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PRESIDENTS CORNER

As I write this, I am sitting next to the pool on New Years Day in 85 degree weather on St John USVI. My head is just beginning to clear, and I have a vague recollection of a fire breathing and twirling show that began at midnight, along with a live reggae band on Jost Van Dyke, BVI last night, or early this morning, depending on how you look at it.

I want to wish everyone the very best health and prosperity in this new year and new decade. For me, it was a year of many changes, and RIPA was no different. We lost some dear friends and loved ones, and made some new ones along the way. But we need to look forward, not back, and continue to build and sustain our organization as we adjust to the many changes in the aviation industry, the economy, our personal lives and our friends in RIPA.

I want to thank Beth Tetreault who has done an excellent job leading our organization these last two years. I also want to thank Marilyn Biagetti who is really the soul of our group and does so much to keep us together. Thanks to Dan Scanlon for keeping the books in good order, and to Rene Cardon for organizing the fly-ins, fly-outs and cookins and -outs. Thanks especially to all of you for without you there would be no RIPA.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful New Year.
Bill Weedon



HANGAR FLYING

Weekend Flying

Happy New Year to All. As you know December 2009 was not a good month to fly for fun, especially on weekends. The weather Gods launched winter with a vengeance this year and I know I'm already tired of winter and snow removal exercises. I missed some flying at the beginning of the month because my aircraft was going through an annual inspection and the rest of the month I had a shovel in hand instead of a control yoke. I guess we are all just spoiled from having mild winters in the past. The "SFZ Fly to Lunch Bunch" still got together by driving to local restaurants to keep up on the airport chatter.

Although winter flying offers refreshing performance and visibilities, remember the special requirements necessary for safe flight.

Fly Safe...Frank Oliveira



Gathering at Shannon's Diner pix//ReneC



Santa's on his way pix//ReneC

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
December 8, 2009

Bill Weedon, Vice 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 Tony Rappa, recovering in a Florida hospital. There were 58 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 \$1710.17 in the General Fund and \$4312.98 in the Scholarship Fund, which will reduce to \$2412.98 after the drawing. The report was accepted.

Announcements:

- Because of the rising cost, Bill Weedon proposed increasing cost for dinner to \$25 or two for \$45.
- Our non-profit status is upcoming.
- Gene Bielecki passed out his calendar.

The Slate of Officers was presented: Bill Weedon; President, Beth Tetreault; Vice President, Dan Scanlon; Treasurer, Marilyn Biagetti; corresponding Secretary. The Acting Secretary, Marilyn Biagetti, cast the vote to accept the slate.

20 Week Club winners were Joan Falcone, Joan Falcone, Francis Soares and Robert Wolff for the weekly draw.

The Grand Prize Winners were Kevin Dillon, \$250, Roger Biagetti \$500 and Don Pillsbury \$1000.

RIPA'S Airman of the Year, Tom Magnan, was presented. After receiving his accolades, he had a presentation for members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

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-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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-3 sealed cans of **AVBLEND** oil additive. \$45
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Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.
Marilyn: 568 3497, Fax:568 5392, email biagettim@cox.net



eMAIL BAG

Conversation overheard on the VHF Guard (emergency) frequency 121.5 MHz while flying from Europe to Dubai . It's too good not to pass along.. The conversation went like this...

Iranian Air Defense Radar: 'Unknown aircraft you are in Iranian airspace. Identify yourself.'

Aircraft: 'This is a United States aircraft. I am in Iraqi airspace.'

Air Defense Radar: 'You are in Iranian airspace. If you do not depart our airspace we will launch interceptor aircraft!'

Aircraft: 'This is a United States Marine Corps FA-18 fighter. Send 'em up, I'll wait!'

Air Defense Radar: (no response total silence)

God bless our troops.

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This full door prize table had a gift for each attendee
Pix//ReneC

EVENTS

Holiday Gala was a grand success. It involved quite a bit of hustle from Dan, Dee, Rene, and the rest of the board members when it was discovered that there were not enough members signed in to hold the Gala at the Quonset "O" Club. Quonset "O" was very understanding and luckily Chelo's had not yet booked our regular evening.

As an added treat board members assembled enough door prizes to allow everyone to receive a gift.

All had a great time.



Bill Weedon and RIPA's 2009 Airman Of The Year
Tom Magnon
pix//ReneC



Our own Santa (Scott Cardon) drawing the 20 Week prizes
Pix//ReneC



Previous Airman of the Year winners gathered to congratulate Tom
pix//ReneC

MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by January 10, 2010.

Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010

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: Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo,

Garden Vegetables,

Meatballs & Ziti Marinara,

Garden Salad w/house dressing,

Soup of the Day

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.

GUEST SPEAKER

George Sutcliffe, - a WWII Fighter Ace. He was on the History Channel for his famous battle over the English Channel, and was also portrayed in Dom Denardo's painting " **Steadfast Against All Odds**" On a patrol mission over France on June 14, 1944, Lt. George L. Sutcliffe's P-47 from the 397th Fighter Squadron of the 368th Fighter Group came under heavy attack.

After an exhaustive dogfight, and extensive damage to his aileron, elevator trim tab, and rudder, Sutcliffe is seen, hanging on the prop and about to stall. An Me-109 in the encounter pulled up no less than 30 feet to him to bid farewell, as he flew into the clouds.

<http://www.ozarkairfieldartworks.com/steadfastagainstallodds.html>



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

January 12- Dinner Meeting

January 26 - Board Meeting

February 9- Dinner Meeting

February 23- Board Meeting

March 9- Dinner Meeting

March - St Patrick's Day Brunch BID

March 30- Board Meeting

April 13 - Dinner Meeting

April 27- Board Meeting

May 11- Dinner Meeting

Scholarship Award

May 25- Board Meeting

June 8- Dinner Meeting

Master Pilots Award

December – Holiday Gala

Air Man of the Year Award