

# THE PLANE PAPER

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings fellow pilots and friends,

I am looking forward to seeing more of you at the October dinner meeting. September was lightly attended and as you may know we have a minimum requirement for meals at Chelo's so please try to attend.

The Fly RI cookout for Block Island was unfortunately doomed by fog on Saturday morning but our faithful VP, Rene and his grillmaster, Lowell Cornell, salvaged the day at SFZ. We set the grill up and cooked for all those who were at the airport waiting to fly. Dan Scanlon did make it out to BI and was vectored back to North Central by the good folks at Hawthorne whom we had called earlier. Sorry for any inconveniences this may have caused.

We do have a lot on the late for the fall though. There will be a hangar party on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October at PVD thanks to Gary St Germain. We will be in his FBO again for this years party. Our nominating committee has a slate of officers selected but we will open the floor to more nominations of course. Please, if you have any interest in helping your association, come forward at the dinner meeting or contact Rene Cardon. I think he will be in town for a few days! We are also seeking some ideas for speakers. Send them along to any board member.

Finally, I am not stepping down as the president of this great organization before my term ends. I am simply not seeking a second term. I have enjoyed this position and I hope

I continued to improve RIPA as past presidents have. Thank you all for the support you have given the board and me this past year.

See you at dinner. Paul.



Three float planes in formation on final to Greenville Seaplane Base, taken from the Indian Head Motel. Frank O/Pix



## HANGAR FLYING

RIPA attendance at the Greenville Seaplane Flyin was very impressive. 19 members and friends attended Saturday evening's dinner at the Birches. Frank Oliveira arrived earlier Friday when threatening skies and gusty winds posed a challenging landing. Clearing skies late in the afternoon, allowed many to land before dark.

Saturday, the day of competition, was it's usual glorious self. The great weather brought other RIPA members just for the day. The competitions, the sidewalk bazaar, the food booths, the airplane concessions and demos, the continuing flyby, old friends and the town itself all add up to an interesting experience. Rene Cardon organized the dinner at The Birches for our members and arranged for their transportation.

Frank reports that the trip back Sunday was VFR and smooth, with a light head wind.



Adrian Dessillier & Jan, Lowell & Karen Cornell, Phil Sargent, Art Lieman, Frank & Janet Sherman, Jack Crouse, Rene Cardon, Tobe Biard with wife, Rene & Ann Roy, Bob Danis and Dick Gould at the Birches. 9/11/04 Frank O/Pix

RHODE ISLAND PILOTS ASSOCIATION  
DINNER MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

Paul Tocco, president, called the meeting to order at 7:09pm at Chelo's Restaurant on Post Road in Warwick, RI. Dan Scanlon led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and we then observed a moment of silence. After introductions of the 35 members and guests Paul thanked the hosts for the night, Marilyn Biagetti and Dee Scanlon.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2004 dinner meeting was seconded and passed.

Dan Scanlon, treasurer, reported a balance of \$6,967.85 in the general account and \$2,725.39 in the Scholarship account. A motion to approve the report was seconded and passed.

Upcoming events include Chili/Chowder Cookout @ OQU on 9/18, BID Fly In/Cookout on 10/2, October hangar party (probably 10/16) @ Corporate Air (PVD), Holiday Gala at Quonset "O" Club 12/11, and RI Aviation Hall of Fame in December (date TBA). Next year the Chili/Chowder Cookout will be held on 5/22 in conjunction with the FAA runway safety days.

The Scholarship Committee reports that it is nearing the start up for next year.

The nominating committee is working on a slate of officers for the coming year. If anyone is interested in being the new president please contact Rene Cardon or any board member.

Through the efforts of many the RI Aircraft Tax Relief passed and will be effective 1/1/05.

Winners of the 20 Week drawing for \$25.00 each are as follows: Susan Wallace, Peter Hull, Brandon Catelli, Marianne Lamothe, Cynthia Bielecki, Andy Anderson, Mitchell Sullivan and Bill Croasdale. Door Prize winners were as follows: Bob Wolffe, Red Wine; Lowell Cornell, White Wine; William Martins, RIPA Keychain; Dee Scanlon, Window Cleaner; Roger Biagetti, Lottery Scratch Ticket; Rick Arnold, RIPA Keychain; Tony Rappa, Lotter Scratch Ticket and Dick Buraby, RIPA Wings Pin.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Richard Gould, gave a presentation on competition aerobatic flying.

After thanking the speaker for a wonderful job, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Hanson, Secretary

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### SOLOS & NEW RATINGS

We would like to congratulate all who strive to maintain and advance their knowledge of aviation.

Gary St. Germain - Commercial, 8/23/04 w/Scot McCoy at Cooperate Air Charter  
Jim McAreavey - Private, 9/7/04 w/Scot McCoy at Cooperate Air Charter

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## NOTAMS

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### NOMINATIONS

Rene Cardon, Nominating Chair, and his committee., Frank Sherman, and Frank Oliveiera, will present their slate of candidates at the October meeting dinner meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

### RENEWAL MAILING

Members will be solicited to help with renewal mailing at the October 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. The meeting will convene at 6:30pm at RIPA's office in Hangar #1, PVD.

### WINNERS

Winners of the 20 Week drawings of \$25.00 each for August and September were drawn at the dinner meeting as follows: Susan Wallace, Peter Hull, Brandon Catelli, Marianne Lamothe, Cynthia Bielecki, Andy Anderson, Mitchell Sullivan and Bill Croasdale.

[ripa] Off The Air at SFZ 9/9 [pills@verizon.net](mailto:pills@verizon.net)

The Air at SFZ

Currently the NBD and the AWOS are off the air at SFZ. The NDB is planned to be decommissioned because parts are no long available. The AWOS is off the air (and the approach lights to rwy 5 are out) because the cable is old. The cable, owned by the FAA, was cut by the contractor installing new security fencing. He repaired the break but then the cable failed several hundred feet away. There was an FAA generator supplying power but that was called to Florida to be returned who knows when. They are letting a contract to replace the entire length of cable.

Speaking of fencing, there will be an 8 foot fence around all the outlying airports. At SFZ, the four foot vehicle gate will become 8 foot. There will be two keypad controlled gates; one at the terminal and one at Skylanes.

Sad. What a put-off for the fathers showing their sons small airplanes. Too bad. Welcome to the post 9/11 world.  
Thanks Don Pillsbury (see comments in Email)

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Please make note that my email has changed... Old was steveult@aol.com the new one is steveult@cox.net  
Thanks Steve Klinger

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The Chili/Chowdah Flyin scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> was canceled because of Ivan. It will be held in May to take advantage of the weather.

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The Board Members conducted normal business of selecting a menu, checking on expenditures, checking assignments and their progress, arrangements made, fielding suggestions, complaints, and ideas. Rene Cardon and his committee have been working to get the slate together. Korrie Labrie managed to fly in the door before we could appoint her to any more committees. Plans were made to have the renewal mailing at the next board meeting. All this while we were trying to hear about the happenings at the Greenville Seaplane Flyin. Paul insisted we stay on track. Although he is very adamant about the meeting being just 1 hour long, I notice that it is quite a time before the door is finally locked after the meeting in adjourned.

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"Overheard this one while in the pattern at PBH..."

Pilot: Price County traffic, Experimental ##### will be going down in the lake off the end of 01.

Unicom: Will notify Sheriff's department immediately. Hang on!  
Pilot: .....Uh, negative.....we're an Amphibian.



1945 Grumman Widgeon at Greenville Frank O/Pix

## EVENTS

**RI AVIATION HALL OF FAME DINNER** (Second Annual) induction will take place Saturday evening, October 23 at the Varnum Armory in East Greenwich. This event will be held in conjunction with the 38th annual meeting of the Northeast Aero Historians, hosted by USS Saratoga Museum Foundation and Quonset Air Museum.

The participation of all local aviation-related groups is welcome. Reserve early. Contact Frank Lennon [SaratogaMuseum@aol.com](mailto:SaratogaMuseum@aol.com), USS Saratoga Museum Foundation, Inc. 401-831-8696

### HARVEST HANGAR PARTY

Gary StGermaine will again open his facility, Corporate Air Charter, for a Harvest Hangar Party on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Located in the Hangar #1 building on Airport Road, Warwick, flying or drive-ins are welcome.

A buffet, decorations, music, etc will once again set the tone. Korrie Labrie and Paul Tocco along with Gary's crew, you can be assured, will make this another outstanding get together.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**Wanted: PILOTS** The Civil Air Patrol is in need of pilots. The CAP meets on Tuesday evening at Hangar #1 Airport Road Warwick.

**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](mailto:biagettim@cox.net)

## FROM THE e-MAILBAG

Subject: Re: [ripa] Off The 9/9 [Dan\\_Rabinovich@yahoo.com](mailto:Dan_Rabinovich@yahoo.com)  
Air at SFZ

Don Thanks for yr update (I was wondering about the AWOS). The post-sep-11 world is different indeed. I guess "fathers with their kids" can still be let in "manually" by a pilot passing-by. It is sad. Daniel

[ripa] Promoting general 9/9 [rol.murrow@wolf-aviation.org](mailto:rol.murrow@wolf-aviation.org)  
aviation and airports

Don and Dan, Perhaps RIPA and the SFZ airport support group could consider some programs to make up for the new restrictions.

For instance, a group of volunteers could set aside one or a few times each week when they would be willing to give the visitors a tour, and post that information on a sign outside the fence near what has been traditionally the "airplane watching" spot, or the gate to it.

A phone number and/or website address could be posted which folks could access to learn the tour schedules. Perhaps start with one on Saturday afternoon, then add others if demand increases.

Likewise be sure there is provision for teachers at schools to offer their classes field trips to the airport. Sometimes airport management can conduct these, but it is even more wonderful when pilots help out and perhaps offer the kids a look into their aircraft, or even a chance to sit at the controls.

Finally, many airports are now setting up good vantage points outside the fence where the public can park and watch the planes and read a bulletin board describing the airport and its coming events. Sometimes these feature a raised observation deck, perhaps with a picnic table, set back from the fence a bit and high enough so visitors can have a clear view over the fence. Remember that in addition to steps some form of access for handicapped persons should be provided, such as a ramp.

AOPA has lots of materials describing such ideas and programs as part of the Airport Support Network program, including a great video. We at the Wolf Aviation Fund also have a guidebook and video for use by an airport support or management group, called Lessons Learned - First Aid Kit for Airports, available from our website at [www.wolf-aviation.org](http://www.wolf-aviation.org). Thanks for all you do in support of aviation! Rol

Rol Murrow, Executive Director THE WOLF AVIATION FUND

Subject: [ripa] Looking for a good restaurant to fly to in VT  
Date: 9/22/2004

From: [rsgam@yahoo.com](mailto:rsgam@yahoo.com)

I am looking to fly to VT this weekend and was wondering if anyone could recommend a good spot to set down and enjoy a good meal. I don't do turf landings. Not enough hours/courage yet. Thanks

From: [Teeth6@aol.com](mailto:Teeth6@aol.com)

No turf landings leaves out Basin Harbor but the runway is long and wide and in beautiful shape. They have a fantastic lunch there. Hi Larry,

From: [ifly@cox.net](mailto:ifly@cox.net)

Norm and I love to fly to Montpelier. The restaurant on the field is first class...Cheryl

From: [GRock75@AOL.COM](mailto:GRock75@AOL.COM)

The best place to fly for a meal or a weekend is the Basin Harbor Club on Lake Champlain. Its about 90 minutes from here. Its a grass strip but it is really the 19th hole of the golf course. So its like landing on the lawn. The hotel is 4 star and they will pick you up at the tie down area. So practice up on your landings. It is worth the effort. Jerry Rock

From: [rsgam@yahoo.com](mailto:rsgam@yahoo.com)

Wow. Thanks for all the great input. Maybe I should ask where a good place to practice turf landings would be :)

## MEETING NOTICE

Call 782 4743 or email [RIPAEMAIL@AOL.COM](mailto:RIPAEMAIL@AOL.COM) by 4:00pm Friday October 8, 2004 to make your reservations.

Date: Tuesday October 12, 2004  
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: Buffet Roasted Garlic & Chicken with Red Peppers, Sausage Penne with Vodka Sauce, Baked Scrod, vegetables  
Mixed Desserts, Coffee and Tea.  
Price: \$20 per person  
\$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 for coffee and dessert.

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

Hosts Deborah Tocco & Marilyn

## GUEST SPEAKER

To be announced

President: Paul Tocco -397 5088, [wenmold@aol.com](mailto:wenmold@aol.com)  
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## EVENTS SCHEDULE

10/7 - **Safety Seminar** CCRI Warwick  
10/12 - **Dinner Meeting**  
10/23 - Second Annual Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame induction at the Varnum Armory in East Greenwich  
10/26 - **Board Meeting**  
**10/30 - Harvest Hangar Party**  
Corporate Air Charter Hangar#1 7:00pm  
10/23 - Second Annual Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame induction at the Varnum Armory in East Greenwich  
10/26 - Board Meeting Hangar #1 6:30pm  
**11/9 - Dinner Meeting**  
**12/11 - Holiday Gala Quonset "O" Club**

## SAFETY SEMINARS

Date: October 7, 2004  
Time: Thursday, 7:00pm  
Place: CCRI Warwick Rm 2510  
Topic: CFI Practical Test Study  
Thinking of becoming a CFI? Already a CFI and would like to get up to speed on the latest regs and reg changes? This seminar will be a help to you to prepare to become a CFI, to learn the latest regs and info that you will need to teach in today's technical environment. FAA Safety Inspector Paul Falzarano will be the guest speaker for this informative seminar.  
Sponsor: Designated Pilot Examiner Gene Bielecki  
Co-sponsored by Rhode Island Pilot's Association

**Marilyn Biagetti EDITOR**  
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