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PRESIDENTS CORNER

“Familiarity Breed Contempt”.

Most of us fly the same airplane just about every time we take off. We have become very comfortable with its little nuances and know pretty much what it will do and not do and that helps us stay out of trouble. Having access to in-flight weather (Text and Graphics) and NOTAMs provides a high level of situational awareness if you can afford it, but thorough preflight planning can provide you with the same warm fuzzy feeling at a minimal cost.

The season is rapidly approaching for the vacation fly away or the not so typical long cross-country. Have you ever taken off and run into some unexpected phenomena. Be it weather, or a runway condition or closure at the destination, or route deviations because of traffic. Oops! The regulations require us to have enough fuel for a VFR flight to fly to the destination and have a 30 minute reserve, and 45 minutes reserve for night VFR. For IFR flights, the requirements are to reach the destination, an alternate if required and then have 45 minutes of fuel at normal cruise.

Selecting the appropriate altitude for direction of flight and duration is dependent on a number of factors that are unique to the individual airplane. Typically airplanes have better True Airspeeds (TAS) fuel burns at higher altitudes when properly leaned. However, adverse environmental factors, such as higher wind velocities may make it undesirable or if the winds are on the tail all the more reason to go high. Another component of the fuel burn is its influence on the Center of Gravity (CG). In most utility airplanes it's difficult to exceed the CG if you abide by the weight limitation prescribed for the compartment or station. Your fuel burn can adversely affect landing performance if you have forward loading CG compounded by a CG that moves forward as you burn fuel. A good question to ask and to know the answer to is, which way does my CG move as I burn fuel and what fuel quantity remaining gives me the most critical CG for my load conditions.



A review of the Weight and Balance is one of your requirements as the Pilot in Command. Again, for the most part, not a big deal, but it never ceases to amaze me at how much weight the airplane has gained since the last time it was weighed. I've never had one get lighter. I guess the point of this writing is to stimulate you to take a look at your POH and weight and balance. You might be surprised to see something there that you haven't thought about for a long time.

Fly Safe, Tom

HANGAR FLYING

Weekend Flying

I hope everyone is enjoying these winter months of freezing temperatures, snowstorms and gale winds. Not exactly the winter we had hoped for. Think positive, spring is almost here...ya sure...I'm counting the days. This month, I had hoped to write about February's FAA safety seminar on aircraft maintenance, but that was canceled at the last minute because of...you guessed it...snow and freezing temperatures the night before. That made for an extremely slippery ramp and Landmark Aviation was not able to empty their hangar to accommodate room for the seminar. Instead, most of the pilots that showed up for the seminar got to have an impromptu meeting in the lobby instead, to do what comes naturally to pilots when not actually flying...hangar flying. As we all know, half of the fun attending safety seminars is the camaraderie and conversation with other pilots. So it wasn't a total loss. Thanks go out to Steve Grota from the FAA because he stayed all morning at the Landmark Aviation lobby answering questions and making Flight Safety pamphlets available to anyone present. I personally hope that this seminar gets rescheduled; again, seeing this was the second attempt.

Get ready for day light savings time to change in a few weeks. That event is always a moral boost for me because more daylight at the end of the day means warm weather in the near future.

Fly Safe.....Frank Oliveira



A very common scene in the winter of 2011 pix/FrankO

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
February 8, 2010

Tom Magnan, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:05 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. There were 39 members and friends present at the meeting. 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 \$3157.76 in the General Fund and \$2679.20 in the Scholarship Fund. The report was accepted.

Tom Magnan presented Paul Carroll with his Governor's Proclamation as RIPA's Airman of the Year.

Announcements:

Scholarship applications are available at the door and will be accepted until the end of February.

Door prize winners were Carlos Vares, Bill Williams, Kathy Kelly, Jim Terry, Paul Tocco, Garrett Scanlon, Frank, Sherman, Dave Lachapelle and Steve Dumas.

Our speaker, Bill Williams, was introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm
Respectfully Submitted
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary



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Call Frank...days 401-787-2338 or evenings 401-727-2580

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Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.

Marilyn: 568 3497, Fax: 568 5392, email biagettim@cox.net

NOTAMS

This will be the final newsletter for members that have not paid their 2011 dues.

THE LADIES GUILD IS DOING THE BUNCH THIS YEAR.....HOPE YOU CAN COME.
SAINT PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH, SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011, TIME 10 AM TO NOON, \$10 ADULTS \$5 SENIORS (CHILDREN UNDER 8)
RAFFLE \$300, \$200, \$100, \$2/TICKET OR 12 FOR \$20
SANDRA KELLY

SAFETY SEMINAR

As you are aware the 2/26 meeting was canceled at 6:30 AM by the Airport Authority due to the ice storm. The RI Fire Department requires all aircraft to be removed from the hangar before we hold a seminar. The ramp was covered in ice and they were not able to comply.

The next meeting will be 3/26/2011 with RIPA member, Ken MacDonald presenting Human Factors leading up to Runway Safety and Airport Surface Deviations.

Thanks for your support Steve (Grota)

BOARD MEETING

Tom, Beth, Dan, Rene and Marilyn were joined by Barbara Nelson, Membership Cochairman, at the February Board Meeting.

Tom asked if we could meet at 6:30 instead of 7: at upcoming board meetings. All agreed.

Marilyn and Barbara will be coordinating the membership lists.

We are asking for volunteers to help with the 20week club tickets mailing at the March Board Meeting.

Some Airports are in need of new windsocks. We will be soliciting donations to defray the costs at the next meeting.

St Andrews has extended an invitation to attend their St Patrick's Day Brunch. It was cancelled last year for lack of volunteers.

RIPA JACKETS

Jackets with the RIPA emblem are available from Rene Cardon. He can take your orders for the jacket or another article of clothing that can have the association emblem applied.

To join the Fly to Lunch Bunch, contact Rene Cardon (651-3528) or appear at Landmark at SFZ around 9:30 on Saturday and/or Sunday. They would be happy to have you.

To join RIPA'S YAHOO Group go to
www.RIPilots.com/join.

eMAIL BAG

Hi Marilyn

I've talked with Father Protano at Saint Andrews on Block Island and their annual Saint Patrick's day Brunch is on for this year. It will be Sunday the 13th of March from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

RIPA Pilots have attended quite a few years but last year for some reason it was cancelled.

Frank (Sherman)

From: Florence, Justin (Judiciary-Dem) [

Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 12:55 PM

Subject: Legislation on Securing Aircraft against Lasers
Mr. Weedon and Ms. Tetreault,

I work for Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse. I wanted to reach out because Sen. Whitehouse is planning to introduce an amendment this week that would help secure aircraft against laser pointer attacks. As I'm sure you know, these incidents can pose a major safety risk to pilots. Sen. Whitehouse's amendment would explicitly make it a federal criminal offense to knowingly aim the beam of a laser pointer at an aircraft. Although in some cases prosecutors are able to charge these cases under existing law (including the incident at TF Green last year) in the vast majority of cases federal prosecutors do not bring charges because there is not a good fit between existing statutes and this conduct. Sen. Whitehouse's legislation would make it clear that this conduct violates federal law, and that those who endanger pilots and aircraft will be subject to federal prosecution. Law enforcement organizations, as well as the Air Line Pilots Association, have come out in support of the legislation.

I wanted to touch base to let you know that Sen. Whitehouse is working on this, and also to get your thoughts on the issue. He hope that this is something that your organization will support, as it should help improve safety for pilots.

Thanks very much, -Justin 202.224.9058

Justin Florence Counsel Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Chair U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary

Tom Magnan is the new President of the Rhode Island Pilots Assn, but I am sure it is something that RIPA would support. Also, I am a member of the Airplane Owners and Pilots Assn (AOPA), which I am sure would support this bill as well. I would have to say that every pilot is interested in a bill that would improve safety for pilots as well as passengers from pranksters as well as deliberate evil-doers.

Coincidentally, I was driving down the highway the other day, and a person or kid in the back of an SUV pointed a red laser directly at me. My eyes were drawn right to it out of curiosity. Fortunately it was not a powerful laser, and it also reflected off the dirt on the SUV's back window. But I can see how this can be a hazard on the highway as well in the air. Thanks, Bill Weedon

Bill,

Thanks very much for your email. Interesting story about the incident on the highway – we've heard that these lasers are dangerous in other contexts as well, and I'm glad to hear you are ok. I'll reach out to AOPA.

Also, Tom, please let me know if our office can represent that Sen. Whitehouse's legislation is supported by RIPA.

Thanks much, again, -Justin

MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by March 6, 2011

Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Time: 6:30pm Cocktails

7:00pm Dinner

Place: Chelo's in Warwick

Airport exit off Rte.95 to Post Rd south,
500ft on right

Buffet of:

Corned Beef, Cabbage & Carrots,

Boiled Potatoes,

Baked Haddock, Rice Pilaf,

Garden Salad

w/house dressing,

Fresh Bread

Assorted Cake Slices

Coffee and Tea.



Price: \$25 per person

\$45 per couple

\$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 if you would like just coffee and dessert.

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Paul Tocco – Reno Races

Paul will speak (I'm sure humorously) about their (Paul, Dave Czerwonka and Frank Oliveira) whole adventure, including travel to and from the Reno Air Races last September. Frank will be in charge of the slide show.

April - Ken MacDonald

May – Tower Tour



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

March 8- Dinner Meeting

March 13 - St Patrick's Day Brunch

St Andrews Parish Hall BID

10:00am-12:00

March 22- Board Meeting

March 26- Safety Seminar SFZ 9:00am

April 12 - Dinner Meeting

April 26- Board Meeting

May 10- Dinner Meeting

Tower Tour

May 24- Board Meeting

June 14- Dinner Meeting

Master Pilots Award

June 24-26 Quonset Air Show

December – Holiday Gala

Air Man of the Year Award