

# THE PLANE PAPER

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

As the incoming president I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone all the best for a Very Healthy and Happy New Year.

The Rhode Island Pilots Association is, in my opinion, a truly a unique organization, with an incredible amount of talent. When you consider the depth of aviation experience that gathers together on a monthly basis, it is nothing short of inspiring.

The generous contributions of the membership have helped numerous fledgling aviators on their way to earning a much coveted pilot certificate through the scholarship program. The fly-ins foster the fellowship that is truly unique to the aviation community. The windsock program promotes safety and raises the public awareness of general aviation's contributions. Mentoring is a fulltime job in aviation and reflects well on your standards and your expectations of fellow pilots. These are the proud accomplishments of the Rhode Island Pilots Association and I sincerely hope that the traditions continue. I would however like to ask that everyone try to think of something that we as an organization can initiate that will promote general aviation in Rhode Island. Don't be afraid of thinking outside the box.

I would like to sincerely thank the outgoing slate of officers for their hard work and contributions over the past year and solicit their guidance during the coming year. I look forward to seeing all of you and learning more of your flying adventures.

Fly Safe, Tom Magnan



## HANGAR FLYING

### HOLIDAY GALA

RIPA members gathered to celebrate the season and to honor our Airman of the Year, Paul Carroll and Master Pilot, Dom DiNardo. 72 pilots and friends attended. Once again, Dee Scanlon did an outstanding job of decorating. Many members brought in gifts for our door prize table. Paul Parks's beautiful model airplane was offered as a special drawing and brought in extra money for the Scholarship Fund.

Paul Carroll, Airman of the Year, was introduced by Bill Weedon and presented with numerous certificates and Proclamations.



RIPA and Steve Grota of the FAA honored Master Pilot, Domenic S. DeNardo

Santa made an appearance and helped give out the many door prizes. And of course the Twenty Week Club Grand Prize was drawn. Winners were Robert Giacobone (\$250), Bob Nowak (\$500), and Dennis Angelone (\$1000).



In order to make the Grand Prize Drawing indisputable Bill recruited Dee as Official Prize Picker and blindfolded her as added assurance.

We want to thank Dee, Scot Cardon (Santa), Chelo's and everyone that made this the best party ever.

## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting  
December 14, 2010

Bill Weedon, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. There were 72 members and friends present at the meeting. A dinner recess was called after table introductions.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as written in the Plane Paper.

The slate of offices was presented. President: Thomas Magnan; Vice President – Dan Scanlon, Treasurer- Beth Tetreault, and Corresponding Secretary- Marilyn Biagetti. Acting Secretary, Marilyn Biagetti, cast the ballot for the slate as presented as there were no other nominees.

Twenty Week club winners are Fred James, Rick Jacks, Hanna Orested, and Dom Sgambellone.

Airman of the Year, Paul Carroll, was Presented.

Master Pilot, Dom DiNardo was honored.

Twenty Week Club grand prize winners were Robert Giacobone, Bob Nowak, and Dennis Angelone.

Santa Claus selected the Door Prize winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm  
Respectfully Submitted  
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary



Attending the Holiday Gala to honor their newest member, Dom DiNardo, were Master Pilots, Mike Falcone, Ken Brown, Dom DiNardo, Gene Bielicki, Tony Rappa, Boris Rotman and Frank Sherman.

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## EMAIL BAG

*Rotman, Marcos Boris [m\_rotman@brown.edu] 1/2/*  
Rosario and I have been enjoying Arizona (the flying weather has been perfect) and wish to extend our best wishes for the New Year to all RIPA members.  
Best regards, Boris

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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Call Frank...days 401-787-2338 or evenings 401-727-2580

FOR SALE: Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL(cases & drums). 123 Ocean State Dr. North Kingstown, 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**

## The Hound takes flight.

A few weeks back I had a dear friend visit and we decided to go flying. Got up to SFZ early enough I thought to miss the pirates but alas, they were already assembled. Without some direction they may have been there all day. I told them I was taking Hansen flying and out to breakfast at the Aero Diner at Windham. No one believed me. Really, I have a friend, Hansen, the man, not the band. After some question of why anyone would be my friend, Hansen finally put the issue to rest. We had been Army buddies and he felt obligated. So there! Now the race was on to get in the air. Pirates were scrambling for a seat in anything that would fly. Swede Nelson had Dave, the passenger and Ray Two Puggs (his Indian name). I had Hansen and my loyal companion Franko. The Boooooonnnannnnzzzzaa driver had only a token posse consisting of Rollover, who really is an honorary member. Elvis Ercoupe, Wascar, Firehose Farley, The Gabe the lead ROMEO, Phil, Hector (breaker of horses) and Walter, the taximan, I believe rounded out the crew. We descended on the diner as if the food was free that morning, packing the back room. BS about flying in the good ole days, the price of gas and someone's colonoscopy were the talk of the day. The food there is good and the waitress was very patient. Imagine a bunch of old guys who cannot hear, don't pay attention and ask way too many questions about the specials, then order dry toast and one egg beater. Speaking of eggs, one over easy went uneaten and ended up getting squished between to plates. Two Puggs and Gabe the lead ROMEO got the yolk on them. Of course the resulting conversation was about getting egg off suede, or Swede? It was a Seinfeld moment for sure. I always have a good time when the Pirates come out to play. I wish more of you would join us. An invitation I would like to personally extend is to Kim and Bud Ellin. They have had a kid in college and the plane in shrink wrap. Now that he has allegedly graduated, I hope Bud takes off the shrink wrap and gets the stick back in his hand, or Kim's. A Happy New Year to all. Now, let's eat.

The Hound

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## NOTAMS

### DINNERS

The price of everything is going up including the meeting dinners. Dan was able to negotiate a very modest increase that would not affect the dinner price but Chelo's **adamantly insisted** on a more accurate count. Each dinner above the count will cost about \$28. We are charged for 35 if we reserve for 35. Please call. Or, you can be on a permanent list and just call when you do not attend. We look forward to your response...

### BOARD MEETING

Incoming President, Tom, Rene, Dan and Marilyn attended a very informative meeting. Tom was very interested in the how and why of our association. Why we furnish windsocks, how we funded the scholarship with the 20-week club, why do we maintain the office, were some of the topics covered. Tom also had a few ideas of his own, including emailing the newsletter and 50/50 drawings, which he will present to the members. The EDITOR will be doing a mass emailing of the Plane Paper to determine if members would respond.

Board members gladly welcome Tom to the group....

### Condolences for 2 members of the aviation community

I don't know how many of you knew Steven A. Natale, of South Kingstown, who died December 20. He was a Skylanes trained pilot and for a short time I believe Chief Instructor. Sorry to be sending bad news 'but 'Steve was a really good guy and a fine pilot ...Sincerely, Frank

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A memorial will be held on Friday, January 7 at the East Greenwich Yacht Club 2:00-3:00 for **William E O'Neel who died** on Dec 9, 2010

### RIPA JACKETS

Jackets with the RIPA emblem are available from Rene Cardon. He can take your orders for the jacket or another article of clothing that can have the association emblem applied.

**To join the Fly to Lunch Bunch**, contact Rene Cardon (651-3528) or appear at Landmark at SFZ around 9:30 on Saturday and/or Sunday. They would be happy to have you.

To join RIPA'S YAHOO Group go to  
[www.RIPilots.com/join](http://www.RIPilots.com/join).

## MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at [RIPAemail@aol.com](mailto:RIPAemail@aol.com) by January 9, 2011

Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2011

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:

Grilled Herbed Chicken Breast

Baked Salmon

Meatballs & Penne Marinara

Garden Salad w/assorted dressings

Garden Vegetables

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Rice Pilaf

Fresh Bread

Assorted Cake Slices

Coffee and Tea.

Price: \$25 per person

\$45 per couple

\$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 just coffee and dessert.

Members wishing to fly into PVD can call any Board Member to arrange transportation to and from the meeting.

## GUEST SPEAKER

To be announced



104 East Ironstone Road  
Harrisville, RI 02830

## EVENTS SCHEDULE

January 11- Dinner Meeting

January 25 - Board Meeting

February 8- Dinner Meeting

February 22- Board Meeting

March 8- Dinner Meeting

March - St Patrick's Day Brunch BID

March 22- Board Meeting

April 12 - Dinner Meeting

April 26- Board Meeting

May 10- Dinner Meeting

Scholarship Award

May 24- Board Meeting

June 14- Dinner Meeting

Master Pilots Award

**December – Holiday Gala**