contribute so much time and effort

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

This is the draft of the by-law amendment proposed at the May dinner meeting. It's inclusion is seen as necessary to our effort to become a non-profit /charitable organization.

Under

Article II – Object

Section 1: The objects of the association are:

Include

f. To promote aviation education and encourage an interest in aviation and aviation careers among the members and the general public, especially the young people of this state.

This addition will be voted on at the September Dinner meeting.



RIPA's tent at the Quonset Air Show shows some wear and tear after the long weekend but the camaraderie that we wanted is evident.

EVENTS

The Greenville Seaplane Flyin will be held this weekend September 9-12th. The weekend starts with a cocktail social Thursday at 4:00 aboard the Katakadin. Dinner at Kelly's Landing at 6:00.

Friday - Poker Run, cookout and dancing.

Saturday – Contests, exhibits, Buffet Banquet and dancing.

Sunday is reserved for finishing off any uncompleted activities. During this whole time there are flyby's and the craft fair.

RIPA members will attend and are sure to arrange a get-together supper at some point. Come up for the day or more. Camp on the airport. There is no lack of things to do or see.

The Chili/Chowdah Flyin at the Quonset Air Museum OQU will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, September 18 at 10:00am until 3:00pm.

The FAA has involved most of the Rhode Island's aviation community in planning this event. The Quonset Air Museum has contributed their space and expertise. Transportation will be available from the terminal to the museum. Clubs and/or associations will have booths to promote their functions and sell other foods. There will be prizes for the best Chili and Chowder and door prizes. A few commercial vendors will also have booths.

If you would like a good chance to have your favorite chowder or chili recipe awarded a prize, sign up. To enter and to get more information go to www.faa.gov/region/ane/rspo or call 781 238 7780.



Rene Cardon at the Chili/Chowder meeting at Quonset Air Museum.

BLOCK ISLAND COOKOUT/FLYIN BID will be held October 2nd from 11:00am to? This will be the final cookout/flyin of the summers FLY RI events. Rene Cardon has done a wonderful job putting these events together. Let's make this flyin the best of the year. See you there.

A HARVEST HANGAR PARTY is being planned for October at Corporate Air Charter.

R I AVIATION HALL OF FAME DINNER (Second Annual) induction will take place Saturday evening, October 23 at the Varnum Armory in East Greenwich. This event will be held in conjunction with the 38th annual meeting of the Northeast Aero Historians, hosted by USS Saratoga Museum Foundation and Quonset Air Museum.

An informational meeting will take place at 7PM Thursday evening, Sept 9 at the USS Saratoga store in the Rhode Island Mall. In addition to discussing the conference and the Hall of Fame dinner we will also discuss potential nominees to the Hall of Fame.

We welcome the participation of all local aviation-related groups in the planning and execution of these events. Please let me know by return e-mail whether or not you will be able to attend.

Reserve early.

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SAFETY SEMINARS

Date: September 9, 2004

Time: Thursday, 7:00pm

Place: CCRI, Lincoln, RI

Topic: FAR'S A REVIEW of Part 91 & 61

Learn about the latest changes.

Guest Speaker: Safety Inspector Paul Falzarano

Date: September 21, 2004

Time: Tuesday, 7:00pm

Place: Dooney Aviation Hangar Southside

Westerly, RI

Topic: Runway Safety: Heads-up, Hold Short, and Fly Right.

Sponsor: Dooney Aviation & Westerly State Airport Assn.

To receive your Safety Seminar schedules please subscribe by going to the following link:

<https://www.faa.gov/region/ane/flightstandards/aviationsafety/subscribe.cfm> or go to

<http://www2.faa.gov/region/ane/flightstandards/safecal/safecal.cfm>

If the campus is closed because of weather or an emergency the Safety Seminars are cancelled. Listen for closings on your TV or radio.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Seeking partners: Private or Sport, to share in the use of a 1946 Ercoupe with a fresh annual, 50 SMOH, Xponder & Comm, new mags & tires. Qualifies for Sport Pilot use. Home base flexible, but anticipating OQU, but perhaps WST, 08R or maybe even UUU. Aircraft will require careful use. Jim at 401-789-7170 or jim@jbrennan.com

Wanted: PILOTS The Civil Air Patrol is in need of pilots. The CAP meets on Tuesday evening at Hangar #1 Airport Road Warwick.

FOR SALE: FLIGHT GUIDES Airport and Frequency Manual, Eastern and Central States, continually updated. Call Marilyn at 568 3497

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: Polo Shirts w/ RIPA logo (\$26) can be personalized. RIPA pins(\$4) and decals(\$1). At meetings, events.

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

Classified ads are free to all current members for aviation related items. Call Marilyn Biagetti at 568 3497, Fax to 568 5392 or email biagettim@aol.com

THE QUONSET AIR SHOW, back in June, was blessed with good weather for the weekend. The many visitors were offered a shady place to sit, a cold drink and a chance to talk about their favorite subject.

As usual, there were many inquiries about our Association and applications were handed out. Especially interesting are the young people interested in aviation that we were able to advise.

By the way, the show was great and I good time was had by all.

A FEW CHUCKLES

Heard on frequency during some nasty weather, a beech 18 night freight pilot offered a report about his current situation...

ATC: Copy. Care to offer a PIREP?

Beech: Sure. At 12,000 we've got lightning ... cloud-to-cloud, cloud-to-ground ... so far, negative cloud-to-airplane-to-ground...

Recently while flying over central Missouri, I overheard a controller responding to a request for VFR Flight Following...

Controller: ...And your type aircraft?

Pilot: Beech Dutchess, Low wing, twin-engine, white and blue.

Controller: You're all a quarter-inch long and green to me...

Overheard by passenger on United flight SNA to ORD...

Fedex ###: Fedex ### with you at FL230.

Kansas City Area Control: Fedex ###, roger. How long to climb to FL310?

Fedex ###: Roger, just a minute...

(brief silence)

Unknown 1: I gotta get me one o' whatever he's flyin'.

Unknown 2: ...must be outta Cape Kennedy.

A photographer from a well-known national magazine was assigned to cover the recent fires. The magazine wanted to show some of the heroic work of the firefighters as they battled the blaze.

When the photographer arrived, he realized that the smoke was so thick that it would seriously impede or make it impossible for him to photograph anything from ground level. He requested permission to rent a plane and take photos from the air. His request was approved, and arrangements were made. He was told to report to a nearby airport, where a single engine plane would be waiting for him.

He arrived at the airport and saw a plane warming up near the gate. He jumped in with his bag and shouted, "Let's go!" The pilot swung the plane into the wind, and within minutes they were in the air.

The photographer said, "Fly over the park and make two or three low passes so I can take some pictures."

"Why?" asked the pilot.

"Because I am a photographer for a national magazine," he responded, "and I need some close-up shots."

The pilot was silent for a moment; finally he stammered, "So, you're telling me you're not the flight instructor?..."

MEETING NOTICE

Call 782 4743 or email RIPAcMAIL@AOL.COM by 4:00pm Friday September 10, 2004 to make your reservations.

Date: Tuesday September 14, 2004
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
Menu: Buffet with choice of Boneless Cajun
Pork Chops, Chicken Penne with Pesto
Cream Sauce and Scrod au Gratin,
vegetables
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 for coffee and dessert.

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

Hosts: Dee Scanlon and Marilyn Biagetti

GUEST SPEAKER

Ken MacDonald – Speaking about the Chili/Chowdah Flyin

Steve Tibbets – A synopsis on the state of the states airports and upcoming projects.

EVENTS SCHEDULE

9/9 – Safety Seminar CCRI Lincoln, RI
9/9-12 – Greenville Seaplane Flyin 3B1
9/14 - Dinner Meeting
9/18 – Chilly/Chowder Flyin OQU 10:00-3:00
9/21 – Safety Seminar, Westerly, RI
9/28 – Board Meeting 7:00pm Hangar 1 PVD
10/2 - RIPA Fly RI cookout,
Block Island 11:00am
10/16? - Harvest Hangar Party
Corporate Air Charter Hangar#1 7:00pm
10/23 - Second Annual Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame induction at the Varnum Armory in East Greenwich
10/12– Dinner Meeting
11/9 – Dinner Meeting
12/11 – Holiday Gala Quonset “O” Club

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