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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Welcome to 2017. Before we put 2016 behind us, let me fill you in about the December 14th GA forum meeting at North Central State Airport. RIAC and AVPort management were there and I thank them for giving up an evening of their own time for the discussion group and bringing sandwiches and drinks. I say discussion group, because that was the plan, but it became what someone called out as a tenant meeting, where problems with management were brought forth: dirty floor at the North Central hangar (which we were told has been cleaned), 2 hour notice to get planes out from hangars, locked conference room (needed to be rented to be used) and locked pilots lounge, unhappy AVPort employees, and ramp access being temporarily revoked due to horses being led onto the ramp. Yes ... horses. In case anyone is confused, horses are evidently not expected nor wanted on the airfield due to safety concerns. These things highlighted a partial breakdown in the pilot and airport management relationship which needs to be mended. After the main meeting broke up, smaller groups had more discussions about the actual GA stuff that we also need to work on.

The main GA discussion topics: 1) hangars 2) getting more business/usage out of airports 3) getting people involved in aviation.

- 1) Hangars - It seems that Rhode Island building codes and other laws make hangars more expensive and at the moment too expensive to build new T-hangars at a reasonable rent. Bigger hangars have the problem of the ownership of a hangar reverting to the state in 20-30 years, just about the same time the mortgage is paid off ... not much incentive to invest in building a new hangar.
- 2) Usage of airports - Besides attracting aviation business, such as aircraft mechanics, sky diving, aviation instruction, there is a desire to have more activities at the airports to attract pilots and the public - public open house (Wings Over Westerly is a great example), flyins, poker run, food related - grill or food truck day on the ramp.
- 3) More people flying - Have events where pilots give the public rides to experience flying, especially children, to encourage aviation interest.

Even though RIAC and AVPorts manage the airports, we pilots also play a role in making airports and aviation more successful. RIPA's scholarship program is a prime example of the aviation community coming together and I thank everyone that has participated.

Mary Grady will speak at the January 10th RIPA meeting. She writes articles for AVweb, so she will give a summary of what she has seen over the past year.

Hope to see you at the meeting,
Thank you,
Michael Spieth



HANGAR TALK

HOLIDAY GALA

Attendees at the annual RIPA Christmas Gala had a great time. The business meeting was abbreviated so we could get down to the good stuff. Socializing was high on the agenda and the evening was laced with stories from members that produced many laughs and more remembrances.

Dee Scanlon, as usual, added the Christmassy touches to the tables. She is always there to perk up the atmosphere and make everything much more festive.

The 20 Week Club drew \$250 for Brendon Moriarty and Lee E. Sproul Jr; and \$500 for Robert E. Casey. The Scholarship Committee thanks Lee Sproul for donating his check back to the Scholarship Fund.

Many members brought gifts for door prizes and it seems all left with something.

Thanks to all that attended and hope that your holidays were joyous.



MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
December 13, 2016

Michael Spieth, 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 32 members and friends present at the meeting. A dinner recess was called after introductions.

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

Dan Scanlon, treasurer, reported that there was \$3430.87 in the General Fund and \$4865.61, of which \$3765.51 is available in the Scholarship Fund. All bills are paid.

20-Week Club winners for December; Kevin Andersen, Neven Laprade, Charles F. Monahan, Jr. and Lawrence A. Vieira

20-Week Club Grand Prize winners;
\$250: Brendon Moriarty, Lee E. Sproul Jr
\$500: Robert E. Casey

All attending received a door prize.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.
Marilyn Biagetti, Acting Recording Secretary

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<http://www.slidedown.com/>

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*Cessna 172 **Service Manual**, 1969 - 1976, \$25.

*Cessna 172 **parts manual**, 1963 thru 1974, \$25
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.

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EVENTS

EAA Chapter 146 Fly-In (and Drive-In) Pancake Breakfast Schedule for 2017 is:

- Spring - Saturday, June 3;
- Fall - Saturday September 9;

at the Kline Kill Airport (NY1), Route 21B, Ghent, NY. Join generations of aircraft and pancake lovers for the best breakfast around, served from 8:00 to 12noon. Come early and watch airplanes arrive. [Rain dates are both on the Sunday following]

Graeme John Wilson Smith

New England Flying Gourmet Challenge sounds interesting and fun.

<https://www.facebook.com/neflyinggourmets/>

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

SAFETY SEMINAR

Title: Runway Incursions and Accidents Are Increasing - Why?

Topic: 3 years in a row Runway Incursion incidents and accidents have increased. What can we do to improve Runway Safety?

Date and Time: Saturday, January 7, 2017, starting at 09:00

Speaker(s): Ken MacDonald

Brief Description: Don't miss this exclusive safety briefing that features Ken MacDonald, a FAASTeam Service Provider, who will review some of the most critical beginnings of flight. There has been an increase in runway incursions and runway accidents for three years in a row. What are the causal factors? Asking for clarification and complete understanding could result in avoidance of a challenging event. STOP and ASK, a critical component of safety when operating on a taxiway or near a runway. Attend this informative briefing and get the answers! Click on the link below and register TODAY!

Location of Seminar: North Central Airport/Avports

Hangar/Terminal Building 300 Jenks Hill Road
Smithfield, RI 02917

[Click here to register online now!](#)

Sponsoring Division: FAASTeam and the Boston FSDO

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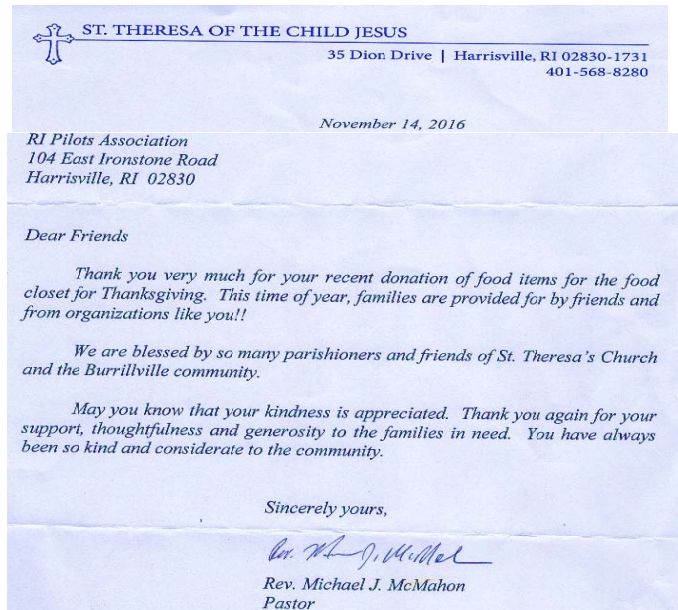
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eMAILBAG

Wade Leveille posted in Pilots Of SFZ.

December 11 at 3:41pm

Just heard that Windham (IJD) has instituted a \$10 landings fee... Can anyone confirm? If so, then it could be a reason to put IJD on that \$100 + landing fee hamburger list, the one pilots shy away from...



On a recent flight from San Antonio to Fort Stockton the center frequency got very quiet.

Me: "Center you still there?"

Center (after a few seconds): "Yeah, it's slow but they won't let me go home"

A couple of years ago, flying into ZRH (Zurich, Switzerland), just the day after the landing fees increased once more, we heard the following conversation while on hold between a Cessna 172 on final and the controller. It was a busy day with lots of commercial traffic.

Controller: Cleared to land runway 28; winds calm, please expedite and can you make it a short landing to the first exit?

Cessna: Negative, we pay for the whole runway, we use the whole runway!

As a 16-year-old student pilot I was on a short night flight from Hershey to Capital City airport (KCXY) in Harrisburg, PA. I was told on initial contact to "report a three miles final for runway 26."

Me: "Piper xxx is three-mile final runway 26"

Tower: "Negative Piper xxx...you're 4.5 miles out. We've got the Big Eye on you!"

They were sure proud of their new radar.

From Short Final

MEETING NOTICE

Please make your reservations today by calling 401 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by January 8, 2017

Date: Tuesday January 10, 2017

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:



Yankee Pot Roast
Baked Haddock
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 – Mary Grady will give a summary of what she has seen over the past year.

Stay posted, check our website at Rlpilots.com.



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

January 7- Safety Seminar SFZ

Runway Incursions and Accidents Are
Increasing - Why?

January 10- Dinner Meeting

January 31- Board Meeting

February 14- Dinner Meeting Valentine's Day

February 28- Board Meeting

March 14- Dinner Meeting St Patrick's Day

March 28- Board Meeting

June 3- / Fly-In Pancake Breakfast,

September 9- Kline Kill Airport (NY1),