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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



HANGAR FLYING

The highlight of the season for RIPA members is the Holiday Gala, held at the Quonset "O" Club each year. Over sixty members joined together to celebrate the season and to honor the Rhode Island Pilots Association Airman of the Year, Norman Bishop.

Although cold and adverse weather earlier in the day threatened to put a damper on attendance, the evening turned out fine.

Norm Bishop was honored with presentations from the Governor, the State Senate, RIAC and RIPA. A pilot since 1935, he has a 67 year accident free record. Members can go to the RIPA website for a biography.

Of interest, also, was the final drawing for the Twenty Week Club, The Main Scholarship Fund raiser.

The four weekly winners were Joe Rossetti, Beth Tetreault, Frank Oliveira, and Joe Catelli. The winners of the final drawing were Pete Belinski and M. Dansforth \$250 each, Marilyn Biagetti \$500 and Martha Dunbar won the \$1000. prize.

Door prize winners included Phyllis Bielecki, Libby Hogberg, Frances Ballou, Gene Bielecki, Dot Cardon, Mary Ann Magin, Jan Miele, Dan Stroughn, Mrs Falcone, Andy Andersen, Jan Sherman, Fred Crudale, Joe Ludovici, Louise Phalan, and Beth Tetreault.



Norman Bishop And Sons. Pix/BillW



The presentation to Norm Bishop by Beth Tetreault and Bill Weedon pix/Rene Cardon



The Ludovici table pix/Rene C



The Crudale's the Brown's and the Hogberg's



The Danis's, Crouse's and Andy Andersen



Jan Miele and Adrian. Jan was as excited by the drawing as if she had won. Martha is a friend and she called immediately to let her know.

FROM THE EMAIL BAG

From:dandersonsr@comcast.net Subject:RI Pilots
 , While I am a new member of RIPA and living in CT, I have very old aviation roots in RI. I now base my Cessna 172 at North Central where I soloed in 1968. Sadly, I could not attend the O Club party last weekend, but I read that RIPA was awarding Airman of the Year then to Norm Bishop, and wanted to convey best wishes to Norm on behalf of my late father. My dad (Nils Anderson) was a RI pilot since the 1940's, a CAP officer, and had often flown Norm's airplanes from PVD during the Eastair era. With dad's death in April, I became caretaker of his logbooks and looking through them, I came across a very old newspaper clipping headlined, "R.I. Airmen Name Bishop President", with a nice photo of Norm at the top. Thinking that Norm might enjoy having this or that RIPA might like to feature it in an issue of the paper, I'd love to send it to the appropriate place.
 Best regards, David Anderson N52837

I would love a copy of that article for the history I am trying to compile. (and any other members might have)
 EDITOR

EVENTS

One of the many Holiday parties attended by members, was at NEA/Skylanes at SFZ which has become a staple.

I didn't get many good photos at the "NEA/Skylanes Christmas Hanger Party".

. I'm sure everyone had a wonderful time

Frank O pictures



Ron Stuart Adrian Dessillier

pix/FrankO



Lorna Lorenzo, Charlie Belshe and Gaba Lorenzo pix/FrankO

A HAPPY
 NEW YEAR

NOTAMS

The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

RIPA will once again solicit members to be honored with FAA's Master pilot Award. Applications will be available at meetings and applicants will be aided, if necessary, in completing them.

About the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award recognizes the efforts of pilots who have followed and continue to follow the precaution and awareness of safe operations. Most of all, FAA recognizes pilots who have contributed and maintained safe flight operations for 50 or more consecutive years of piloting aircraft.

The award recipient will receive a certificate and lapel pin. And an FAA award certificate.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the award, candidates must:

- Have completed either a flight review or equivalent within the 24 months before qualifying for the award, to verify currency as a pilot, in accordance with Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 61, section 61.56. This may include completion of a phase of the FAA Pilot Proficiency Award (WINGS) Program.
- Have held a U.S. Civil Aviation Authority or FAA pilot certificate with: 50 consecutive years or more civil experience, or Up to 20 years of which may be military experience in combination with civilian experience, to total 50 consecutive years.
- Have three letters of recommendation from holders of FAA pilot certificates.
- Have been a U.S. citizen for the 50 consecutive years. Revocation of any airman certificate will disqualify a nominee for this award.
- Prior accident history will be considered and may be disqualifying.
- Civil penalty or suspension will automatically disqualify a nominee for this award.

To Apply

The applicant must submit the following information to their local Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), Safety Program manager:

- Three letters of recommendation from FAA pilot certificate holders.
- Photocopies or proper documentation describing the kind of certificate(s) held, including the original issue date(s), if available.
- A detailed description, resume, or summary of the applicants flying past.
- Completed Master Pilot Award Application Form.

BOARD MEETING

This meeting was attended by Bill Weedon and Beth Tetreault but the telephone and Email brought reports and comments from the other board members.

Among the topics covered were:

- Bob Berlyn is confirmed for the speaker in January
- Jack Keenan will be coming to present the FAA Airman of the Year Citation.
- Nominations for the Wright Brothers Award will be solicited in the newsletter.
- Marilyn will select the menu.
- Transfer of officer's responsibilities was discussed.

A short meeting because much of the normal side chatter was not available.

Join RIPA'S YAHOO Group

Go to www.Yahoo.com, select groups in column on left. Enter Rhode Island Pilots into the search. You can join once you've logged in.

Remember if you change your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: Garmin 195, Carrying case, antenna, charger, yoke mount fittings, computer cable, manual. \$200. Bob McCollough, 884-5214 after 6:30 p.m. Please.

Used Headset For Sale

TELEX ANR 4000 in good condition. Gel cushions. Uses 6 AA batteries or can be hot wired (12V). Make an offer Call Frank, 401-787-2338 weekdays.

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 Rd, Quonset 1800 554 4557

Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.
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MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations by calling 568 3497 or email RIPAE@AOL.COM by Sunday, January 7, 2007.

Date: Tuesday January 9, 2007

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:

Yankee Pot Roast and Scrod au Gratin
with salad, 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

January – Bob Berlyn, Fuel Management

February – Gregg Marley from Avidyne

March – RIAC,
Recent Changes at the RI Airports

April – Gas Guzzler

May – Rene Cardon / Bill Weedon, IFR Planning

June - Props



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

January 9 – Dinner Meeting

30 - Board Meeting

February 13 – Dinner Meeting

27 – Board Meeting

March 13 – Dinner Meeting

27 - Board Meeting

March 31 - New England Aviation Expo

April 10 – Dinner Meeting

24 – Board Meeting

May 8 – Dinner Meeting

29 – Board Meeting

June 11 - Dinner Meeting