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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

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Last month I texted in my President's Report from a beach chair on New Years Day in 85-deg St John, VI. Today I am writing from much humbler surroundings, sitting here at my office at Quonset, where it is 30 deg outside. It's great to break up the winter with trips down south where it is usually warmer. And flying your own airplane offers the ability to do that on a whim, assuming you have the time and money. And if you can't put it together, at least you can dream about hopping in your plane and flying off somewhere at a moment's notice. It's a great form of escape.

This month, we have Barry Morgan from the PVD ATC Tower coming in to speak at our meeting. I have asked him to speak on a topic of his choice, but it would be great if he could open up the floor to Q&A. He indicated in his email that there is "something of interest happening in ATC", so I am interested to find out what that is. So come out and find out what the mystery topic is all about.

You probably noticed that we increased the amount we charge at dinner meetings to \$25 for an individual and \$45 for a couple. If Paul Carroll and Paul Taco show up as a "couple", someone please hit them! It's been \$20 as long as I have been involved with RIPA, and since then the cost of food has gone up along with everything else, including the cost of fuel to get the food from the lettuce farm onto your plate. We finally had to increase the charge in order to cover our costs, since we were losing a few bucks per plate, and the more people that showed up at a meeting, the more money we lost.

At the board meeting last week, we heard that there were a few complaints that the quality or quantity of the food has gone steadily down. I didn't pick the menu last month, but I noticed that we had two pasta dishes and no main course. Where's the beef? It reminds me of when I first got married; my wife would cook two side dishes, and no main course. Fortunately, things have improved for me at home steadily in the last 10 years, and I am now getting a 3-course meal. Except when I say the wrong thing! But that's neither here nor there.

I promise to work on the meals, and try and make some improvements. What has happened is that Chellos has had to cut back in order to cover their costs, and where they previously offered us 2-3 entrées, they are now offering us one entrée plus a pasta dish. I asked Marilyn to see if we could get Cajun Pork Chops plus a fish dish. Let's see what happens. If anyone has any suggestions in this arena, I'd be glad to hear them (kind of like Barack Obama on Health Care). But I am inclined to keep the meetings at Chellos in Warwick, which seems to be a central location for our meetings, and work within that constraint. One thing we had talked about is getting rid of the bartender, which costs RIPA \$50. In the interests of getting you a better meal, we may look at eliminating the bartender, with the minor inconvenience of having to go into the other room to get a drink. Thoughts???

Bill Weedon

President, RIPA



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## HANGAR FLYING

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### Weekend Flying

This month I decided to write about the main objective of the "SFZ Fly to Lunch Bunch". As you all know by now, we enjoy mixing our flying, hanger talk and eating. I'm going to try, with your help, to write about the airport restaurants that we go to. So that I don't stick my head out too far, I'll try to be diplomatic with these reviews. I encourage you to send me your review of a recent visit to an airport eatery, as well.

The restaurant at New Bedford Airport reopened recently and a group from SFZ tried it out. For more info about the "Airport Grille", check out their web site at <http://www.airportgrille.com>. Paul Tocco submitted a review of his luncheon experience and here is what the "Flying Food Critic" had to say. (on page 3)

Frank Oliveira



Gene Collette's in Fitchburg, Rene, Steve Nelson, Hector Girouard, Dave Lachapelle, & Dick Ciolfi

Pix/ReneC

## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting  
January 12, 2009

Bill Weedon, Vice President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance we observed a moment of silence. There were 52 members and friends present. A dinner recess was called after table introductions.

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

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported that there was \$2295.53 in the General Fund and \$2562.98 in the Scholarship Fund, The report was accepted.

Incoming officers were installed.

Door prize winners were: Kim Ellin, Joe Tocco, Rick Jacks, George Sutcliffe, Myron Mitchell, Ryan Farley, Bud Ellin, Howard McVay, Jack Crouse, Mrs. Mitchell. Beth Tetreault, Frank Sherman.

Bill Weedon introduced the speaker, George Sutcliffe.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary



Frank Sherman, a Past President, installs the incoming officers, Dan Scanlon, Beth Tetreault, Marilyn Biagetti and Bill Weedon. Pix/ReneC

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Marilyn: 568 3497, Fax:568 5392, email [biagettim@cox.net](mailto:biagettim@cox.net)

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*While on a Bay tour near San Francisco, a Cessna 172 pilot received an instruction from San Francisco tower to turn to a heading of 120 degrees for noise abatement.*

**Cessna:** "Noise abatement?"

**ATC:** "Yeah. Did you ever hear the sound a Cessna makes when it hits a 747?"

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## NOTAMS

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### The Flying Food Critic

On Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, a few of the "Fly to Lunch Bunch" went to the Airplane Grille at EWB for what turned out to be a very enjoyable experience. We flew in Paul "Media Hound" Carroll's Booonnanza. Along for the ride was Frank, aka, The Sherminator, Dave Lachappelle, aka, The Professional Passenger, and me. The staff at the Airport Grille was friendly and the ambience was soft and elegant. We ordered off the regular lunch menu and had, as I recall, burgers which were large and quite filling, a fish sandwich and clam chowder. The sandwiches come with fries. All were of high quality, served hot and quickly. The pricing was quite affordable, as evidenced by the four Booonnanzas outside. Our meal, with tip was about \$11.00 per head. No alcohol was consumed, although they do have a well stocked bar and several TV's to enjoy the sport du jour. Open for lunch and dinner, I would recommend you add the Airplane Grille to your list of food for fun destinations.

"The Food Hound"



Rene C flew to Fla with Ryan Farley and visited with Bruce & Patty Hamilton...Here they enjoy the music at the Cabbage. Patch. Pix/ReneC

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*A few years ago, when I drove up to my airport, there was an Aeronca there with two men looking at a chart.*

**One of the men with the chart:** "This is Catherine, Alabama, isn't it?"

**Me:**"Yes, sir, it is."

**The man with the chart:**"Can you show me Catherine on this chart?"

**Me:**"Sure. But, um — how did you know you were in Catherine if you couldn't find it on the chart."

**Second man looking at the chart:**"Well, we looked on that coon dog's collar, and it had the town name on it."

### **MARCH MEETING**

Frank Sherman will host one of his popular Safety Seminars. We will be expecting visitors so reservations for dinner are a must. If you wish to attend only the seminar, it will commence after dinner.

In order for this seminar to be sanctioned it must be posted on the FAA website.

**Those members who wish to receive credit for the seminar must preregister on the FAA SPANS web site. Just calling in for attendance at the meeting WILL NOT register members for the seminar.**

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### **RIPA SCHOLARSHIP**

The deadline for the Scholarship applications is February 28<sup>th</sup>. If you know of a worthy recipient we encourage you to get them an application. They are available in RIPA's webpage, online, and at the dinner meetings. Copies have been sent to all the state's FBO's and guidance offices at schools,

Requirements include being a Rhode Island resident and able to pass a 3<sup>rd</sup> class medical if you are using the award for flight training. Any aviation related career would be considered. Reapplications will be considered. There is no age limit.

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### **MASTER PILOTS AWARD**

RIPA is again willing to help members, qualified to receive the Master Pilots Award, with their application. An information guide and application is available at faasafety.gov. You must log on and go to awards.

There will be application available at the dinner meeting or you can contact any board member.

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## MEETING NOTICE

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Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at [RIPAemail@aol.com](mailto:RIPAemail@aol.com) by February 7, 2010.

Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2010

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: Boneless Cajun Pork Chops,  
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 coffee and dessert.

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

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## GUEST SPEAKER

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Barry Morgan, PVD Air Traffic Manager,

March – Frank Sherman, Safety Seminar

April – Paul Carroll



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## EVENTS SCHEDULE

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February 9- Dinner Meeting

February 23- Board Meeting

March 9- Dinner Meeting

Safety Seminar Frank Sherman

March - St Patrick's Day Brunch BID

March 30- Board Meeting

April 13 - Dinner Meeting

April 27- Board Meeting

May 11- Dinner Meeting, Tower Tour

Scholarship Award

May 25- Board Meeting

June 8- Dinner Meeting

Master Pilots Award

**December – Holiday Gala**

**Air Man of the Year Award**