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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Another year is coming to a close. The summer is over, fall is just beginning, the holidays are just around the corner, and before you know it 2009 will be here. The Rhode Island Pilots Association (RIPA) needs a few good people to lead us. Please volunteer wherever you can, whenever you can. The following positions are open: president, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. We are always looking for help on committees and for help at events such as the upcoming safety seminar and the holiday social in December. Contact Rene Cardon or me if you want to volunteer.

RIPA will be presenting the Airman of the Year award again this year; we have wonderful members, nominate one.

RIPA will be introducing a new fundraising event at the October meeting we'll be holding a 50/50 raffle. Buy a ticket and you could make a profit!!

I look forward to seeing you all on the 14th at the meeting and the 25th at the Harvest Party. For everyone else Happy Halloween!!

Beth

HANGAR FLYING

Weekend Flying

During the month of September there is little to report from the "Fly to Lunch Bunch". It has been a rather wet month which has limited new adventures to talk about. Some of us were able to fly on Thursday evenings to share conversation during dinner and build night competency on the way home. We have been going to Plymouth (PYM), Southbridge (3B0) and Windham (IJD) on Thursday evenings because they have restaurants that are open for dinner. FYI: Jim's Fly In Diner at 3B0 will be closing for the season on November 9th. You can always call me (days: 401-787-2338) on Thursdays for a destination if you care to join us.

Frank Oliveira



Hanger Flying

My destination on Friday, September 5th, was Greenville Maine to attend the Annual Sea Plane Fly-in. Along with my trusty co-pilot, Dave Czerwonka, we launched into a nice blue sky with a 20 knot tail wind. How nice is that? Our first stop was Sanford, Maine for a bite to eat and meet up with Paul Tocco and his friend Peter. The rest of the flight was uneventful, which is a good thing for the most part. We were rather surprised to see a lack of planes at (3B1). I would guess the pending weather for Saturday and Sunday kept most of the regular folks away. Saturday morning fog didn't burn off until noon, but the afternoon was real nice, so the sea plane events could go on.

On Saturday evening the Rhode Island clan all met at Rene Cardon's house for a steak dinner with all the fixings, including a birthday cake for yours truly. I thank all who attended. I'm sure everyone had a wonderful time.

Rain moved in on Saturday night and stayed on and off until Sunday afternoon. After checking out the B52 crash site on Elephant Mountain we were able to launch for home around 3:30 Sunday afternoon and made the whole journey VFR because the weather was better to the south. This was another fine flying adventure to remember.

Frank Oliveira



Grumman Albatross

pix/FrankO



A few of us at Rene's place

pix/FrankO

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
September 9, 2008

Beth Tetreault called the meeting to order at 7:10pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. There were 37 members and friends present, After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed for those who can't be with us and service men everywhere. Introductions followed.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported that there was \$2213.09 in the General Fund and \$2233.42 in the Scholarship Fund. The report was accepted.

The Secretaries report was accepted as published in the Plane Papers.

Notes: after the summer break:
Carlos Vares is the AOPA representative for PVD
Gabe Laurienzo had heart surgery.

Upcoming Events include the Harvest Party at Corporate Air on October 25th and The Holiday Gala at the Quonset "O" Club on December 13th.

No nominations have been received as yet. There is a need for a Recording Secretary.

Airman of the Year Nomination will close.

Block Island's terminal, Quonset's FBO and Providence's taxiway should be finished soon.

RIPA is trying to arrange a Seminar at North Central.
Jack Keenan has been reassigned to Denver and Winsor Locks FSDO has absorbed our area.

The windsock at PVD is new.
There will be a Jet pull September 20 at PVD.
An Aviation Expo at PVD northwest ramp has no date yet.

The 20 Week club winner is Dennis Angelone for August and Dan Scanlon for September.

Door prize winners include: Dan Scanlon, Myron Mitchell, Dan Westberg, Rick Jacks, Bill Weedon, Pat Andraka, Dan Rabinovich, Gabe Laurienzo, Fred Crudale, Rick Arnold and Jan Sherman.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm

Respectfully Submitted
Maril yn Biagetti Acting Secretary

RIPA's sponsoring businesses



ROGER BIAGETTI
EXCAVATING

SAFETY SEMINAR

Date: October 18, 2008

Time: 10:00AM

Place: North Central Airport /New Hangar/Terminal

Speaker: **Doug Stewart** "National Certificated Flight Instructor of the Year for 2004". A Gold Seal Instructor, and Designated Pilot Examiner, he is based at the Columbia County Airport (1B1) in Hudson, NY. He writes a monthly safety/training column called "The Vintage Instructor" for "Vintage Airplane" magazine, and serves as an aviation safety counselor for both the Windsor Locks and Albany FSDOs.

Doug serves as NAFI's "Chief Flight Instructor Specialist" at Flight Instructor Headquarters at AirVenture in Oshkosh every summer.

From DSFI, Inc. - Who is Doug Stewart?

RIPA will provide coffee and treats. At lunch break, Rene Cardon will man the grill with hamburgers and hotdogs.

HANGAR FLYING

OSHKOSH

Probably the best part was we had a week without any rain! The typical Wisconsin tent eating thunderstorms bypassed OSH this year. Attendance was very good even with the high fuel prices.



I attached a picture of the Boeing Dreamliner. This is a modified 747-400 used to ferry parts for the new 787 Dreamliner. 3 dreamliners are currently in use with a 4th being modified. The tail swings

to allow access to the unpressurized cargo section

Pix/Howard Rowland

A highlight for me was attending a talk by one of the few Doolittle Tokyo Raiders that is still alive- Lt. Col. Richard E. Cole, copilot of aircraft #1. He signed my copy of "The Doolittle Raid". Howard Rowland



Listening to Oshkosh Tower transmissions on LiveATC.net last week, I overheard a controller tell an approaching seaplane:

Oshkosh Controller: "Amphib landing runway 36, the runway is dry; check for wheels down."

EVENTS

Harvest Hangar Party hosted by Gary and Gayle St Germaine at the Corporate Air hangar on Airport Road in Warwick at 6:30 Saturday October 25th. Bring a friend and/or something for the pot luck buffet if you wish, but please come.

RIPA's Holiday Gala will be held On December 13th at The "O" Club at Quonset Point. Mark your calendar and join the festivities.

NOTAMS

The **Nominating Committee** will be looking for new people to fill the vacant Recording Secretary's position and/or Treasurer, President, Vice President, and Corresponding Secretary positions in that order. If you would be interested or have the time, please consider helping.

BOARD MEETING

Beth Tetreault, Marilyn Biagetti, Rene Cardon and Bill Weedon met at the office. Dan Scanlon checked in by telephone.

The main topic was the upcoming Safety Seminar. It has taken some effort to finally get one scheduled in RI since the reorganization of the FFAST team. Scheduled for Saturday October 19th 9:00 am to 1:00pm, in the Landmark hangar at SFZ. **Doug Stewart** will be the speaker. RIPA will provide coffee and treats. At lunch break, Rene Cardon will man the grill with hamburgers and hotdogs.

No one has volunteered or been nominated to run for offices that are available. Beth will ask for nominees at the meeting. Only one AOTY nomination was made.

STAY IN TOUCH Join RIPA'S YAHOO Group. To join go to www.RIPilots.com/join. Remember if you have changed your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Beech BE-55 Baron for sale. 9869 TT, 202 SMOH/760 SNEW. GAMI injectors, Air Wolf remote oil filters, leather seats, 136 gallons fuel, century III AP, KLN-94 GPS, HSI w/slave compass, 70 A alternators, deice boots, Whelan strobes, EZ-heat engine preheaters, NU-lite panel lights, speedslope windscreen, plumbed for oxygen, complete logs, fresh annual, more. Asking \$94,995. Listed with Tsunami Aircraft Sales, Westerly. Contact Bill Weedon 401-474-8082. (check details at www.RIPilots.com/classified)

FOR SALE: Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL(cases & drums). SHELL Flight Jacket, plane care products are now available at 123 Ocean State Dr. No. Kingston, 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

eMAIL BAG

Mon 9/8/08

A small but significant victory in the fight against unreasonable "airport user charges" (FAA terminology) has been achieved at Washington Dulles International Airport. In response to a informal complaint to the FAA Eastern Regional Office filed by AOPA member and Cessna 421 owner/pilot Bill Weedon, a \$75 security fee charged by Landmark Aviation has been waived (at least temporarily) and refunded, and ramp fees have been lowered. The \$75 security fee, charged on top of a \$17.79 landing fee and \$60 ramp fee, was charged temporarily for a US Congress "Business Round Table" event, where Microsoft founder Bill Gates spoke at a congressional hearing. The other Landmark customers (including Mr. Weedon) who happened to land at IAD that day and had nothing to do with the event were charged the \$75 fee. Mr. Weedon argued to the FAA that he did not directly benefit from the security fee and therefore the fee was "unfair and unreasonable". In addition, he argued that a second \$60 ramp fee charged by Landmark on the same day was excessive when he had to return to IAD to pick up a cell phone that he forgot in the FBO.

Fortunately, the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority and Landmark Aviation came to their senses, and agreed to refund the security fee and additional ramp fee, at least for the time being. They vowed to re-evaluate the security requirements to determine if the increased costs are necessary. On a subsequent visit to Landmark Aviation at Dulles, Mr. Weedon noticed that the ramp fee was lowered to \$30. This kind of "pushback" by pilots is needed to counter the rapidly escalating airport user charges at many public-use airports, particularly by FBOs, which in many cases do not meet the "fair and reasonable" test, are driving up the cost of flying.

Bill Weedon AOPA ASN Volunteer OQU/RI

SOME NOTES

From Martha Dunbar

Stan Barbas of Middleton has recently died. He was a member of RI Pilots.

From: Janni Miele

Bridgewater State College is looking to find a flight instructor and a dispatcher for their flight operations center. See: <https://jobs.bridgew.edu> and click on the "Hourly" button to see these listings.

Heard on Denver approach frequency:

Approach:"Great Lakes One Twenty Three, traffic six o'clock, two miles, 1000 feet above you, a 737."

Great Lakes:"Approach, Great Lakes One Twenty Three, if I told you I could see him, I'd be lying."

Approach:"If you told me you could see him, you'd be my mother — 'cause you'd have eyes in the back of your head."

MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAEmail@aol.com by October 12, 2008.

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2008

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*

Buffet of:

Scrod au Gratin and Boneless Cajun
Pork Chops, vegetables, potato, rice
pilaf, and fresh baked bread.

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 if you would like coffee and dessert.

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

GUEST SPEAKERS

October - Ken MacDonald

Why Pilots are Vulnerable to Runway Incursions



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

October 14 – Dinner Meeting

October 18- Safety Seminar at SFZ

9: am to 1:00pm

Doug Stewart speaker

Refreshments and lunch available

October 25 –Harvest Hanger Party

6:30 at Corporate Air PVD

October 28 - Board Meeting

November 11 – Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting

Bring a non perishable food donation

November 25 - Board Meeting

December 13 – Holiday Gala

Quonset "O" Club

December 30 - Board Meeting