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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings!

The February Meeting was a great success. Rene Cardon was recognized as the Airmen of the Year. Gerry Scanlon presented the various recognitions from the Governor, Lt. Governor, Senate, RIAC and FAA. Quite a list of accomplishments. Then in a loving manner Paul Tocco and Lowell Cornell shared their life changing experiences of flying with Rene to Alaska. Congratulations Rene.

The March Meeting will feature Ken MacDonald who has a great deal of experience flying all different types of aircraft. He will address us about Human Factors and Runway Safety. Ken always brings insights that we can all benefit from. This meeting will count as a Safety Seminar.

Save the May meeting on your Calendar, thanks to the help of Beth Tetreault, we will be meeting on May 10th at the Airport for a ground tour, a dinner at the airport, and then a tour of the tower if there are not an higher security levels in place.

Happy Flying

Paul Carroll

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HANGAR FLYING

AIRMAN OF THE YEAR 2004



Jerry Scanlon presenting Rene Cardon with one of the many proclamations.



Rene is very pleased with RIPA's AOTY plaque.

VALENTINES DAY DINNER

The Valentines Day Dinner, held at the Crow's Nest in Warwick was a great success. Twenty One couples and one other guest attended. A private room made the evening intimate and the food solicited praise. Attendees expressed a willingness to return next year.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MEETING MINUTES

Rhode Island Pilots Association
Dinner Meeting
February 8, 2005

Paul Carroll, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. Jim Terry lead the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observe to honor our armed forces, Paul thanked Ed O'Neill and Marilyn Biagetti for hosting this dinner. There were 49 members and guests present. After table introductions the meeting was recessed for dinner.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as written.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, gave an explanation of the years transaction report that was available for member's inspection. The \$3500.00 belonging to the Scholarship Fund was being moved from the General Fund. The report was approved.

Rene Cardon, Events Chairman, announced the rescheduling of the snowed out flyout for 2/12. Dee Scanlon was available for any other members wanting to attend the Valentine dinner at The Crow's Nest.

Marilyn Biagetti, Scholarship Chairman, reported that applications are available at the door.

Paul announced that the nomination of RIPA, for promoting aviation in RI, has been ratified by the Aero Club of New England the Association will be honored at their Awards Banquet.

Door prize winners were Tony Polumbo-wine, Lowell Cornel-model airplane, Mike Kelly- coffee, Dee Scanlon – wine, Jim Terry – detailing kit, Jan Crouse – Coffee, Jan Sherman – blinking Patriots cap,

Jerry Scanlon, Airman of The Year Chairman, introduced Rene Cardon, RIPA's 2004 AOTY. Declarations from the Governor, Lt Govenor, the Senate, RIAC and the FAA were read and a plaque from RIPA presented.

After adjournment at 8:30 Vernon Knott gave members a presentation on building all metal plane, two people , 701 STOL plane.

Respectfully submitted
Marilyn Biagetti, Corresponding Secretary

NOTAMS

Be advised that this is the final newsletter to be sent to members that have not renewed their membership for 2005. If you do not receive the April issue by the 9th and have paid, please notify us immediately.

FAA VISITOR

Harry West, Manager, Runway Safety Program, New England Region will attend the March dinner meeting to explain the Chili/Chowdah Flyin coming up on May 21st.

ANTONOV FOUNDATION MUSEUM

The Richmond Airport will be the home of 40'x50' hangar housing the Soviet designed Antonov AN-2 "Colt", The world's largest single engine biplane. Damon Ise and a group of a dozen aviation enthusiasts have formed the Antonov Foundation. They are creating a museum for educational opportunities and hope to acquire as many planes as they can get their hands on. He envisions weekly air shows, showcasing the museum's holdings and a resident EAA Chapter.

Jack Gordan, owner of the privately owned public airport is hoping to improve the facility at Richmond.

FYI

There is a proposal to raise the antenna tower, located about 1/4 M North of Richmond Airport, by 20' to 160'AGL/300' MSL. The FAA issued a Determination of No Hazard to IFR into 08R.

BOARD MEETING

It was a pleasant surprise to have Paul Carroll available for the meeting. (His Bonanza was in the hangar so his expected trip was postponed). Korrie, Frank, Rene, Dan, Bill, Marilyn and Paul Tocco were assembled at the office and the routine business covered.

- Dan recounted the Valentine dinner and Board members that attended described a good time and great food. They would recommend returning next year.
- The FAA's Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award dinner, slated for June, was discussed. We are hoping to include all that are eligible within our membership for recognition.
- An official notification from ACONE was received and Paul Carroll will attend to accept the award. Members will be encouraged to join him.
- Dates were confirmed and particulars discussed for the upcoming events.
- Frank, Korrie and Bill will work on the web page. The new program should make a revamping easier.
- It seems that we may have an official Historian. Marilyn has accumulated 15+ years of info that needs categorizing. Any members with RIPA related info, pictures, material, etc. is asked to contact her.

EVENTS

ST PATRICK'S DAY FLYIN

Dear Friends,
Spring is coming! February is here and the days are drawing closer to the much anticipated annual St. Patrick's Brunch, prepared by the Block Island Catholic Ladies Guild. What better way is there to shake remaining chills of winter than to grab a place at the table and bask in the warmth of friends, good food and fun! The menu itself is the stuff of legends, prepared and served in a legendary fashion. Our Island cooks use time-honored recipes handed down from the ancient courts of Ireland, where hearty meals were always in demand. We're serving up platters of traditional corn beef hash, tasty home fries, fresh eggs, rashers of crisp bacon, fluffy pancakes, our special Irish soda bread and scores of other Island delicacies. This is truly a brunch that will satisfy the keenest of appetites and fortify you for whatever the day offers! So shake off winter and join us for this wonderful time!

When: Sunday, March 13, 2005— 9:00 a.m.- 12:00

Where: St. Andrew's Parish Center on Spring St

Cost: Adults, \$10.00 Seniors, \$5.00 under 12... \$5.00

St Patrick's Day Raffle Tickets \$2 each/12 for \$20
1st - \$500 2nd - \$300 3rd - \$100

Sincerely, The Block Island Catholic Ladies Guild,
HOPE MARCH 13TH IS A GOOD FLYING DAY AND
MANY OF YOUR GROUP CAN ATTEND. PLEASE LET
YOUR MEMBERS KNOW THAT THERE NOT BE ANY
MASS THAT SUNDAY.
SANDRA KELLY, SECRETARY

ACONE AWARD FOR RIPA

The news is in: The Rhode Island Pilots Association was selected as this year's winner of the RI State Award of the Aero Club of New England. This is a significant accolade for all of the hard work and dedication of RIPA members in promoting aviation in Rhode Island throughout the years.

Many members may recall the first ACONE RI State Award, which went to our own Gene Bielecki two years ago.

This award carries the prestige of coming from the oldest Aero Club in our hemisphere. A banquet will be held on Thursday, April 28th at the Sheraton Lexington in Massachusetts. I hope many members will mark their calendars for April 28th for a great night out with aviation enthusiasts from all over New England. Those who attended the banquet for Gene's award will remember what a fun time we had.

That's all for now, but I will keep you posted! And - congratulations to everyone. Another feather in your caps, and a place in the esteemed record books of ACONE.

Best regards, Sandy Niles

CHILI/CHOWDAH FLYIN

The Federal Aviation Administration's New England Region Runway Safety Program Office will conduct Surface Safety Days at the region's airports May 14 through May 22, 2005. Surface Safety Teams will be at general aviation, public use airports to promote surface safety. Safety Team members will share and educate people flying on those days about surface safety concerns, proper communication procedures and ways to develop and maintain situational awareness in a 'pilot to pilot' environment. The region's latest safety materials will be distributed; including the New England Runway Safety Pilot Reference Manual, Volume 2.

Culminating Surface Safety Days on Saturday May 21 (rain date, May 22) is the 2nd annual New England Chili / Chowdah Fly-In cook-off contest. Pilots and aviation groups are invited to compete for the title and bragging rites for a year, as to who has the best chili and or best chowdah. The event will be hosted at the Quonset Air Museum, Quonset State Airport, in North Kingstown, Rhode Island from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, with award presentations at 2:00 p.m.

In order to make this event a success we need the help and participation of our aviation partners to enter and attend the events. Visit www.faa.gov/region/ane/rspo for information and event registration.

Join us in our mission to raise surface safety awareness in the aviation community. Register today! Together, we can and will make a difference, and we invite you to be a part of this unforgettable experience.

Cathy daSilva, ANE-1S, Sr. Management Analyst, FAA, N.E. Runway Safety Program Phone: 781-238-7782 Fax: 781-238-7785

ENE 99's POKER RUN

Eastern New England 99's will hold their annual Poker Run on Saturday June 4th. The route will cover southern NE and terminate at Plymouth Airport.

Tower: Experimental N123, we'll try to squeeze you in. Number one, cleared to land, runway 26 left. Be advised, traffic close behind you.

Experimental: Number one for 26 left, N123.
(pause)

Tower: Experimental N123, turn your base now, please, and keep your speed up. Traffic, a Hawker jet 10 miles out, number two behind you.

Experimental: Uh ... roger ... be advised, we're already pedaling as fast as we can.

FROM THE e-MAILBAG

AMprintRI@aol.com > February 07, 2005

Hello All:

I received a phone call from one of the directors of The Aero Club of NE. I have accepted the invitation to go and receive the award on behalf of RIPA.

I would certainly welcome having any RIPA members go in recognition of this award. If you are interested in attending, please let me or Sandy Niles know so that we can make those arrangements.

See you Tuesday night. Paul

Subject:New E-mail address!!**Date:**2/12/2005 **From:**fjbsherman@juno.com

To all of you receiving this message my e-mail address has changed, the new address is:

fjbsherman@verizon.net

. Thanks to all, Frank Sherman

Subject:Invitation to participate on Young Eagles Committee

Date:2/12/2005 **From:**noahforden@cox.net

Anybody interested in participating in the Ocean State Aviators (EAA 1363) Young Eagles Committee is welcome to attend our first committee meeting of 2005. This group is responsible for planning and coordinating Young Eagles flights and events, to include National Young Eagles Day which is Saturday, June 11th (mark your calendars now, rain date is the 12th). The committee meets regularly four months out of the year, from March up until early June. Much of our coordination is done via email / telephone as well.

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!! We are planning to again team up with New England Warbirds Squadron 7 for the YE rally; several of their members are expected to join us for this event.

We plan to meet at an off-airport site two nights after the next chapter meeting(Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00 PM). If you're interested in participating, please let me know and I'll add you to our distribution lists.

Highest Regards, Noah P. Forden
Young Eagles Coordinator Ocean State Aviators EAA
1363 401-295-8677 Home 401-258-1642 Cell
noahforden@cox.net

Overheard last April near Miami, Florida, just as Sun n' Fun was kicking in...

Pilot: ...request VFR flight following to Lakeland.

ATC: N123, unable at this time...

Pilot: Roger, unable. Any idea when can I expect it?

ATC: Try again ... this time next week.

GUEST SPEAKER

March – **Ken MacDonald** - Runway Safety and The Human Factor *eligible for Wings* & Harry West

April – Bill Weedon will present "Flying in Hawaii"

May – PVD Airport Tour

June – Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award

From this point the list is tentative:

September – representative from FSS

October – Bob Wolf's Lewis & Clark Tour

November – Controller Pilot



Rene & Dot Cardon and Craig attended the dinner with other family members to fill a whole table.

ONELINERS

- Sign seen at refueling point: WARNING Do not operate any radio transmitter within 100 metres of the pumps. If your life is not worth anything..... the fuel is!
- Any attempt to stretch fuel is guaranteed to increase headwinds.
- A thunderstorm is nature's way of saying "Up yours!"
- Keep looking around, there's always something you missed.
- Remember, you're always a student in an airplane.
- Any pilot who does not at least privately consider himself the best in the business...is in the wrong business.
- It's best to keep the pointed end going forward as much as possible.
- Hovering is for pilots who love to fly but have no place to go.
- The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.
- The only thing worse than a captain who never flew copilot is a copilot who was once a captain.
- A terminal forecast is a horoscope with numbers.
- Takeoffs are optional. Landings are mandatory.
- The first thing every pilot does after making a gear up landing is to put the gear handle DOWN.
- It's easy to make a small fortune in aviation. You start with a large fortune."

SAFETY SEMINARS

Gene Bielecki reminds you that RIPA Safety Seminars include coffee & donuts and door prizes.

Date: March 31, 2005
Time: Thursday, 7:00pm
Place: CCRI, Warwick, RI
Topic: How To Fly The North Atlantic
Procedures, clearing customs, needed gear,
where to stay
Speaker Ed Carlson
Sponsor: RIPA

Date: June 9, 2005
Time: Thursday, 7:00pm
Place: CCRI, Warwick, RI
Topic: Airport Safety & Runway Incursions
Speaker: Ken MacDonald & Jack Keenan
Sponsor: John Carter & RIPA

Date: September 8, 2005
Time: Thursday, 7:00pm
Place: CCRI, Warwick, RI

Date: November 10, 2005
Time: Thursday, 7:00pm
Place: CCRI, Warwick, RI

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

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

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

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@cox.net

AERONAUTICAL DAFFINITIONS

AIRSPPEED - Speed of an airplane. (Deduct 25% when listening to a retired Marine pilot.)
BANK - The folks who hold the lien on most pilots' cars.
CARBURETOR ICING - A phenomenon reported to the FAA by pilots immediately after they run out of gas.
CONE OF CONFUSION - An area about the size of New Jersey located near the final approach beacon at an airport.
CRAB - A VFR Instructor's attitude on an IFR day.
DEAD RECKONING - You reckon correctly, or you are.
DESTINATION - Geographical location 30 minutes beyond the pilot's bladder saturation point.
ENGINE FAILURE - A condition that occurs when all fuel tanks mysteriously become filled with low-octane air.
FIREWALL - Section of the aircraft specifically designed to funnel heat and smoke into the cockpit.
FLIGHT FOLLOWING - Formation flying.
GLIDE DISTANCE - Half the distance from an airplane to the nearest emergency landing field.
HOBBS - An instrument which creates an emergency situation should it fail during dual instruction.
HYDROPLANE - An airplane designed to land long on a short and wet runway.
IFR - A method of flying by needle and horoscope.
LEAN MIXTURE - Nonalcoholic beer.
MINI MAG LITE - Device designed to support the AA battery industry.
NANOSECOND - Time delay between the Low Fuel Warning light and the onset of carburetor icing.
PARACHUTES - The two chutes in a Stearman
PARASITIC DRAG - A pilot who bums a ride and complains about the service.
RANGE - Usually about 3 miles short of the destination.
RICH MIXTURE - What you order at another pilot's promotion party.
ROGER - Used when you're not sure what else to say.
SECTIONAL CHART - Any chart that ends 25 nm short of your destination.
SERVICE CEILING - Altitude at which cabin crew can serve drinks.
SPOILERS - FAA Inspectors.
STALL - Technique used to explain to the bank why your car payment is late.
STEEP BANKS - Banks that charge pilots more than 10% interest.
TURN &BANK INDICATOR - An instrument largely ignored by pilots.
USEFUL LOAD - Volumetric capacity of the aircraft, disregarding weight.
VOR - Radio navigation aid, named after the VORtex effect on pilots trying to home in on it.
WAC CHART - Directions to the Army female barracks.
YANKEE - Any pilot who has to ask New Orleans tower to "Say again"

MEETING NOTICE



104 East Ironstone Road
Harrisville, RI 02830

Call 782 4743 or email RIPAcMAIL@AOL.COM
by 4:00pm Friday March 4, 2005 to make your
reservations.

Date: Tuesday March 8, 2005

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: White Clam Chowder, Roasted Turkey
Breast, Cajun Pork Chops, Tossed Salad,
Rice Pilaf, Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Desserts, Coffee and Tea.

Price: \$20 per person

\$5 just coffee and dessert

MAIL TO

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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.

EVENTS SCHEDULE

March **5 –Fly for Brunch Bunch Flyout**

8– Dinner Meeting

Ken MacDonald & Harry West

13 -St Patrick's Day Breakfast BID

9:00–12:00 St Andrews Church Hall

15 – Chili/Chowdah meeting QAM 10:am

29 - Board Meeting PVD

31 – Safety Seminar CCRI Warwick

April **12– Dinner Meeting**

Bill Weedon will present "Flying in Hawaii"

16 – Cookout at Spruce Creek

12 – 18 - Sun 'n Fun Fly-In, Fla

Daffodil Festival, Nantucket

26- Board Meeting, PVD

28 ACONA Awards

May **10 – Dinner Meeting**

PVD Airport Tour

18 - Quonset Air Museum Breakfast

FAA Awards Banquet

21 - Chili/Chowda Flyin, Quonset

Strawberry Festival, Richmond Airport

31 - Board Meeting, PVD

June **4 – ENE99's Poker Run**

9 – Safety Seminar CCRI Warwick

11 - Brunch at 1661 House BID

14 - Dinner Meeting

Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award

AOPA Flyin

18 - Quonset Air Show

28 - Board Meeting, PVD

July **4th of July Parade & Steak Fry**

URI Balloon Festival

Hangar Party, SFZ

Ace Camp

25-31: Oshkosh Flyin

August **- Beach Party**

Ice Cream Social, Jaffrey, NH

Flyout/Campout

30 - Board Meeting, PVD

September **8 - Safety Seminar CCRI Warwick**

9/11 - Greenville Seaplane Flyin, Maine

13 - Dinner Meeting

27 - Board Meeting, PVD

October **11 - Dinner Meeting**

**56th Fighter Squadron, Republic Field,
Farmingdale, NY**

AOPA Expo

Harvest Hangar Party, Providence

25 - Board Meeting, PVD

November **8 - Dinner Meeting**

10 - Safety Seminar CCRI Warwick

29 - Board Meeting, PVD

December **10 - Holiday Gala, Quonset "O" Club**