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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Another year come and gone. This will be my last message as President of the Rhode Island Pilots Association. I enjoyed the two years I served as President and want to thank all those who helped make my term successful. Dan Scanlon, and everyone that contributed time and resources and will be back with you next year. I ask that you provide them the same support I received. I especially want to thank for all he contributed each and every month. Rene embodies the spirit of this organization.

This time of the year, the holiday season, always reminds me of what I value most, friends and family. The lights on our trees, the candles in our windows and the fire in our hearth all represent the brightness and joy we find in our hearts.

Let's share our blessings, spread the glow, and light up someone's life, as there is always someone less fortunate than us.

I wish you all a happy and prosperous holiday season and a happy and safe New Year!

Beth



HANGAR FLYING

Weekend Flying

Welcome back and I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving holiday as I did. 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. Last Saturday, the 21st, 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 trilled 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



Gabe's Light Sport CT

Pix/FrankO

CLASSIFIED ADS

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
November 10, 2009

Beth Tetreault, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:14pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance we observed a moment of silence for remembrance. There were 63 members and friends present. 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 \$1537.54 in the General Fund and \$4547.95 in the Scholarship Fund. The report was accepted.

Announcements:

- Membership renewal invoices have been mailed.
- Scholarship applications are available at the desk.
- The Holiday Gala is scheduled for December 12th at the Quonset "O" Club... Reservations are needed. Contact Dan Scanlon.

The Slate of Officers was presented: Bill Weedon; President, Beth Tetreault; Vice President, Dan Scanlon; Treasurer, Marilyn Biagetti; corresponding Secretary. Once again a nomination was requested for Recording Secretary. None were presented.

The Airman of the Year was announced. Tom Magnan has been selected.

Door Prize winners were Cindy Depault, Alan Smiley, Jr, Richard Jacks, Boris Rotman,, Paul Parks, Dee Scanlon, Buz Sawyer, Myron Mitchell, Pat Andraka, Barry Miller, Kim Ellin, and Sue Pillsbury.

Twenty Week Club winners were Pete Belinsky, Steve Nelson, and Roger Biagetti

Marie Anne Lamothe spoke about the CAP.
Frank Lennon invited members to the RI Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

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USED C172 PARTS FOR SALE:

- Complete original **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 \$800
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 - Cessna 172 **Parts Manual**, 1963 - 1974, \$25
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 - 3 sealed cans of **AVBLEND** oil additive. \$45
- Call Frank...days 401-787-2338 or evenings 401-727-2580

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eMAIL BAG

Frank Sherman sent this along.
A Russian Amphibious Aircraft Enjoy!
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To join RIPA'S YAHOO Group go to www.RIPilots.com/join. Remember if you have changed your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.

EVENTS



Tom and wife of 33 years Mary Ann

RIPA 2009 Airman of the Year Thomas J. Magnan

Thomas J. Magnan has been selected as the 2009 RIPA Airman of the Year. Mr. Magnan recently retired as Commander of Detachment 23 Operational Support Airlift

of the Rhode Island Army National Guard. Through his extensive career, he has flown over 20,000 flight hours in more than 50 different aircraft, holds several type ratings and is a dual-rated instructor and ATP aviator in both helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft.

He started his aviation career as a helicopter pilot, and flew 704 combat hours in Viet Nam (1969-70). In 1973, Tom's friend and colleague Joe Ludovici introduced him to his dad Sabbie Ludovici, who taught him to fly airplanes and perform aerobatics. Tom became a CFII for single- and multi-engine airplanes and helicopters, as well as an aerobatic instructor. Tom remained with the RI Army National Guard as an Aviation Maintenance Officer through 1979.

From 1979-82, Tom was a test pilot at MIT/Lincoln Labs where he was an engineering flight test coordinator and chief pilot for the rotary wing section, and lead test pilot for several fixed wing projects. In 1982, Mr. Magnan returned full time to the RI Army National Guard, this time as a senior instructor pilot and instrument flight examiner for both fixed and rotary wing aircraft. He was responsible to the commander for the oversight and management of all aviators assigned to the RIARNG to include the completion of all annual training requirements and the conduct of all new equipment training.

From Oct 2005 – Nov 06 Mr Magnan was assigned to active duty as a C-23 pilot with Company D, 1st Battalion, 126th Aviation regiment, stationed in Balad AB Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In Oct 2008 – 09 he served a second tour of duty, in support of both Iraqi Freedom and Edduring Freedom, this time stationed in Ali Al Salem, Kuwait, where he provided transportation to flag officers and senior executives from the DoD with annual flying program in excess of 2000 hours. His aviation duties took him extensively throughout Southwest Asia, North, South and Central America and the Caribbean. Tom retired from the Rhode Island Army National Guard at Age 60 as a Chief Warrant Officer 5 (CW5) in June 2009, and is currently a self-employed aviation consultant.



my 1st solo in the H-23 in Nov 68

NOTAMS

Holiday Gala

The Holiday Gala will be held at Chelo's on Tuesday, December 8th. Low response to the original party caused it to be cancelled but Chelo's was happy to accommodate us.

Please join us in honoring our Airman of the Year and for the grand prize drawing of the 20 Week Club. Rene, Dee and Marilyn are planning a few treats.

We hope to see you there.....

20 WEEK CLUB RAFFLE

The final drawings will take place at the Gala December 8th. Tickets will be available until the final drawing by contacting Rene Cardon (401)651-3528, 20 Week Club Chair, or at the door. Thank you for your support of our Scholarship Fund.

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GALA NOTICE

Holiday Gala has been changed

Due to the very poor response for reservations the Gala at the Quonset "O" Club had to be cancelled. We realize that this has not been a good year and many personal extras have had to be curtailed, so arrangements were made with Chelo's to hold the Gala there on Tuesday evening.

We hope this will have a better response. Come and honor our Airman of the Year.

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by December 6, 2009.

Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2009

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: **Seaside Buffet**

Baked Haddock Rice Pilaf, Garden
Vegetable Medley, Meatballs & Ziti
Marinara, Garden Salad w/house
dressing, Fresh Bread, Chef's Choice
Dessert
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 meeting.



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EVENTS SCHEDULE



December 29 - Board Meeting
January 12- Dinner Meeting