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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Happy New Year and a change of RIPA president. I would like to thank Myron Mitchell for his 3 years in the "service." He devoted significant time to convince RIAC that the little planes at the airports are important too. The current administration of RIAC, with Kelly Fredericks as President and CEO, should be commended for making general aviation a priority. That wasn't the case in the past, and there was a certain amount of momentum with how government proceeded and it took time for change, but it is moving in a positive direction. RIAC genuinely wants the smaller airports to do well.

One of the questions that people have asked is how we can get the younger generation interested and involved in aviation. One idea is take someone up for a ride, and see if that lights up the aviation bug. RIPA's contribution has been the scholarship program to help people out with aviation related studies. That is why the officers in 2015 tried to encourage members to buy a raffle ticket with the 20 Week Club and maintaining the scholarship program is a priority of mine. The intention is to have at least 2 scholarships of \$1500 each, and have a raffle with a grand prize of \$1000 to encourage ticket buying. In 2016, we may have to adjust the prize amounts to help maintain the \$3000 in scholarships that we provide, so we are looking for feedback on that topic. All this talk about the scholarship fund reminds me to mention that scholarship applications are due at the end of February and be sure to mention to people that a scholarship is available.

My journey as a RIPA officer started a little over 3 years ago with a request by then RIPA president Tom Magnan for volunteers to be an officer. RIPA is by and for the pilots, so I'm requesting that members help by bringing up ideas for meetings that they would be interested in. If you have an aviation project and want to show it off, but don't know how to put pictures or video together in the computer, let me know, and I can help with recording and editing video. I also have a couple of GoPro cameras and mounts that I'm willing to attach to aircraft for interesting shots. No one gets paid, so it is a labor of love to invest time and effort into making things happen, so I'm hoping the larger membership helps out. Marilyn Biagetti has been a consistent volunteer and every officer past and present thanks her for her help, and I'm hoping that others will follow her lead.

I haven't flown much in the last few years, which I hope to change in 2016, so unfortunately you won't get aviation trip tales like the stories that Myron passed along, but I will try to keep RIPA members apprised of RIPA and aviation related news.

The January meeting will be a presentation by me, touching on some of the aviation events/groups I've been to or part of, the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association), the humorous, and not so humorous things pilots have done in aircraft, and how we can learn from them.

Thank you, Michael Spieth



HANGAR FLYING

Flying across the years

December 25th 2015 - my name is Graeme – I am a pilot – I went flying on Christmas Day (like last year)

Flew all seven public use fixed wing airports in RI today KUUU – KBID – KWST – 08R – KOQU – KPVD – KSFZ – KUUU for 2 hours of fun and merriment on a BALMY 65F day. The 172SP that pulled up to the fuel pump at KUUU - the driver who jumped out was wearing a tank top! Providence controllers were in a Merry Mood. I got to keep the code as I dropped in and out of each airport. The sky was thick with GA - more than some nice weekends! The KUUU CFI was up in the practice area giving a student their first lesson. Grand Day out!

December 31st 2015 - my name is Graeme – I am a pilot – I went flying (again)

I finished the year with an hour in the practice area. Slow Flight, Power Off Stalls, Power On Stalls, Steep Turns, Spin Recovery, Sim Engine Out to field. And dodging the idiot in the Piper who tried to dogfight me a couple of times while I was in slow flight - having cleared the area first.

Which proves two things - the area may look clear when you start but when he wants to play silly buggers and dive at you out the sun - it doesn't matter how clear you think the area is - they can still get you - AND - there are some real jermokes out there who think it is funny to dive on you and then pull across your nose without warning. I was on following with Providence and they missed him the first time he did it. The second time they told me I had the bogey on my tail again. I flew off to a different practice area to get away from the joker.

So - last flight of the year. 285.4 for the year.

January 1st 2016 - my name is Graeme – I am a pilot – I went flying (again)

Got in 0.7 today to start the logbook for the year. Quick out and back to the Airport Grille at KEWB - New Bedford which was open. Controller was in good form wishing all and sundry a Happy New Year - like I wish you all too!

First take off of the year - 22 at KUUU – Newport

First Landing of the year - 32 at KEWB - New Bedford

First customer at the Airport Grille for 2016.....

January 2nd 2016 – my name is Graeme – I am a pilot – I went flying (again)

A short morning hop up to KSFZ – North Central for the first WINGS Safety Seminar of the year. Good to see everyone and say HNY! Frank Sherman engaged the audience with 70 years of flying wisdom. On the way home to Newport I flew west about the very depleted looking Scituate Reservoir and played at short fields at 08R – Richmond. The cold dense air made for a nice performance lift on the climb out.

My name is
Gr.....(Graeme
thinks he needs
a 12 step
program.....)

KUUU Xmas day

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MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
December 8, 2015

Myron Mitchell, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:05 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed. There were 49 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.

Treasurer, Fred Crudale, reported \$2870.42 in the General Fund and \$7561.57 in the Scholarship Fund.

A motion was made to make to Twenty Week grand prizes payout 50/50. The motion was seconded and passed

Announcements:

- A letter from Ron McDonald was read.
- It was suggested that members should join the UUU+ SFZ groups on Facebook.
- 12/10 RIAC MEETING
- \$35 fee on BI is gone.
- SFZ tenants meeting to discuss badges.
- Amanda Scanlon earned her PPL.

Myron Mitchell presented RIPA's Airman of the Year John Sulyma.

20 Week Club winners:

Dec,-Jack Crouse, Joan Falcone, Joe Ludovici, Graeme Smith

Third Prize- Jack Crouse, Second Prize- James Murdocco Grand Prize- Robert Casey

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.
Marilyn Biagetti, Acting Recording Secretary

RIPA's businesses

AIR Ventures Flying School LLC

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Plane Share available South County Flying club has several openings. We operate a 1974 Grumman AA5 Traveler w/a 160 HP engine, IFR certified w/dual com. radios, dual nav. radios w/glide slope. The aircraft is very well maintained and hangared. We are based at Quonset State (KOQU); our flying rate is 65.00 per hr. wet. For more information call Jerry at 401-828-5092

Based at SFZ: 1969 Piper Arrow PA 28-200R, Factory Reman Lycoming, New Hartzell Prop, \$20,000 for 1/2 share Call Al for details 401-578-4494

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*Complete **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 \$600

***Sigtronics Intercom**, SPA-400, w/installation manual. Asking \$100.

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Call Frank...days 401-787-8668

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, email biagettim@aol.com

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Fort Wayne Approach:"NXXX, switch to tower on 119.1."

NXXX:"Switching to tower on 119.1."

NXXX:"Fort Wayne tower, this is NXXX with you."

Fort Wayne Approach:"NXXX, you are still on the approach frequency."

NXXX:"I was just practicing."

From Short Final

NOTAMS

SFZ TENANT MEETING

Well the meeting went well. Jeremy detailed where the 5 new hangers would go. He stated that 30 people already said they are interested. He's not sure how they'll decide on who gets them... He says they should be up by Fall of 2016.

Regarding the ID badge, at this time, think of it as a different gate fob. If you already have that black plastic gate fob, then you'll get a new credit card sized badge to use. The badge at this time will NOT include your picture. It will only be used for the vehicle access gate and for access to the heated hanger for those keeping a plane in it. If you don't already have a gate fob, then to get one, if you want one, it will cost you \$25. You are not required to get one at this time. Those already with the black fob have previously paid the \$25 and therefore won't be charged.

Wade Leveille December 10

The Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC), AvPORTS is pleased to announce the launch of WWW.FLYRIAIRPORTS.COM – a completely new website designed exclusively to promote Rhode Island's General Aviation Airports, as well as share information geared toward our local airport communities.

RIPA's Airman of the Year



Myron Mitchel with John Sulyma.

An unassuming person that has supported RIPA and General Aviation by sponsoring Safety Seminars for many years. Thank you John...

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EVENTS

SAFETY SEMINARS

February 6 Dr James Ross, AME will come ready and willing to answer any of your medical questions regarding the FAA and any medical certification questions. Dr. Ross is an active pilot. He wants to see pilots fly. He will answer which medication is allowed and those that are not. If you are aware of upcoming or past medical issues, Dr. Ross may help guide you to the steps that are needed to secure your medical back. Come and learn how you can actively participate in the process and steps that you can take. Don't miss this information briefing.

RIPA Mystery Fly-Out for brunch. Destination varies with weather. Plan to depart from North Central State Airport (SFZ) at 10 AM on Saturday or Sunday. Anyone is welcome to join.

Thursday Night Dinner Flyouts

VFR Flyouts to dinner at local airports. To be added to the notification list email graeme@graemejwsmith.com. Or check for details on the KUUU and KSFZ Facebook pages. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kuuupilots/>

Every Saturday Morning - KUUU Pilot's Breakfast

Tickets Bar and Restaurant, Middletown 08:15. If you fly in - check at the maintenance hangar for a ride no later than 08:00

"So you want to buy an airplane?"

Doug Auclair Master Flight Instructor,
FAASTeam rep. doug@airventuresri.com

One thing that I tell all of my students from the first day that they start their flight training is that if they want to be an active pilot, they are going to have to buy an airplane. There are many ways to skin this cat that will make aircraft ownership, and more importantly being an aviator possible. From single ownership, to partners, to flying clubs, there is an option that will fit your personal and financial situation.

Almost immediately upon expressing interest in entering the world of aircraft ownership, you will hear the horror stories about the guy who bought a plane for fifty thousand dollars and then had to put a hundred thousand into it at the first annual to make it airworthy. Sadly, the reason you hear this is because it happens. A lot.

I am going to address a few things that will be huge money savers and headache reducers when it comes to buying an airplane.

Before you even do any of this, I would recommend doing some training in the Make & Model that you intend to purchase with an instructor who is familiar with the aircraft to verify you like it. You don't want to go through all the effort and expense to find out you don't actually like flying your new airplane after 3 months of owning it.

Next, hiring someone to help you through the process can seem like a lot of money, but more often than not, it is worth it. Having a professional who can help you through the process will prove invaluable and prevent you from having to do things like buy a new engine for twenty five thousand dollars for the airplane you just bought for twenty thousand. This person will help you sift through all the junk that is out there and help you find an airplane that is within the average market price, and more importantly one that suits 80% of the flying that you are going to do it in. They will also be able to facilitate training in the make and model that you buy so when you strap yourself in for the first flight, it won't be the first time you are ever in the actual airplane. They will also help you figure out what type of insurance coverage, where to store your aircraft, and give some recommendations on maintenance facilities that will help take care of your new baby.

part 1 of 3to be continued

eMAIL BAG

Bill Weedon December 9

Paid \$86 fee at Nantucket Airport this weekend for lunch and a "Nantucket Stroll" and 3 hrs parking (\$36 landing fee + \$50 "handling fee") in my C421. Pork you very much!!! Nantucket is one of the richest airports and doesn't need to screw GA pilots who come over to have lunch and spend money on the island. Spent \$40 in cab fare, \$80 lunch, and \$100 in gift shops with my dad and 2 kids. Other local airports such as HYA, BID, and EWB can get by charging much less (as low as \$5). Tonight just landed Martin State (MTN) outside Baltimore and paid a grand total of \$26 for overnight parking and \$3.99 self-serv fuel. Why are some airports reasonable prices, while others feel they need to milk you for every dollar you have

The round rainbow around your airplane's shadow on a cloud is called a glory. The first time you see one the name will make eminent sense.

From AVWEB

MEETING NOTICE



Please make your reservations today by calling 401 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by **January 10, 2016**

Date: Tuesday January 12, 2016

Time: 6:30pm Cocktails

7:00pm Dinner

Place: **Chelo's** in Warwick

Airport exit off Rte.95 to Post Rd south,
500 ft on right

Buffet of: Roasted Chicken Quarters

Baked Salmon

Penne with meatballs

Garden Salad

w/house dressing

Garden Vegetables, Baby Carrots

Rice Pilaf

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes

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.

SPEAKER

January- Michael Spieth- RIPA's new president wants to introduce himself touching on some of the aviation events/groups he's been to or part of, the humorous, and not so humorous things pilots have done in aircraft, and how we learn from them.



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

January 12-Dinner Meeting

January 26-Board Meeting

February 6- Safety Seminar SFZ

Dr. James Ross, AME

February 9-Dinner Meeting

February 23-Board Meeting

March 8-Dinner Meeting

March 29-Board Meeting

Stay posted, check our website at Rlpilots.com.