

# THE PLANE PAPER

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Welcome Back! I hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful and safe summer, with all of the accompanying outings, concerts and beach events.

From my perspective it was a pretty good summer by comparison to the past few years. Generally speaking there appeared to be much less humidity, except for a week or so. That gave us less haze, greater visibilities and enhanced airplane performance. I for one enjoyed spending more time outdoors and of course flying.

Hopefully we've seen the last of the significant weather events for another twenty years and it goes without saying that I hope we're all here to see the next one. I can hardly wait to see what the winter brings.

I would like to take a moment to pause in remembrance of two of our members that left us this year. George Sutcliffe and Andy Chartier were both great guys and I know they will be missed.

Well it's Back to School, Back to Work and Back to the business of promoting General Aviation Safety with comradery. Look forward to seeing all of you at the meetings and in the air.

Fly Safe      Tom Magnan



## HANGAR FLYING

### Weekend Flying / Sept 2010 reprinted

The SFZ "Fly to Lunch Bunch" is still active and well. We have been meeting Saturdays and Sundays whenever the weather Gods are kind to us. A few of us met at Gene Collette's Restaurant at FIT for a bite to eat and of course a destination to fly to.

That day I was introduced to Light Sport flying. I rode along with Gabe in his Light Sport CT as we ventured out to Fitchburg. It was a nice VFR day with light winds and great visibility. The ride was comfortable and it gave me a chance to get acquainted with this little airplane. For the trip back to SFZ, Gabe was gracious enough to let me fly it home. I was thrilled to have that opportunity and didn't hesitate to take the controls. This little plane performs better than expected. It gets off the ground in short order and climbs with the best of the fleet burning only 6 GPH. Cleans up and cruises at an indicated 120 knots using only 4.5 GPH. The noise level in the cockpit is quieter than most and the engine is very smooth. The controls are a bit heavy, probably due to the spring loaded centering but that wasn't a problem. Approach to land is a very slow 54 knots which allows for a rather short landing. The alignment picture during the flair to land was the most difficult, probably because of the extremely short nose. This would take a little time to get use too. All in all, the CT was a fun plane to fly, handles well and it has very respectable numbers.

Fly Safe.....Frank Oliveira

### RIPA's 2011 Scholarship winners

**Kyle Gold**, 17, from Portsmouth, is taking lessons at Newport and has soloed. He is an honor roll student, active in skiing and golf and works part-time. He plans to attend college for aerospace engineering.



**Nicholas St Pierre**, 17, is from Tiverton. He will use his scholarship money to begin flight training. He is a member of the CAP, and a volunteer at the Quonset Air Museum, helping to restore their collection. His dream is to become an Air Force Thunderbirds Pilot.



## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting  
June 12, 2011

Tom Magnan, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. There were 54 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.

Treasurer, Beth Tetreault, reports \$3106.21 in the general fund and \$6119.46 in the Scholarship Fund. The report was accepted.

Tom Magnan attended the RIAC meeting June 8<sup>th</sup>.with Paul Carroll and reported.

Rene Cardin, Events Chair, reports that RIPA will be hosting the hospitality tent, June 24<sup>th</sup>, on the Quonset Air Show eve. Volunteers are needed. Members are invited to attend.

Mark St Pierre and Kyle Gold, RIPA's 2011 Scholarship winners were introduced.

Door prize winners were Mrs. St Pierre, Bill Weedon, Jr., Beth Tetreault, Rick Jacks, Barry Miller, Alicia St Pierre, Walt Andraka, Mrs. Montilla, Paul Tocco, Roger Biagetti and Bill Weedon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted

Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

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[www.RIPilots.com/join](http://www.RIPilots.com/join).

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## NOTAMS

**OFFICER NOMINATING BALLOT** is included in this newsletter. Please take the time to fill it out and return it. If you wish to submit your own name that is acceptable,

### **BOARD MEETING**

Tom, Dan, and Marilyn gathered to start out the new season.

The first topic of discussion was the office rental.

A problem with our roommate had arisen and needed to be addressed. It would be an inconvenience to lose the use of that room for storage, as a permanent address, and a central place to meet, even though it has not been used as much as we had hoped. If the problems cannot be resolved we will be seeking, at the least, a storage space and volunteers to help move some filing cabinets.

Arrangements for upcoming events will be verified including the Harvest Hangar Party, Thanksgiving Food Donations, and the Holiday Gala.

Nominations for officers will be solicited. If anyone has a few minutes a month and thinks they would be interested in helping, please come forward and help us keep this association vibrant. New and/or different people are needed to give the association a varied perspective and some incite for our future. RIPA has tackled many issues over the years and the members are our strength.

We ask members to consider who they would like to see nominated for Airman of the Year.

### **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 with the association emblem.

***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.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### GREENVILLE SEAPLANE FLYIN

Once again, 'tis the season for the Seaplane Fly in. This has been an annual get together for many of our members for many years. If you need information go to <http://www.seaplanefly-in.org/> or e-mail them at: [info@seaplanefly-in.org](mailto:info@seaplanefly-in.org) or call and leave a message at (207) 534-8893.

Hope to see you there.

### RHODE ISLAND PILOTS ASSOCIATION

#### 2011 OFFICER NOMINATING BALLOT

I wish to nominate:

For the office of:

Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Return by September 20, 2010 to:

RIPA Ballot  
c/o Marilyn Biagetti, 104 East Ironstone  
Road, Harrisville, RI 0283:

Or Return to the September Dinner  
Meeting

#### RIPA's sponsoring businesses

"Auto Doctor" Carlos Vares  
1524 Smith St Rt 44 No. Providence  
401 354 4111

Stanley Granite Co. Dave Czerwonka  
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91 Pawtucket Ave. Rumford  
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Group: [ripa@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ripa@yahoogroups.com)

**For sale** Exxon 20-50 W oil for sale. \$6 per quart. Have 18-20 quarts of oil due to the changing the type of oil. Call Phil at 524-1697.

**WANTED:** If by any chance you happen to know anybody looking to sell a power (electric / battery, etc.) nosewheel towbar - I'm interested in buying. Please E-mail me. Thanks, Dan Rabinovich.  
[Dan\\_Rabinovich@yahoo.com](mailto:Dan_Rabinovich@yahoo.com) -or- call (857) 350-4658

#### **Bose X head set FOR SALE**

With new ear cushions and mic cover. Drop cord is set up for standard audio & mic jacks. Includes carrying case. \$500.00 Joe Simanski 401-399-2580



#### **Comant XM Antenna CI-420-1:**

This is a brand new Comant Industries XM Satellite Antenna Model CI-420-1. It is in its original box and has the 8130 form with it. This item sells for over \$520.00 on every aviation site. It is compatible with Garmin, Avidyne, and others. Asking: \$250.00. Larry 401-714-2220

**Based at SFZ: 1969 Piper Arrow PA 28-200R**, Factory Reman Lycoming, New Hartzell Prop, IFR with Dual Narco Digital Radios & Glideslope CDI's, Panel Mounted GPS, Auto Pilot, Nice Cross Country Aircraft \$13,500 for 1/3 share or \$20,000 for 1/2 share Call Al for details 401-578-4494

#### **USED CESSNA PARTS FOR SALE:**

\*Complete **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 \$600  
\*One complete set of **McCaughey main wheels and brake calipers** from a Cessna 172M. All in good condition. Removed for upgrade with Cleveland wheels. Asking \$150

\***Sigtronics Intercom**, SPA-400, w/ installation manual. Asking \$100.

\***ARC marker beacon receiver R-402A** (24V). Asking \$75.

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

\*(NEW) **Rapco vacuum instrument filter**: #RA 1J10-1, \$10.

\*Seven Quarts of **Aeroshell W65**, asking \$30.

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). 123 Ocean State Dr. North Kingstown, 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](mailto:biagettim@cox.net)

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## MEETING NOTICE

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Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by September 11, 2011

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 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: Cajun Pork chops,  
Baked Salmon,  
Meatballs & Penne Marinara,  
Garden Salad w/assorted dressings,  
Garden Vegetables,  
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes,  
Rice Pilaf,  
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.

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## GUEST SPEAKER

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September – Barry Morgan PVD Tower

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104 East Ironstone Road  
Harrisville, RI 02830

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## EVENTS SCHEDULE

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September 8-11- Greenville Flyin

September 13 – Dinner Meeting

September 26 – Board Meeting

October 11– Dinner Meeting

October 25– Board Meeting

October – Harvest Hangar Party

October 29 -Annual Rhode Island Aviation Hall of  
Fame induction dinner

November 14– Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting  
Food Basket donations

November 29– Board Meeting

**December – Holiday Gala**

**Air Man of the Year Award**

December 27– Board Meeting