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Happy New Year to All!

The year just ended presented us all with many challenges; our businesses have suffered, investments lost value, pensions took a hit, that home we were going to sell is now worth less.

We are facing a great deal of uncertainty as we start the new year, layoffs are looming in many industries, the housing market is still in a slump and what will the market do to us this year?

The one sure thing we can always count on is each other, RIPA members are not just aviation enthusiasts we are neighbors and friends.

The scholarship fund received a huge boost this year thanks to the contributions in honor of Ron Tetreault. There were thirty-three contributions totaling \$1,950. In addition, there were donations made directly to Mt St. Charles Academy, which will be used to set up a perpetual scholarship there in Ron's name. I cannot express how honored and blessed I feel at this response from my neighbors and friends in the aviation community.

Your board will attempt to bring you a year of interesting topics, enjoyable gatherings, and educational opportunities. Join the Yahoo group, send your suggestions for topics and venues, and just keep in touch. Good friends, good food and good fun can make facing whatever challenges the New Year bring a little easier.

Beth



HANGAR FLYING

2008 Holiday Gala

The evening was cool but pleasant and the gathering was warm and lively. Once again 51 members and guests assembled for the annual holiday festivities. The Quonset "O" Club has always been especially cordial and we are grateful..

Adrien Desillier was presented with the Rhode Island Pilots Airman of the year Award for his many years of dedication to general aviation.



Jim Adams presenting Adrien with the FAA's certificate.

Door Prize winners: Gabe Laurienzo - \$50 Fuel from Landmark; Bill Williams – Dunkin Donut gift bag; Maurice Rotman, Mike Pucino; Jan Miele; Al Lamothe; Jim Adams; Joyce Pucino; Mrs. Adams.

20 Week Club winners include; Final week - Jack Rappa, Ginny Giacabone, RIPA, Katherine Anesco and the grand prize winners are Jim Adams \$250; Dr James Mendoza - \$500 and Bob Nowak - \$1000

We wish to thank Jim Adams for donating his Grand prize winnings to the scholarship fund and whoever purchased a ticket and wrote in RIPA as the recipient.



Bill Weedon and Dee Scanlon enjoying the music.

HANGAR FLYING

December 2008 was a difficult month to get Mother Nature to cooperate on the weekends for the "Fly to Lunch Bunch". The few sunny days that we had on weekends, had winds gusting to challenging velocities and extremely cold temperatures. Just the same, we did manage a couple of flights in the beginning of the month. On the 6th of December, we got a break in the weather and four planes with nine of us met at Nashua, NH (ASH) for lunch at The Midfield Café. This restaurant has changed hands recently but the menu remained the same and the restaurant is still a nice place to eat. We had another fun gathering which incorporated our love for flying and eating with friends.

Fly Safe, Frank Oliveira



Most of the group that met at Nashua, NH on December 6th. Paul Carroll always volunteers to snap the photo because of his camera shyness. At least his plane was in the picture. pix/FrankO

CLASSIFIED ADS

Hanger available at Quonset - it would hold a small twin or smaller airplane. Price depends on size please call Steve at 401-338-9747

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

HANGAR FLYING

FLIGHT TO YUCATAN PENINSULA

I have returned from a cross-country flight to the Yucatan peninsula in N9465X, my trusty C-182, and wanted to share with you some details of my experience.

I went with a pilot friend, and the total time was 8 days. The weather cooperated too. I've found the Yucatan area to be beautiful and especially warm, this time of the year (80 in the day, 70 night).

Things went pretty much as planned, and Rick Gardner's book (www.caribbeanstours.com) turned out to be an indispensable planning tool for this trip.

Our landing points in Mexico were (in this sequence): Cancun, Isla Mujeres, Chichen Itza, Playa del Carmen, Cozumel and back to Key West (a recommended destination on its own merit, particularly if you like Key Lime pie). We stayed one night in each of the above. Cuban ATC was very helpful enroute, and we got to see a piece of their country from 15 miles away.

Our flight to and from took 2 days each way, at a leisurely pace. No more than 2 [4 hour max] legs a day. Weather was VFR except for a front passing through the Carolina's on Sat, on the way back, but I filed IFR for all legs (except 1 in FL). Some of them may still be posted on flightaware.com.

I've posted a few pictures on

www.flickr.com/photos/dan_rabinovich



Airstrip right near downtown area.

The map snapshots were generated by a "SPOT" device (see findmespot.com) which I borrowed for the flight from my friend Uri. It worked pretty good and its a good tool to stay in touch with the family back here while airborne.

Happy Holidays to all Dan Rabinovich

eMAIL BAG

a reply to Frank notice of Skylanes closing.....

Happy New Year Frank,
I, like all of us, regard highly your sentiments this day. I found myself re-reading, more slowly, your note to us. How many of us might say that they have enjoyed such a joyful, long-lived adventure like yours with Skylanes and the Ludovicis' . What is a good life anyway but a series of adventures; all strung together - some ending abruptly while others seem to simply dim with time. For you, as well as for the rest of us who have known the Ludovici family for so long, the one true constant is our friendship and trust in each other. Sure...The meeting place, the familiar, may have changed. But that's all. Thank *you* Frank... for your comradeship and loyalty all these years. We will just assemble in a new places; laugh, cry, talk. And, most of all - Remember the good old times and cherish the new ones. How fortunate we all are.

Thank you Frank for this gift today. See you, and Joe and Greg, in a few weeks.

All the best and Happy New Year Brothers !
D I C K B.

Warren Phillips [phillipswc@yahoo.com]
Does anyone know what the laws are regarding sales tax and local property taxes applied to the purchase of an aircraft in R.I. I'm looking at a 150 aerobat.

Rene Cardon There is no sales tax on airplanes or air craft related products or work done in RI. You do however pay an annual registration fee, your would be 60.00 per year.

Larry Teeth6@aol.com
There is no sales tax on aircraft purchase or parts in RI.

Larry, How are things in RI. Are you cold up there? How is the plane flying? Rob McKenzie 7FL6

RIPA's sponsoring businesses



Roger Biagetti
Excavating Company

The following are actual laws from a variety of places in the United States

IT IS A VIOLATION OF LOCAL LAW FOR ANY PILOT OR PASSENGER TO CARRY AN ICE CREAM CONE IN THEIR POCKET WHILE EITHER FLYING OR WAITING TO BOARD A PLANE. - LOWES CROSSROADS, DELAWARE

PILOTS AND PASSENGERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM EATING ONIONS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7 A.M. AND 7 P.M. - BLUFF, UT

CITIZENS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER AN AIRPLANE WITHIN FOUR HOURS OF EATING GARLIC. - WAKEFIELD, R.I.

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO EAT ICE CREAM IN THE LOCAL AIRPORT WITH A FORK. - BICKNELL, IN

NO MARRIED MAN CAN GO FLYING ON SUNDAY. BURDOVILLE, VT

NO MARRIED MAN CAN GO FLYING WITHOUT HIS SPOUSE ALONG AT ANY TIME, UNLESS HE HAS BEEN MARRIED FOR MORE THAN 12 MONTHS. - WEST UNION, OH

DON'T LET YOUR HORSE FALL ASLEEP IN THE AIRPORT. - PEEWEE, WEST VIRGINIA

NO TURTLE RACES SHALL BE HELD AT THE AIRPORT. BOURBON, MISSISSIPPI

CITIZENS CANNOT CARRY A SLINGSHOT ON AN AIRPLANE WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION. - OKANOGAN, WA

NO PILOT CAN EAT UNSHELLED ROASTED PEANUTS OR WATERMELON WHILE FLYING. - LEADWOOD, MISSOURI

GARGLING IS PROHIBITED WHILE FLYING. - HACKBERRY, ARIZONA

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO SNEEZE IN AN AIRPLANE. - LYNCH HEIGHTS, DELAWARE

JUGGLING IN FRONT OF AN AIRPLANE IS ILLEGAL. - WELLSBORO, PA

ROOSTERS MAY CROW, ONLY IF IT IS DONE AT LEAST 300 FEET FROM THE AIRPORT. - STUGIS, MICHIGAN

There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately no one knows what they are.

Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment

Helicopters can't fly; they're just so ugly the earth repels them.

Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might be another airplane going in the opposite direction. Reliable sources also report that mountains have been known to hide out in clouds.

When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky

The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.

NOTAMS

SKYLANES IS CLOSED

FYI... Some of you already know this but I'm sure a lot don't... Skylanes will be closing its doors this month after 78 years in business. Greg

This forwarded message was sent by Gregory Ludovici, Joe's son.

I'm forwarding it as a way of letting you know that Skylanes is closed. I have been friendly with the Ludovicis since about 1947 and directly associated with them as a pilot/flight instructor since the 70's. This closing was not a shock; in fact I do not know how Joe kept the doors open as long as he did. This change is a big one for me as their place of business was the place I met and became friendly with most of you. Change is inevitable but I sincerely hope that our friendship will not change even though we will most likely not see each other as much or often as has been the case up to now. God bless to all, fly safely, have a Happy and blessed New Year.

Frank Sherman

FAA Certifies Cindtronix Aviation

On December 15, 2008 Cindtronix Aviation, located at Quonset State Airport, was officially recognized as a Federal Aviation Administration certified flight school under FAA part 141 regulations. Cindtronix Aviation holds the distinction of becoming the eleventh flight school out of about forty flight schools in Southern New England to be certified, and the first approved flight school that solely instructs in technically advanced aircraft.

The certification process took about nine months to complete. The detailed certification process included site visits, aircraft inspections, and maintenance record checks. Included in the inspections was a thorough interview of the chief instructor, Christopher Peet, and a detailed review of the Cindtronix training syllabi and course content. Every aspect of Cindtronix Aviation either met or exceeded FAA regulation and policies. Cindtronix Aviation was founded in May of 2007 by CEO SM Alinoor, an electrical engineer with a passion for aviation and technology. Cindtronix Aviation operates a fleet of new, technically advanced Cessna aircraft and is Rhode Island's only Cessna Pilot Center. Our students are very diversified, ranging from career oriented students, weekend flyers, and international students from all over the globe. Cindtronix Aviation is dedicated to providing the best flight training possible while using only state-of-the-art airplanes and training materials. Christopher Peet Chief Flight Instructor



CHARLES W. SHIELDS, JR., 91, died on December 5th at home in Johnston. Retired Director of the RI Council on Highway Safety, Charles was an avid pilot, boater and photographer. He was a flight instructor for the US Navy during WWII and later managed two airports in Maine. Returning to his native Rhode Island, he continued to fly into his mid-80s and remained an active member of the Rhode Island Pilots Association. An enthusiastic boater and photographer, Charles created a historic photographic collection of the Americas Cup races in Newport over more than two decades. Charlie, you will be missed.

Canada Confirms 406-MHz ELT Rule Implementation

Unless you have a 406-MHz emergency locator transmitter (ELT), even your U.S.-registered airplane will be closed to Canadian airspace in approximately two years. Even flights that begin and end in the United States—but with a segment involving transition of Canadian airspace—will not be permitted, based on a decision made recently by Transport Canada that will cover all foreign-registered aircraft as well as those operated under Canadian registration. As of this February, search and rescue satellites will cease to monitor 121.5 MHz, the frequency used by older ELTs. New 406-MHz units typically cost \$1,000 plus installation, according to the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association, and are soon to be eclipsed by better technology. The FAA has so far not mandated installation of the new ELTs, and the COPA management has projected that the new ruling will severely cut down on U.S. aircraft operators visiting their northern neighbor. The group estimates that 63,000 foreign-registered aircraft visited Canada last year—90 percent from the United States

Subject: Special Message from AOPA Government Affairs Division

AOPA's incoming president, Craig Fuller, has been leading our efforts to have general aviation investments considered for economic stimulus legislation. These would include airports and air traffic control modernization.

Getting this message out at the local level is very important and your help is needed. I ask that you read and share this industry letter at:

<http://www.aopa.org/advocacy/articles/2008/081210stimulus.html>

As always, we appreciate your help in promoting general aviation and your community airport.

Best wishes Andy Cebula Executive Vice President
AOPA Government Affairs

EVENTS

Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame plan to induct five on Saturday evening, January 24 at the Varnum Armory in East Greenwich.

Gene Bielecki, a founding member and past president of Rhode Island Pilots Association. has logged more than 30,000 flight hours. He has recorded some 22,000 hours as PIC, 15,000 hours as a Flight Instructor, and has conducted more than 5000 FAA Practical Tests.

He worked at Skylanes Inc. and Lippet Aviation before becoming chief flight instructor and VP of North Central Airways, where he worked for 25 years. An award-winning FAA Accident Prevention Counselor, Gene was an early and active proponent of the FAA Wings program, encouraging general aviation pilots to continue flight training and attend safety seminars throughout their flying lives.

Kenneth Brown, took flying lessons after his honorable discharge from the Navy in late 1945, and he's been flying ever since. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, Ken owned 9/10's of a Stearman PT-17 trainer. In the 50's, he joined the FAA as an Air Traffic Controller. He became a flight instructor, obtained his Multi-Engine and ATP ratings, and taught aerobatics.

After more than 20 years as an Air Traffic Controller (with his last assignment at T. F. Green), he was promoted to the MA FAA Regional Office as an Accident Investigator. He later became the Regional Safety Coordinator for all of New England. During this time he initiated the 'WINGS PROGRAM' for Pilot Safety, which gained enthusiastic support from Washington and was later expanded nationwide. At one time he was chief pilot the FAA's King Air.

Joseph Perkins, Born in Providence, Perkins was raised in the Edgewood section of Cranston; He left college to enlist in the Army Air Corps flying B-17 bombers in the European Theater. In January, 1944 his plane was shot down over the Adriatic Sea while on a bombing run to the infamous Ploesti oil fields in Romania. He regained Allied lines, For his wartime service he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with several clusters and a Purple Heart. He worked as a pilot for Eastern Airlines but was recalled into the Air Force for the Korean conflict and eventually flew for the Strategic Air Command. He retired from Eastern Airlines, after 31 years of service and died on March 12, 1986.

Al Tavani, A former Navy pilot and lawyer who ran the state airport system for three decades, he is credited with bringing the state airport system from its infancy in the 1940s to the full-service network that now exists. Mr. Tavani, who had been a pilot since 1931, became a Navy flight instructor in 1942 and remained on active duty until 1946. Mr. Tavani was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame in 1982 for his "untiring efforts to keep Rhode Island in step with the developing air age." He died in 1985.

Art Yatsko. When CWO4 Yatsko was retired (forcibly due to age) from the RI Army National Guard at age 62 in 1986..He was believed to be the last World War II combat aviator on active duty and the oldest combat pilot on active duty flying orders. Yatsko was 20 when he first flew a B-17 and its 12-man crew across the Atlantic. He joined the National Guard in 1967 at age 43. He had not flown for 23 years. Yatsko participated in every humanitarian effort tasked to the Guard. When his first extension ran out in 1986, he passed all the requirements for flying duty: the annual flight physical, including a four-mile run; instrument check ride, flight test and a four-hour written exam.

Tickets cost only \$45 each (\$80 per couple) and can be obtained by writing to the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame, PO Box 845, North Kingstown, RI 02852, or by emailing Tony Vellucci at tvellucci@saratogamuseum.org.

For further information, please call 401-398-1000 or 401-831-8696.

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.



MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by January 11, 2009.

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2009

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:

Chicken Florentine and Baked Scrod
Cajun, 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 meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS

January – **Richard Gould**

You Wreck-em We Check-em

Professor Gould's experience in underwater archeology qualified him to help train Rhode Island Law enforcement in underwater evidence recovery. As part of the training, the team dove on airplanes in the bay. Mr. Gould presentations are always very interesting and informative.



104 East Ironstone Road
Harrisville, RI 02830

EVENTS SCHEDULE

January 13- Dinner Meeting

January 24 - Rhode Island Aviation
Hall of Fame Banquet

January 27 – Board Meeting

February 10 – Dinner Meeting

February – Valentine Party

February 24 – Board Meeting

March 10 - Dinner Meeting

March - St Patricks Day Dinner Dance

March – St Patrick's Day Brunch BID

March 24 – Board Meeting

April 14- Dinner Meeting

April 28 – Board Meeting

May 12–Dinner Meeting

Scholarship Awards

May 26 – Board Meeting

June 9– Dinner Meeting