

# THE PLANE PAPER

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Well, it looks like spring has sprung! It's a time to open up the pool, put the boat in the water, and get ready for those back yard BBQ's. And it's also a time when the PVD airspace starts getting busier with weekend pilots heading out to the Vineyard, Block Island, Cape Cod, and other places of leisure. It's a good time to pay extra attention looking out the window for air traffic, especially if you don't have a "fishfinder"! Do something nice, and make it a habit to bring someone along who has never experienced the joy of general aviation.

I want to thank Beth Tetreault for taking the lead organizing the PVD tower tour and dinner, which will be held at the Federal Tavern in the PVD air terminal. Make sure that you bring a photo ID, and for some reason the tour is restricted to US ....citizens. I guess that's a politically correct way of keeping terrorists out of the tower, .....

The tour will start at 5:30pm, so get there early so we can start dinner promptly at 7pm. Parking will be validated in the terminal short-term lot.

Bill Weedon President, RIPA



Decorated fire truck in the Daffodil Parade Pix/FrankO



## HANGAR FLYING

### Weekend Flying

The "SFZ Fly to Lunch Bunch" was still active in the month of April even though springtime brings windy and rainy days to New England. I think most of you would say we had more than our fair share of rain this year! We did manage to get to Block Island and Fitchburg last month to meet and eat with our little group.

My favorite flight last month was to Nantucket to attend the Annual Daffodil Festival on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, that event fell on the same day that we at SFZ have a monthly FAA Safety Seminar, which I like to attend but Nantucket won the decision because it was such a nice day for flying.

On the way out to ACK we ended up in a twenty minute hold on the west side of the island with about ten other inbound aircraft because of a Lancair (I think) went off runway 24 about two thirds of the way down and collapsed his nose gear and ended up with a custom bent propeller. This naturally closed the airport for a while. After reopening runway 33, I had to give the tower controller a thumbs-up on a nice job coordinating all the inbound traffic. At least Jan and I had a nice day on Nantucket.

Some of the seasonal airport restaurants are reopening and we are looking forward to paying them a visit. Don't be shy; you're more than welcome to join us.  
Fly Safe.....Frank Oliveira

### MASTER PILOTS AWARD

Steve Grotta, FAAS Team Program Manager, presented Tony Vassella with the Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award at the April dinner meeting.



Tony with daughter accepting award from Steve Grotta FAAS Team Program Manager,

## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting  
April 13, 2010

Bill Weedon, Vice 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. Tony Rappa was welcomed home after his extended stay in Florida. There were 52 members and friends present at the meeting. 3 more joined us later for the Safety Seminar. 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 \$2416.81 in the General Fund and \$2857.95 in the Scholarship Fund, The report was accepted.

A show of hands for members wishing to acquire a RIPA jacket was requested. The jackets have not been available for a number of years and interest is growing. Rene Cardon and Fred Crudale will make arrangements.

Myron Mitchell contributed an airplane broach for a special drawing. Dave Lachapelle won.

Door prize winners were: Mike Kelly, Jim Terry, Jan Crouse, Mrs. Falcone, Barry Miller, Rick Arnold, Tony Rappa, Ann Miller, Ann Crudale, Rene Cardon, Ryan Farley, John Sulyma, Barbara Nelson, Buz Sawyer, Howard Rowland, and Gabe Laurienzo.

Paul Carroll gave a talk on Formation Flying.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

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**Marilyn: 568 3497, Fax:568 5392, email [biagettim@cox.net](mailto:biagettim@cox.net)**

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## SAFETY SEMINAR

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### "Human Factors in Taxi Operations!"

Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 9:30 AM at Landmark Aviation Hangar 300 Jenckes Hill Road, Smithfield, RI

Topic: Get the information you need to minimize risk while operating at any airport

**Description:** Incident and accident statistics indicate that **human error is the causal factor 80% of the time!** Over the last year, **65% of runway incursions have involved human factors** on the part of pilots. Featured speaker Ken MacDonald will present an interactive seminar analyzing actual surface incursions. **Please pre-register to ensure you receive your Wings Credit!**

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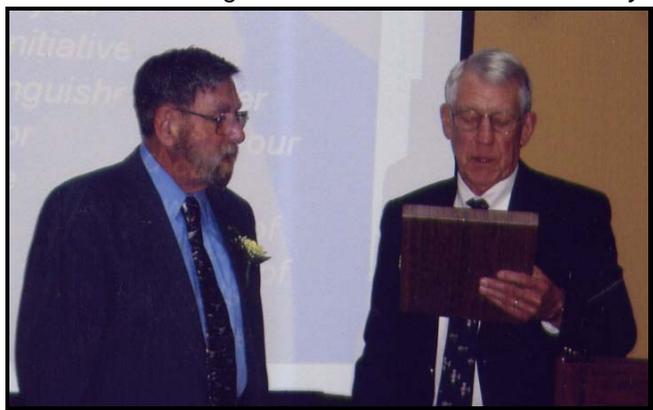
## NOTAMS

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### AERO CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND

Today Beth Tetreault and I went to the ACONe annual meeting at which ACONe makes the New England States annual awards. Adrien was the Rhode Island award person for this year. *Frank Sherman.*

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Adrien Desillier was awarded the Aero Club of New England's 2010 Rhode Island Award for his long-standing service to general aviation. Adrien first flew at Wilkins Airport in N. Attleboro 50 years ago. He started flying for Skylanes out of North Central in 1970 and has been at that airport ever since. Initially he flew 'midnight charters' when he got his commercial with Sabbie Ludovici and then transitioned to instructing when he got his CFI and CFII in 1972. He has over 10,000 hours and is currently instructing for Cindtronix. He is active with Young Eagles. Significantly, no one that he has instructed has ever failed a flight test or a written. *Don Pillsbury*



Don Pillsbury presenting ACONe award to Adrien Desillier  
pix/Frank S

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### Green Airport FOD Walk

The Annual FOD Walk At PVD will commence at 9:30am from Airport Operations 572 Airport Rd. Bring Family & friends. Contact Airport Operations, 691 2265, by May1st to ensure adequate refreshments.

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### BOARD MEETING

Dan Scanlon, Beth Tetreault, Rene Cardon and Marilyn Biagetti made it to the office for the meeting. Bill Weedon sat on route 95 waiting for an accident to be cleared. Luckily we had the cell phones so we could keep Bill informed.

Our priority was the tower tour. Beth managed to get all the arrangements coordinated so it was mainly a review.

Rene had a catalog for the jackets that will be available for members. Members interested can choose from 2 or 3 styles that were selected.

Bill arrived as we were closing the door and he joined us at the restaurant for a briefing.

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## eMAIL BAG

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Dear RIPA Thanks to Rhode Island Pilot Association my dream was easier to achieve. Thank you for your support with the scholarship during the process of getting my Privet Pilot License. I am so proud to tell you that my dream became true on January 21. I had my check ride scheduled in Horizon Aviation. I took my final FAA Practical Exam in North Central in Rhode island. Everybody was cheering for me when i was taking my practical exam.

Since 2007 i had time to think and came to conclusion that flying is not just something i would like to do in my free time. Flying is something i would like to do on everyday basis. Since January i am enrolled in IFR ground training (Instrument rating to allow me to fly in the clouds) and Commercial ground training (which is all looking like jacked-up Private Pilot license... haha.0 In 6 weeks i am staring my IFR flight training with Eagle-East Aviation in North Andover.

Life is rolling and i am loving it. Now i feel like i finally got my wings. My everyday life is full of exciting trips. Where ever i go i meet new people from all over the world. Recently i met Joe the owner of Joe's caffee in LWM Massachusetts who is Lebanese and i find out all about his life long adventures.

Ever since i earned my license i have been thinking to share this news will all of you. I finally i found some time between studying for commercial first check stage exam and writing a report on plane accident from NTSB to share this exciting news with you. Thank you RIPA for your support. Erika

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Master Pilots, Mike Falcone, Tony Rappa, Ken McDonald and Gene Bielecki gather to congratulate Tony Vassella at the April meeting.

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## MEETING NOTICE

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### TOWER TOUR

#### Reservations are necessary

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at [RIPAemail@aol.com](mailto:RIPAemail@aol.com) by May 9, 2010.

Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Time: 5:00pm –5:30pm tours begin  
7:00pm Dinner

Place: **Federal Tavern** at PVD airport  
Main terminal, second floor.

Buffet of: Garden Salad w/Italian Dressing  
Chicken Parmesan  
Ziti w/ Marinara Sauce  
Rolls w/Butter  
Mini Chocolate Lava Cakes  
Coffee/Tea (regular/Decaf)  
Cash and Carry Bar

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.

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

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### TOWER TOUR

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#### > Reservations are necessary

>Meet at The Federal Tavern in the Main Terminal at PVD as soon after 5:00pm as possible.

>Park in Short Term lot. Tickets will be validated.

>Photo ID necessary: (Drivers License, RIAC ID or Passport)

>Must be A US Citizen

>Members may go directly to the tower if they wish to forgo the meeting

>Check for updates at [RIPilots.com](http://RIPilots.com)



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### EVENTS SCHEDULE

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May 8 – Green Airport FOD Walk 9:30am

May 11 - Dinner Meeting,

Tower Tour RSVP ASAP

May 25 - Board Meeting

May 15 – Safety Seminar 9:30am at SFZ

June 8 - Dinner Meeting

Scholarship Award

September 14 - Dinner Meeting

October 12 - Dinner Meeting

November 9 - Dinner Meeting

**December 14 – Holiday Gala**

**Air Man of the Year Award**