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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

January was a great and exciting meeting. Tom Lafen came and shared with us some changes that will be taking place in Providence. Communication is key, and Tom fielded questions and shared with us ways that we can help make our relationship with ATC work better. He said that if the tower is advertising a certain runway and this will be a problem for a GA plane we need to make the controller aware, and request the other runway.

At the February Meeting we hear about the trails and tribulations of building your own aircraft. We also will recognize Rene Cardon as Airman of the Year. As I began to review Rene's accomplishments as a pilot I was amazed by His various and varied flying experiences. Rene is a very active RIPA member and has served as a past officer. Please join us in recognizing His many flying accomplishments.

February 13th we will be gathering at the Crow's Nest for our Annual RIPA Valentine's Party. Please contact Dee Scanlon if you and your "Sweetie" would like to join us.

Dues are due and payable. RIPA is a strong advocate, please keep your membership up to date. Politicians listen to numbers, the stronger our membership, the louder I voice is heard. Please support your organization.

Freedom is Flight - Share it with Others.

Paul Carroll

HANGAR FLYING



Paul Carroll, Hector Girouard, Cindy Wolf Tony Palumbo, Bob Wolf, Rene Cardon, Frank Sherman, Tony Correia, Paul, Tocco, Joe Ludovici, Tony Rappa, John Hayes, Lowell Cornell and Adrien Desillier waiting for conditions 1/8, pix/FrankO

Here is a picture of some of the "Fly to Lunch Bunch" at Skylanes last Sunday morning 1/8. A few others were also there but avoiding the camera lense.

The aircraft and ramps were covered with ice, and the melting was slow. Toward midday the ice started to melt, but the day turned IFR only. It turned out to be a good hanger flying session just the same. Frank Oliveira

EVENTS

The February dinner meeting will include the presentation for *Airman of the Year* to Rene Cardon. Rene has been a very active member, serving as Vice President and Events Chairman. He is determined to provide destinations and events for pilots and even non-pilots, and encourages all to participate. He has accumulated an impressive list of ratings and time, sharing his travels with others, as copilots, and/or presentations at our dinner meetings.

Join us to congratulate a dedicated member.

Valentines Day Evening out at the Crow's Nest in Warwick at 7:00pm has met it's minimum attendance. If interested call Dee Scanlon at 885 1196 ASAP.

Mike & Kathy Kelly send along an invite to a cookout at Spruce Creek April 16th, for members going to Sun n' Fun. *Sounds like fun*



MEETING MINUTES

Dinner meeting January 11, 2005

Paul Tocco, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM at Chelo's Restaurant on Post Road in Warwick, RI. We said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and we observed a moment of silence. After introductions of the RIPA members and guests, Paul thanked Marilyn Biagetti and myself, the hosts for the night. A motion to approve the minutes of the previous RIPA dinner meeting was seconded and passed.

The St. Patrick's Food Kitchen in Burrillville passed along their thanks to RIPA for the food donations received during the holidays.

This year's RIPA Valentine's Dinner will be held at the Crow's Nest in Warwick. Tickets are \$30 per person.

The RIPA Scholarship Committee announced that several scholarship applications have been received.

After Paul Tocco thanked everyone for a great run as the 2004 President of RIPA, the 2005 slate of officers were sworn in by Frank Sherman. The officers are as follows:

President:	Paul Carroll
Vice President:	Bill Weeden
Corresponding Secretary:	Marilyn Biagetti
Treasurer:	Dan Scanlon
Recording Secretary:	Korrie LaBrie

Tom Lafen, Operations Manger for the Providence Air Traffic Control Tower, along with two supervisors updated RIPA members with the latest news from the tower. Some of the topics he discussed included safety, sequencing of flights, and effective communication. In addition, Tom explained the new runway use test program happening at PVD which involves sticking with one active runway unless it is an operational necessity.

The dinner meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Korrie LaBrie Recording Secretary

SOLOS & NEW RATINGS

Beth Tetreault – Private 1/4/05 w/Adrien Desellier at Skylanes

We would like to congratulate all who strive to maintain and advance their knowledge of aviation. Biagettim@cox.net



I found this online. Does it look like Alton Bay?

NOTAMS

Thank you Don Westburg for your donation to the Scholarship Fund.

LIST OF DINNER MEETING SPEAKERS

The new Board has put together an interesting and diverse list of speakers for the year.

March – Ken MacDonald - Runway Safety and The Human Factor *eligible for Wings*
April – Bill Weeden will present "Flying in Hawaii"
May – PVD Airport Tour
June – Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award

From this point the list is tentative:

September – representative from FSS
October – Bob Wolf's Lewis & Clark Tour
November – Controller Pilot
December – Holiday Gala

BOARD MEETING

Once again the board members trickled into the meeting but by 7:05 Paul, Bill, Rene Dan, Frank, me and Ed O'Neil were down to business.

The annual audit of the Treasurer was reviewed and copies of the annual audit will be available to members at the dinner meeting. Now that the record keeping setup for the RIPA Scholarship Fund is complete, the moneys will be transferred into that fund to keep that entity separate. We can now proceed with its charitable status.

The Safety Seminar schedule was discussed; Gene has acquired 4 dates and is striving for more. *All this from his sick bed.* New Horizon scheduled the February Seminar.

The list of upcoming dinner meeting speakers was updated as confirmations come in.

Frank asked if we could purchase a program that would greatly facilitate their work on the Web page. Frank reports that RIPA/Yahoo/Group criteria have been changed so we can monitor member use and especially, discourage abuse. Members are asked to sign up and join the activities.

Rene will be having a Fly to Lunch Bunch Flyin to Sanford Maine on Saturday. He will have one each month, usually the first weekend, and will announce it via Yahoo Group.

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PVD VORTAC

The New England Region FAA has submitted a proposal to decommission the existing Providence VORTAC citing the cost associated with relocating, property acquisition, maintaining and repairing as the primary reason. Construction, in 2006, at PVD necessitates relocation and realignment of the Airways and Instrument Procedures that use this NAVAID.

They wish to gather public aeronautical comments and opinions before a FAA decision is made. Comments should be in writing and based on aeronautical fact. Submitted before February 23 to Ronald X. Ruggeri, Manager; Airspace Branch, AEA-5209; Non Rule Case # 05-ASNE-0102-NR; FAA Eastern Region; 1 Aviation Plaza; Jamaica, NY 11434

FAA Specialist is Frank Jordan of the AEA-520 Staff 718 553 4521

SAFETY SEMINARS

Date: February 22, 2005
Time: Tuesday, 7:00pm
Place: 660 Airport Rd, Warwick, RI
Topic: Winter Flight Operations And Aircraft Icing
Guest Speaker: Jack Keenan and Bob Berlyn
Sponsor: New Horizon Aviation

Gene asks that you be reminded that RIPA Safety Seminars include coffee & donuts and door prizes.

Date: March 31, 2005
Time: Thursday, 7:00pm
Place: CCRI, Warwick, RI
Topic: How To Fly The North Atlantic
Procedures, clearing customs, needed gear,
where to stay
Speaker Ed Carlson
Sponsor: RIPA

Date: June 9, 2005
Time: Thursday, 7:00pm
Place: CCRI, Warwick, RI
Topic: Airport Safety & Runway Incursions
Speaker: Ken MacDonald & Jack Keenan
Sponsor: John Carter & RIPA

Date: September 8, 2005
Time: Thursday, 7:00pm
Place: CCRI, Warwick, RI

Date: November 10, 2005
Time: Thursday, 7:00pm
Place: CCRI, Warwick, RI

To receive your Safety Seminar schedules online please subscribe by going to the following link: <http://faasafety.gov/>
Call Gene Bielecki, Pilot Examiner, for information 231 6229

If the campus is closed because of weather or an emergency the Safety Seminars are cancelled. Listen for closings on your TV or radio.

FROM THE e-MAILBAG

February 10, 2005

Dear Paul,

I wanted to take a minute to thank RIPA for my new plane (Lake LA-4-200EP).

Because RIPA was active in terminating the RI Sales Tax I was encouraged to go ahead with my life long dream of owning a Lake. We all belong to organizations because they give us a greater voice together than we would have individually. Some work harder than others, but when we band together we are able to accomplish great things for the group. I want to thank everyone who took time to contact legislators to let our collective voice be heard and I want to encourage others to heed the call from time to time to help RIPA continue to be a force for the pilots of Rhode Island.

Keep up the good work. Sincerely, Myron Mitchell

I get this notice each month but can't include it because of the timing. I know we have EAA members and think they might be interested in attending on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Contact Bill to be included on their list for the notice
EDITOR

Hello All ! Just a quick reminder about our regular monthly meeting next TUESDAY evening, February 1, 2005. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM, Quonset Air Museum at the airport.

Bill O'Neel, EAA Chapter 1363 Webmaster, Ocean State Aviators, Phone: 401-783-4388,
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CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted: Aircraft Mechanic Trainees. Up to an \$8,000.00 cash bonus, the Montgomery GI Bill and Kicker, plus a Student Loan Repayment Program, limited time only, don't miss this opportunity. The RI Air National Guard has several openings for C-130 Crew Chiefs, Aerospace Propulsion Technicians, Avionics Technicians, Fuel Systems specialists, plus more. Paid technical training, travel, college education, and retirement benefits. - For more information contact Col Matt Dzialo or Capt Ron Cloutier at (401) 886-3549

FOR SALE: Polo Shirts w/ RIPA logo (\$26) can be personalized. RIPA pins(\$4) and decals(\$1). At meetings, events.

FOR SALE: Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL(cases & drums). SHELL Flight Jacket, plane care products are now available. 1339 Davisville Road, Quonset 1800 554 4557

Classified ads are free to all current members for aviation related items. Call Marilyn Biagetti at 568 3497, Fax to 568 5392 or email Biagettm@cox.net

MEETING NOTICE

Call 782 4743 or email RIPAcMAIL@AOL.COM by 4:00pm Friday January 9, 2005 to make your reservations.

Date: Tuesday February 8, 2005

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

Menu: Buffet of a Chicken Penne with Pesto Cream Sauce, Scrod au Gratin, Yankee Pot Roast, salad, vegetables

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.

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

GUEST SPEAKER

February – Vernon Knott His 701 stol is an all metal, two people, STOL plane. You can fly it low and slow and look at stuff. I have been to Oshkosh several times and always wanted to build one of those airplanes. So now I am finally getting around to it.

EVENTS SCHEDULE

February 5 – Fly for Brunch Bunch, Sanford Me meet there at 11:15

8 – Dinner Meeting

Airman of the Year Award

13 - Valentines Day Evening out

Crow's Nest Warwick 7:00pm

19 - Alton Bay, NH. 16th Ice-Port Fly-In, Bad weather date February 26, 2005.

22 - Board Meeting PVD

March 8– Dinner Meeting

St Patrick's Day Breakfast Block Island

29 - Board Meeting PVD

April 12– Dinner Meeting

16 – Cookout at Spruce Creek

12 – 18 - Sun 'n Fun Fly-In, Fla

Daffodil Festival, Nantucket Strawberry Festival,

Richmond Airport

26- Board Meeting, PVD

May 10 – Dinner Meeting

Quonset Air Museum Breakfast

FAA Awards Banquet

22 - Chili/Chowda Flyin, Quonset

31 - Board Meeting, PVD

June 14 - Dinner Meeting

AOPA Flyin

1661 House Brunch, Block Island

Quonset Air Show

28 - Board Meeting, PVD

July 4th of July Parade & Steak Fry

URI Balloon Festival

Hangar Party, North Central

Ace Camp

25-31: Oshkosh Flyin

August - Beach Party

Ice Cream Social, Jaffrey, NH

Flyout/Campout

30 - Board Meeting, PVD

September 9/11 - Greenville Seaplane

Flyin, Maine

13 - Dinner Meeting

27 - Board Meeting, PVD

October 11 - Dinner Meeting

56th Fighter Squadron,

Republic Field, Farmingdale, NY

AOPA Expo

Harvest Hangar Party, Providence

25 - Board Meeting, PVD

November 8 - Dinner Meeting

29 - Board Meeting, PVD

December 10 - Holiday Gala, Quonset "O" Club