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PRESIDENTS CORNER

I found an interesting statistic the other day - there are 1075 licensed pilots in Rhode Island. How does it feel to be one of an elite few? Of those 1075 approximately 50% are private pilots. The Rhode Island Pilots Association represents approximately 25% of those licensed pilots. Therein lies the crux of an issue, we as members, need to address. I don't need to remind you that costs are rising; you see it every day from what you pay for Avgas to what you pay for groceries. However as our costs have increased, our membership and attendance at monthly meetings has declined. I'll be sending out a survey, asking for your input and suggestions, on ways to mitigate the problem. Do we increase membership fees, allow corporate members, increase the cost of the meeting, change the night of the meeting, or hold fast and try to weather the storm. Give these suggestions some thought and when you receive your survey, complete and mail it back.

In the meantime, join us at the February 12, 2008 meeting, if you haven't paid your dues come and bring a check.

Beth



HANGAR FLYING

It was a nice Sunday that allowed 14 of the "Fly to Lunch Bunch" friends, to gather at Campy's Country Kettle at Keene, NH (EEN). Good times had by all.



EVENTS

St Valentine's Day Party

Spread the word! Sunday February 10- The Barnsider restaurant 375 South Main Street Providence- free parking, 5:30 cocktails & 6:30 dinner

Choose from these selections:

Prime rib

N Y Sirloin

Salmon

Baked Stuffed Shrimp with Prime rib

Baked Scallops and prime rib

Cost will be \$46 pp- this includes taxes & tips
I'll be away until Thursday - To get in touch with me deescanlon@aol.com anytime or 885-1196.
I'm sorry I waited too long to get this finalized!!!
EGAD time flies!!!! Hope all is well with you guys!!! Dee

Rhode Island Civil Air Patrol Golf Tournament

will be held Sunday May18, 2008 at the Cranston Country Club. For more information call 401 737 8490. Courtesy of response is requested by May 1, 2008 to guarantee placement.

The 2008 New England Aviation Safety Expo will be held at the Eaton-Richmond Center at Daniel Webster College, in Nashua, New Hampshire, adjacent to Boire Field, March 29, 2008, from 8am-5pm. Participants may walk, drive, or fly in. For more information go to: www.faa.gov/news/conferences_events/aviation_expo

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
January 8, 2008

Beth Tetreault called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. There were 30 members and friends present, After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed for members that have died and service men over seas.

Beth introduced the speakers. The RIAC staff present was: Ann Clark, Brenda Pope, Daryl Watson, Dave Cloutier, Steve Tibbits and Michael Minni. Table introductions were followed by an adjournment for dinner.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer reported that there was \$2357.72 in the General Fund and \$241.42 in the Scholarship Fund.. Dan will be meeting with Chelo's to discuss the coming year's dinner contract.

The Secretaries report was accepted as published in the Plane Paper.

February's dinner meeting will be held at Airfield Maintenance Facility at 300 Airport Road. The Tower Tour will commence at 6:00. A dinner and tour account is needed, so reservations are necessary.

The RIPA Valentine Day dinner is being arranged by Dee.

Frank Oliveira, Webmaster, has set up a classified ads page on the RIPilots.com website. This will offer a good opportunity for color pictures and a wider distribution. Contact Frank or the Plane Paper with your ad.

OQU has a new FBO Facility and main lounge.

Members are asked to note any violators of the airport noise restrictions and at least contact a RIPA Board member. We want to be neighbor friendly.

Applications for the Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award and RIPA's Scholarship are available at the desk.

Door prize winners were Howard Rowland, Tony Rappa, Dee Scanlon, Ann Clark, Tony Correia, Bill Weedon, Carlos Vares and Rene Cardon. A special drawing was won by Daryl Watson and raised \$66 for the Scholarship Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

Once again the Plane Paper would like to offer a business card ad to run for the year. This would give members the opportunity to do business with other members. Bill, who proposed the idea, suggested that \$100 was very reasonable for the years ad. Let's hear your opinion....

CLASSIFIED ADS

Beech BE-55 Baron for sale. 9869 TT, 202 SMOH/760 SNEW. GAMI injectors, Air Wolf remote oil filters, leather seats, 136 gallons fuel, century III AP, KLN-94 GPS, HSI w/slave compass, 70 A alternators, deice boots, Whelan strobes, EZ-heat engine preheaters, NU-lite panel lights, speedslope windscreen, plumbed for oxygen, complete logs, fresh annual, more. Asking \$94,995. Listed with Tsunami Aircraft Sales, Westerly. Contact Bill Weedon 401-474-8082.

For Sale: Garmin GPS 196 with all attachments for Aircraft and Automobile and Carrying case. \$400.00 Call Al at (401)523-2647

FOR SALE: 1976 CESSNA 172M: 4800 TT, 1889 SMOH, IFR, NDH, Complete logs. Strong engine. Well maintained. Hangered. Nice paint & interior. Much better than the average SKYHAWK. To many options to list here. For details & pictures:
<http://www.ripilots.com/classified/172.pdf> Asking \$62,000
e-mail: frank172@cox.net Week Days: 401-787-2338, Evenings: 401-727-2580

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Frank sold his headset to a gentleman from Tennessee who saw the ad on RIPA's web page.

FOR SALE: Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL(cases & drums). SHELL Flight Jacket, plane care products are now available at 123 Ocean State Dr. No. Kingston, RI 02852 1800 554 4557

Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.
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NOTAMS

BOARD MEETING

The board meeting got off to a piece-meal start with Beth and Marilyn clarifying a couple of items (menu and time) while awaiting the others. When Bill arrived, the phone, email reports and opinions sufficed for the missing members.

Dan reported that the general fund has \$2278.60 and the scholarship fund has \$307.42.

Chelo's will cater the February meeting at PVD. There will be a cash bar. The tour must start by 6:00. The personnel at the maintenance facility will present the new snow removal equipment.

Dee Scanlon has scheduled the Valentine's Day party to take place at the Barnsider in Providence.

The Twenty Week Club mailing will be scheduled for March.

The speaker's roster for the coming year needs a couple more suggestions. The CAP was one option.

A short meeting left plenty of time to discuss the upcoming Super bowl game.

RIPA SCHOLARSHIP

The Rhode Island Pilots Association is offering an aviation related scholarship to residents of Rhode Island.

Information and an application can be obtain on the Rhode Island Pilots' web page at <http://www.RIPilots.com/>, at any dinner meeting or for more information call the Scholarship Chairman: Marilyn Biagetti at 401 568 3494

The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

RIPA will once again solicit members to be honored with FAA's Master pilot Award. Applications will be available at meetings and applicants will be aided, if necessary, in completing these forms.

STAY IN TOUCH Join RIPA'S YAHOO Group. Go to www.Yahoo.com, select groups in column on left. Enter Rhode Island Pilots into the search. You can join once you've logged in.

Remember if you have changed your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.

eMAIL BAG

From: David <dandersonsr@comcast.net>Hide

Date: Tue, 8 Jan 2008

Reading the latest issue if Plane Paper, I was delighted to see the photo of Beth presenting Bob Danis with Airman of the Year award. Bob, of course, is a RI aviation icon. My late dad, Nils Anderson, was a CAP pilot who flew Cubs with Bob in the 1950's. Bob made the first entry in my original pilot logbook, November 6, 1965, from the old Coventry airport in Aeronca 7AC N1468E. I'm happy that I still get to see him up at SFZ on weekends and to chat about aviation, past, present, and future - he's a pilot's pilot for sure.

David AndersonN52837 (SFZ)

Hello group..

This was always an interest of mine thought of setting myself to actually taking the lessons instead of just thinking about it.. a few months when weather warms up. I'm fairly close to north central airport I think there are two schools there skylanes and lincoln flight center. Can't find any reviews of these online anyone know which is the better school, better instructors etc.. any info would be appreciated. thank Brian

Hi Brian,

I am not too familiar with the schools at North Central State Airport. We did however have a student recently transfer to our school from there. I am an instructor at Cindtronix Aviation here at Quonset State. We are a new flight school this past year. I encourage you to come by and take a look at our facilities and the new Garmin equipped G1000 Cessna airplanes. We are the only Cessna Pilot Center in Rhode Island. The airport and school is a great place to learn. Our website is: www.cindtronix.com. Best of luck in your search.

Regards, Bryon

Planes love to fly in the cold weather. Don't put it off, get started. We recently sold our plane because we're raising three grade school grandchildren now and can't find the time to keep our plane in the air enough. We had 10 1/2 wonderful years of flying her before that and fabulous memories as we flew many great hours. My husband and I will never regret the learning to fly experience. Go for it - NOW! Once you start flying you will wonder why you waited so long.

Cheryl & Norm Hanson

Brian, What ever school you choose, I used Skylanes, get off the couch and get into a plane and start taking you lessons. When you solo the first time by yourself and your heart is beating so hard it wants to jump out of your chest, you will then understand what it's all about! Then you can get serious and start perfecting your new skills. Dennis aka: pilotprose@yahoo.com

I got my pilot's license when I was 52, and I went on to get my CFI and my CFII. My husband and I had 25 wonderful years of flying. Go for it! Peggy \Rock

MEETING NOTICE

Reservations are necessary.

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAEmail@aol.com by February 10, 2008.

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2008
Time: 6:00 Tower Tours will commence
7:30 – 8:00pm Dinner
Place: Airport Maintenance Facility
300 Airport Rd
*Airport exit off Rte.95 to Post Rd north
Or Rt 37off Rt 95 to Post Rd South*

Buffet of:

Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo,
Penne Marinara with Sausage & Meatballs
Garden Salad
Rolls with Butter
Assorted Cake Slices
Coffee and Tea.

Price: \$20 per person

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 event.

GUEST SPEAKERS

February– Tour the tower and the maintenance facility at PVD. Maintenance personnel will present the new snow removal equipment.

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

February 10– Valentine Party
February 12 – Dinner Meeting
Tower Tour & Snow Removal at PVD
February 26 – Board Meeting
March 11 - Dinner Meeting
March 15 - St Patricks Day Dinner Dance
March – St Patrick’s Day Brunch BID
March 25 – Board Meeting
March 29 - , N E Aviation Safety Expo
April 8- Dinner Meeting
April 29 – Board Meeting
May 13–Dinner Meeting
Scholarship Awards
May 18 – RI CAP Golf Tournament
May 27 – Board Meeting
June 10– Dinner Meeting
Master Pilots Awards
August 12 – Beach Party Flyin
August – Gadabout Gaddis Campin
September 9– Dinner Meeting
September– Greenville Seaplane FlyIn