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PRESIDENTS CORNER

USA TODAY's article "Little-used airports cost taxpayers big money" has done an injustice to general-aviation (Cover story, News, Sept. 17).

A 2006 study conducted by the General Aviation Manufacturers Association stated, "General aviation is an important element of economic growth in part because it fulfills transportation needs which can not otherwise be met. Only about 350 U.S. communities have scheduled air service; for the remainder, GA is the only option for the movement of persons or cargo by air. Moreover, GA provides specialized air services, such as air ambulance and traffic patrol, to communities that do have scheduled air service."

Without proper and well-maintained airports, these services would be limited at best.

Whether it is fixed-based operators, charter services, fuel suppliers, aircraft maintenance, emergency services, recreational flying or flight training providers, general aviation contributes to the economic development of communities throughout America. Their tax dollars (property tax, sales tax, employment tax) are sustainable revenue sources.

Since general aviation is such a small part of the traffic volume at larger airports we are easily overlooked or discounted. We as pilots and aircraft owners need to become a vocal minority or the airports we depend on will become rundown for lack of funding. Contact your Senator or Representative and let him know how important access to quality aviation facilities is to general aviation and how you as a pilot and aircraft owner contribute to the local economy.

I'll see you at the meeting

Beth



HANGAR FLYING

Weekend Flying

Hello everyone, I'm back with a report of a September event. As with every year, quite a few of the Rhode Island pilots attend the International Sea Plane Fly-In at Greenville, Maine, on the most southern end of Moose Head Lake. This event starts on Thursday and ends on Sunday which happened on the second weekend of September this year.

I departed SFZ with my trusty co-pilot Dave Czerwonka on Friday morning into rain showers and a low overcast. We planned to stop at Sanford, Maine for breakfast which required an ILS approach to land because of 1200' overcast. An hour or so later, with a full stomach, we left Sanford to continue our journey to Greenville, Maine (3B1). The weather got much better as we got closer to our destination, which was forecasted. This is always a good thing. The weather for the rest of the weekend was just great.

The Rhode Island gang met at Rene Cardon's house on Saturday evening for a terrific steak dinner with all the fixings. There were many helpers to make everything go smoothly. After dinner most of us gathered around a camp fire for more conversation and a few roasted marshmallows.



Where's Waldo> see if you can find our president, Beth and a few other RI pilots in the crowd near the make shift tower at Greenville. pix/FrankO

All in all, it turned out to be another perfect flying weekend for all that attended. There was a pretty good turn out from Rhode Island, as usual.

Fly safe....Frank Oliveira

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
September 8, 2009

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

The Secretary's Report was accepted as written in the Plane Paper.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, Reported that there was \$1105.07 in the General Fund and \$4587.88 in the Scholarship Fund.

Beth reminded everyone that membership renewals would be mailed at the end of next month.

Taxiways at PVD and UUU will open in 11/09. The terminal and restaurant are open at BI. There will be more tree clearing at SFZ.

Dan Rabinovich, an active member, regrets that he will be moving to Norwood and will not be able to attend meetings. He hopes to see us on occasion.

Bill Sheridan, of the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame invited members to attend the annual induction banquet Saturday November 11 at the Greenwich Armory.

Door Prize winners were Mike Falcone Marilyn Biagetti, Deb Rowland, Mike Kelly, Dan Rabinovich, Rick Picard, Gabe Laurienzo, Patrick Tohey, Bill Guenon, Frank Sherman, Ken Brown, Wayne Lacey, Walter Andraka, Paul Salisbury, Dee Scanlon, Myron Mitchell, Kim Ellin, and Lisa Falcone.

Twenty Week Club winners were Henry Tarlain, Lyn Mahoney, and Kevin Dillon for August. John Sullivan, Larry Levin and James Medocco for September.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

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

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-**(NEW)** Rapco **vacuum instrument filter**: #RA 1J10-1, \$10
Flight File **Organizer** by Airflight. (Brown) *Fits between your front seats.*

27"L x 3"W x 14"H. Asking \$50

Cessna 172 **Parts Manual**, 1963 - 1974, \$25

Cessna 172 **Service Manual**, 1969 - 1976, \$25

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

EVENTS

SPORT PLANE EXPO AT SFZ

October 17th, 2009 (Rain Date: October 24th)

Calendar of events include:

-Breakfast (coffee and pastry) starting at 9 am

-FAAST Seminar 9: to 11: am - "Join Ken MacDonald of the FAA's Office of Runway Safety in an interactive seminar analyzing actual surface incursions

-Lunch 11:30 - 1pm (on the grill) Volunteers needed...Rene Cardon will need help with lunch.

-FAAST Seminar 1pm to 3 pm - "Accidents Happen" with Stephen Grotz. During these seminars you will have the opportunity to analyze and determine the cause of real life runway incursion animations and accidents. Discussions will follow to determine ways to mitigate the problems associated with each incident. Surface safety issues associated with operation at non-towered airports will also be discussed. These seminars will provide the information you need to minimize risk while operating at any airport.

Please preregister to ensure you receive your WINGS Credit in a timely manner.

-Light Sport Expo: All day 8 am to 5 pm on the Ramp in front of Landmark Aviation with manufactures displays and demo rides.

RIPA's Annual Harvest Hangar Party will again be hosted by Gary and Gayle St Germaine of Corporate Air on October 24th (6:30pm) at their hangar on Airport Road in Warwick. Gary & Gayle and their crew always go the extra mile to make us welcome so bring your friends and family and show them how much we appreciate their hospitality. Dan Scanlon has asked for volunteers to assist him in setting up and then cleaning up. Call him at 885 1196 if you can help.

RI AVIATION HALL OF FAME BANQUET

This years induction banquet for the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame will take place on November 21th at the Greenwich Armory.

Besides the inductees, Special Recognition awards will go to the RI Tuskegee Airmen, aviation artist Dom DeNardo, John Romano of East Greenwich, and Patrice Runyon--a WASP

Lieutenant General James M. Keck & Lieutenant General Thomas J. Keck, father and son Air Force pilots, that made RI there home, will be speakers and honored as a unit.

Contact Frank Lennon or Bill Sheridan of the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame for reservations.401-831-8696

NOTAMS

BRING A DONATION FOR THE FOOD BASKET

This meeting is the commencement of the annual Thanksgiving Food Basket collection. We will be collecting nonperishable food at these two meetings to donate to a local food bank. Hopefully we can help some family have a good Thanksgiving.

NOMINATIONS

We will be accepting nominations for the Associations officer's positions. There is a vacancy in the Recording Secretary position. If you would be able to occupy this or any other position or have a possible candidate, please submit their name. Your participation in our association would be greatly appreciated.

BOARD MEETING

It turned out to be a quick and informative meeting when all the expected board members showed up early. With the regular business taken care of we made arrangements for the Harvest Hangar Party, discussed up coming mailing schedules and reviewed progress on our nonprofit status.

On an urgent note was the fact that there were no nominations mailed in for any of the offices or the Airman of the Year award. This has become a real concern, especially nomination for offices, because we will lose the active officers if no members are willing to help. Please find some time to help keep this a strong any vital association.

This was the first time that we were able to actually meet after the summer recess so, of course, the events of the summer were a topic..

AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

We did not receive any nominations for Airman of the Year. The Committee met and selected a candidate that they thought worthy of the honor.

20 WEEK CLUB RAFFLE

Tickets for the 20 Week Club drawings will be available at the meeting or by contacting Rene Cardon (401)651-3528, 20 Week Club Chair or any board member. Thank you for your support of our Scholarship Fund.

RIPA's Holiday Gala will be held On December 12th at The "O" Club at Quonset Point. Mark your calendar and join the festivities.

PLANE PAPER BY EMAIL

Beth is collecting members preferred email address so you can go green and receive the newsletter in living color. Send a note to Beth at ETETREULT@cox.net to get on the list.

A thank you note from Erika Benkova. RIPA's 2009 Scholarship winner

Dear members of RIPA.

It has been pleasure to be awarded the scholarship through your association.

Thank you so much for choosing me as a candidate for this nomination.

I really appreciate for your financial help to bring my long wanting goal of flying closer to completion.

Thank you again!!

Erika Benkova

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Most Center controllers don't have a highly developed sense of humor about radar limitations, but one I heard at Jacksonville Center does:

Cessna: "JAX Center, Cessna One Two Three Four."

Center: "Cessna One Two Three Four, JAX Center. Go ahead."

Cessna: "Cessna One Two Three Four is 20 miles north of Jacksonville, 1500 feet, and we would like flight following."

Center: "I would like to oblige, but at that altitude the only radar picking you up would be the highway patrol."

Approach: "Cessna Nine Four Four Two November, descend to 2,500 feet, proceed along the east side of the river, then left to 280 at Central Park."

Me (sincerely, since I'd never been there before): "Approach, how will I know when I'm at Central Park?"

Approach: "Just watch for the muggers."

I heard this at Hanscom Air Force Base (Bedford, Massachusetts):

Tower: "Westwind Two Three Four, taxi into position and hold."

Westwind 234: "Roger — assume the position."

At the Charlottetown (CYYG) airport last summer, while doing my run-up in my 172, an Air Canada flight had just finished copping their clearance when they saw an osprey fly by with a large flounder in its talons. They contacted the tower:

Dash-8: "Charlottetown Tower, Air Canada 123."

Charlottetown Tower: "Go ahead."

Dash-8: "There's an osprey that just flew overhead carrying a fish!"

Charlottetown Tower: (without missing a beat) : "Have him contact the tower."

This kind of made my day in this very friendly maritime town.

My airplane partner and I were on a short night hop from Lawrence, Massachusetts to Nashua, New Hampshire and had just switched to Nashua tower when we heard the following:

Mooney: "We need to return and land."

Tower: "What's the nature of your problem?"

Mooney: "Every time my student touches the throttle, he gets electrocuted."

Unidentified Voice: "That's a good training technique."

eMAIL BAG

Subject: Reno Air Race Trip

It's nice to heard from our long distant members EDITOR

Thought I would send a picture or two of our flight to Reno. The longest leg was 5hr 50 min from Albuquerque to Reno non-stop. On that leg, we flew over of Las Vegas. We were up to 14,000 ft and had a tail wind most of the way. We also flew over Meteor Crater on the way.



Meteor crater from 55F pix/ RWolff

The trip between Vegas and Reno was very remote and went right by the infamous Area 51. I was told "you will be met by the air force if you get too close". The decent from 12,000 to 6,700 ft at Reno required a tight circling maneuver between the tower and a nearby mountain. The race was worth the trip.



2008 unlimited winner pix/ RWolff

On the way back we stayed at a Bright Angel cabin. Our front door was 25 ft from the Grand Canyon rim. Regards to all.
Bob & Cindy

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

MORE GREENVILLE SEAPLANE FLYIN




A perfect day with light winds for the bulk of the events on Saturday pix/FrankO



This Bird Dog just loves the water pix/FrankO

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MEETING NOTICE

Come and join us. Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by October 11, 2009.

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 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: Yankee Pot Roast and Bakes Fish,
Garden Salad, Two Garden Vegetables, Mashed
Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Baked Bread.

Mixed deserts,
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 SPEAKER

Ken Mac Donald - from FAA's Office of Runway Safety

EVENTS SCHEDULE

October 13 - Dinner Meeting

Nominations for AOTY

Nominations for Office

We will start our Thanksgiving basket

October 17 - Sport Plane Expo at SFZ

rain date the 24rd. With a FAA led safety seminar, breakfast and lunch.

October 24- Harvest Hangar Party

Corporate Air Hangar PVD 6:30

October 27 - Board Meeting

November 10 - Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting

Bring a donation for the food basket

November 21- RI Aviation Hall of Fame

Banquet

November 24 - Board Meeting

December 12 -Holiday Gala

Quonset "O" Club

Reservations needed