

# THE PLANE PAPER

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings RI Pilots:

I would like to thank you in advance for renewing your membership to the Rhode Island Pilots Association. It is our strength in numbers that gives us a voice within the aviation community. Collectively, we are recognized, by The RI Airport Corporation, the FAA, and State Officials, as a group of pilots with a concern for safety and commerce.

RIPA has been well served by our past board members. The following RIPA officers are retiring from RIPA service: Paul Tocco, Rene Cardon, Iris Dewhurst, and Cheryl Hanson. I am thankful that Marilyn Biagetti, Bill Weeden, Dan Scanlon and Korrie LaBrie will be serving on your board. It is our past strong leadership and dedicated service that makes our organization great. Their efforts are evident in the termination of RI Sales Tax, this past year, on all Aviation related products and services (including airplanes). The aviation industry in Rhode Island will benefit greatly.

Please come to our January Meeting on the 11th. We will recognize that Airman of the Year, and Tom Lafen of the Providence Tower will be speaking to us about some changes coming to PVD.

Freedom is Flight - Share it with others.

Paul Carroll



## HANGAR FLYING

Here is the **Fly to Lunch Bunch** from SFZ. This time we ended up at Windham, CT. (IJD) on the first Saturday of December. There were four aircraft and six pilots to enjoy the nice day of flying, food and camaraderie. If anyone would like to join us, just give one of us a call on Saturday or Sunday morning around 9 am to get the details. We usually start out at SkyLANES Flight School, so we can be reached there, or my cell # is 401-474-7687. Hope you can join us. Frank Oliveira



Picture was taken on the ramp at IJD. From left to right is Dick Gould, Phil Sargent, Ed O'Neil, Frank Oliveira, Rene Cardon and Ron Stewart manipulating my camera                      pix/FrankO

## HOLIDAY GALA

The halls were decked and the group was jolly as RIPA members gathered to celebrate the holiday season at the Quonset "O" Club. As usual, the camaraderie abounded, the food was great and the music fit the mood. We thank DTech Entertainment, the Quonset "O" Club, those who donated the many door prizes and all who attended to make this the grandest gala of all.

Door Prize winners included Adrien Desillier – wine; Steve Lynch - detail kit; Lila Olivearia – Wine; Ed O'Neil –blanket; Louise Falan – Pen & pencil set; Jack Crouse – Clock; Beth Tetreault – clip pen; John Spadaro – pen; Evelyn Ludovici – pen; Ron Rivet – Blanket; Joe Ludovici - Pen & pencil set; Paul Tocco - Pen & pencil set; Bret Smith – clip pen; Bill Weedon – cookies; Dan Hartman –pen; Lowell Cornell –wine; Marianne Lamothe – mugs; Jan Mele – xmas ornament; Paul Blanding –Hat; Ed O'Neil – bag.

The final drawing for the Twenty-Week Club included: Joan Falcone - \$25, Dan Pillsbury - \$25; Dan Bell -\$25, Jerry Scanlon -\$25; A. Bruzzerro - \$250; Craig Cardon - \$500; Peter Bettenski - \$1000

## NOTAMS

### DUES ARE DUE

Help keep the voice of General Aviation loud. Our members are our strength. Please renew your membership and show that you have a concern. We welcome your support, comments and especially your help.

### BOARD MEETING

Members trickled in to the meeting but that gave us a chance to discuss the coming year. The incoming officers were briefed and their ideas reviewed. All in all it was very productive.

Paul Carroll would like to attract as many members as possible to dinner meetings and had a very impressive list of speakers for the coming year; some scheduling is still being arranged. The events schedule was created, and many past events reinstated to make the selection as varied as possible.

Frank Oliviera proposed uniting the normal weekend flyouts of the SFZ pilots with a We Fly For Food or Fly to Lunch Bunch to give members a destination; he even volunteered his cell phone number. As all pilots like to fly their own plane and especially like company, they are hoping to get planeless members and/or friends to join them. Sunday they went to Suffolk County (FOK) on Long Island with 11.

Rene Cardon and Lowell Cornell will again run the FLY RI cookouts at each of the states airports. These events gave RIPA exposure and members a chance to visit our other airports. Thank you Rene & Lowell.

As you may notice, I decided to revamp the newsletter a little. I'm hoping to make it easier to get it onto the webpage.

I showed the board members a sample of nametags that I made up. They will be available at meetings and members are asked to return them at the door at the end of the night.

After some debate, the board decided to have the Airman of the Year presentation at the February dinner meeting and to have to next presentation at the Holiday Gala as it was in years pass. This would allow us to give the award the prestige it deserves.

## FROM THE TOWER

### ASDE-X

We are very happy to have our ASDE-X radar equipment operating in the control tower. The ASDE-X is a radar system that allows the tower controllers to be able to see aircraft and vehicles moving on the taxiways and runways. It is an excellent safety enhancement for the airfield operations and gives the Controller a clear picture of airfield movements during low visibility conditions. This is why on our ATIS broadcast has the statement regarding your transponder being on prior to taxiing. When your transponder is on, the ASDE-X displays your call sign on the airfield radar screen. The system filters out targets on the non-movement areas. Please try to remember to turn on your transponder when taxiing out. Thank you.

### AIRSPACE TEST PROCEDURES

Beginning January 11th, 2005, Providence ATCT will be embarking on a 120-day test. The test deals with our internal traffic flow to and from the airport. We will be advertising an active runway, and that will be the runway for all arrivals and departures. Any requests for other than the active runway will only be approved if there is an **operational need** by the pilot. I will be attending your January, 2005 dinner meeting (with one of our Supervisors) to explain this test in more detail, and answer any questions you have. However, I want to assure you that we do not want this test to intimidate any pilot into accepting a runway that is not conducive to their safety. You are the pilot in command, and if you cannot accept an assigned runway for landing or departing, let us know. Example: The wind is favoring Runway 34, but we may be advertising Runway 5 as the active runway. Based on the wind, if you determine, you have an operational need for Runway 34...request it with the Ground Controller and you will be able to depart Runway 34. We will not be getting into "twenty questions" as to what exactly is your operational need. But make sure you use the term, "operational necessity" or "operational need" when you make your request for other than the active runway.

Tom Lafen

**WISHING YOU ALL**  
**A**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## EVENTS

The event calendar will be updated as plans are finalized

### AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

Rhode Island's Airmen of the Year will be honored at the February dinner meeting. Members selected Rene Cardon, Vice President and Events Chairman for his dedication and.

**Valentines Day Evening** out has always been a big draw. It will be held at the Crow's Nest, 288 Arnolds Neck Drive in Warwick, 732 6575 on February 13, 2004 at 7:00pm. Mark your calendars now. Call Dee at 885 1196 for reservations. Menu choice of prime rib, baked stuffed shrimp or broiled scrod.

### ALTON BAY FLYIN

16th annual regional Ice-Port Fly-In, February 19<sup>th</sup>, is open to everyone, sponsored by Aviation Association of NH (AANH). Land on the only FAA certified ice runway, Alton Bay (B12), on beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire. Last year the ice was over 30" thick, the runway was plowed over 3,000' x 100', with a parallel taxiway and a parking area. The event coincides with the Town of Alton's Winter Festival, featuring snowmobile racing, children's games, vendors, DJ and music, and the traditional Bed Race. Local shops and lakeside restaurants. The fly-in is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the winter festival activities are noon to 3:30 p.m. \$5 donations for "I landed on the ice" trophy buttons. Check our website [www.aanh.org](http://www.aanh.org) or our group site <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AANH-unicom/> for updates. Bad weather date February 26, 2005.

## SAFETY SEMINARS

Gene Bielecki called to tell me that he and the FAA are working to bring us a better selection of speakers for our upcoming Safety Seminars. He asks us to notify him if you have heard or know of speakers that you may wish to hear. He can be reached at (401) 231-6229. Gene is completing the scheduling for Seminars in March, June, September and November and will notify us when the dates are set.

To receive your Safety Seminar schedules online please subscribe by going to the following links:  
<http://www.faa.gov/region/ane/flightstandards/>  
<http://faasafety.gov/>

If the campus is closed because of weather or an emergency the Safety Seminars are cancelled. Listen for closings on your TV or radio.

## FROM THE e-MAILBAG

Subject: Gene Bielecki Date: 12/29/2004 From: [fjbsherman@juno.com](mailto:fjbsherman@juno.com)

Just a note to let you know that Gene is back in the hospital. I visited with him and Phyllis this afternoon and he is doing OK .....

I'm sure a card, visit or phone call would be much appreciated. Happy New year to all, Frank  
*(he's home and doing well as of Sunday. EDITOR)*

Subject:Ground School Date: 12/16 From:[rsgam@yahoo.com](mailto:rsgam@yahoo.com)

Hello all and merry X-Mas. My dad is looking to go for his PVT license and really wants to participate in a classroom enviroment for ground school training. Does anyone have some recommendations I could give him? I studied on the fly so I am of no help. Thanks and seasons greetings :)

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**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:** Polo Shirts w/ RIPA logo (\$26) can be personalized. RIPA pins(\$4) and decals(\$1). At meetings, events.

**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)



Debbie Carroll, Dot Cardon and Karen Cornell decked out in Holiday finery.



Ed trying to make a selection from the many at the door prize table.



As you see Paul had a good time,,,,... Jan, Lela, Debbie and Claire, (hope he got a ride home EDITOR)

## A THANK YOU

We thank Vernon Knott, Steven Nelson, Murray Danforth and Ken Brown for their generosity.

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## MEETING NOTICE

Call 782 4743 or email [RIPaEMAIL@AOL.COM](mailto:RIPaEMAIL@AOL.COM) by 4:00pm Friday January 7, 2005 to make your reservations.

Date: Tuesday January 11 2005  
 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 of a Boneless Cajun Pork Chops, Baked Scrod and Sausage & Peppers, vegetables, potatoes and salad. 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.

## GUEST SPEAKER

January - Tom Lafen from the PVD control tower will explain the new radar and air space test and update us on the changes at PVD.

February – Vernon Knott explains building his airplane.

## EVENTS SCHEDULE

January 11 – Dinner Meeting  
     15or16 - Will Fly for Food  
     25 - Board Meeting 6:30 PVD  
 February 8 – Dinner Meeting  
     Airman of the Year Award  
     13 - Valentines Day Evening out  
     Crow's Nest Warwick 7:00pm  
     19 - Alton Bay, NH. 16th Ice-Port Fly-In,  
     Bad weather date February 26, 2005.  
     22 - Board Meeting PVD  
 March 8– Dinner Meeting  
     St Patrick's Day Breakfast Block Island  
     29 - Board Meeting PVD  
 April 12– Dinner Meeting  
     12 – 18 - Sun 'n Fun Fly-In, Fla  
     Daffodil Festival, Nantucket  
     Strawberry Festival, Richmond Airport  
     26- Board Meeting, PVD  
 May 10 – Dinner Meeting  
     Quonset Air Museum Breakfast  
     FAA Awards Banquet  
     22 - Chili/Chowda Flyin, Quonset  
     31 - Board Meeting, PVD  
 June 14 - Dinner Meeting  
     AOPA Flyin  
     1661 House Brunch, Block Island

Quonset Air Show  
     28 - Board Meeting, PVD  
 July 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Steak Fry  
     URI Balloon Festival  
     Hangar Party, North Central  
     Ace Camp  
     25-31: Oshkosh Flyin  
 August - Beach Party  
     Ice Cream Social, Jaffrey, NH  
     Flyout/Campout  
     30 - Board Meeting, PVD  
 September 9/11 - Greenville Seaplane  
     Flyin, Maine  
     13 - Dinner Meeting  
     27 - Board Meeting, PVD  
 October 11 - Dinner Meeting  
     56<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, Republic Field,  
     Farmingdale, NY  
     AOPA Expo  
     Harvest Hangar Party, Providence  
     25 - Board Meeting, PVD  
 November 8 - Dinner Meeting  
     29 - Board Meeting, PVD  
 December 10 - Holiday Gala, Quonset "O" Club  
     Airman of the Year Award 2005