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"Does anyone miss this?" Last year at this time
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HANGAR FLYING

During a recent non flight physical medical exam I was diagnosed with an affliction commonly referred to as "POOR." This stands for Plane Owner Out of Resources. This affliction or addiction mostly has a negative impact on the wallet, but can also lead to a mind disorder commonly referred to as being Stupid. It starts out by worrying about eating out, paying the electric and heat bill, followed by the dreaded mortgage payment on the upside down house. What was I thinking when I bought that house?

It is severely crippling me and my ability to buy gas and other neat stuff for my beloved Cardinal. I did some simple math and figured out the plane eats 33 percent of my gross income, or nearly 50 percent of my take home pay. Obviously I needed to do a budget to figure this out. Also learned the house is eating 26 percent of my check. That dastardly mortgage. So, I need to cut expenses. I figured as long as I was not buying airplane gas for the plane, I would cut down on the gas at home. The heating kind that is. Well, let me tell you that was not a good idea and did not work out so well. Remember being POOR lead me to being stupid. One cold morning in December the pipes in my bathroom froze. As I was in a rush to shower and head out to earn some plane money I used a heat gun on high to defrost the pipes. By the way, they were in the wall. So I stuck the flameless heat gun on tase into the wall and cranked it. The next thing I remember was calling 911. I lit the darn house on fire. The 911 call went something like; 911, what is your emergency? Help, I am POOR and stupid! OK sir we will send help. What do you need? Cash. And a fire truck. OK, they are on the way. So, 5 red trucks, an ambulance and two cops responded. Also Channel 12 News. Yup, made the 12:00 news that day. If you want to see my 15 minutes of shame, check it out, December 18 house fire in Warwick. Fortunately my injuries were minor, the house is put back together and the heat is back on. Needless to say, my priorities have shifted. Sorry little Cardinal, your gas is going to have to wait until heating season is over.

The Hound

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
January 10, 2012

Tom Magnan, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Chelo's on the Waterfront. After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of prayer was observed for our troops overseas. There were 44 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, Beth Tetreault, reports \$2436.22 in the general fund and \$6091.56 in the Scholarship Fund. The report was accepted.

Announcements:

Buz Sawyer has joined us again.

Rene Cardin is recovering.

Joe Crocker will speak at the February meeting.

Door prize winners: Travis Danforth, Fred Crudale, Sally Terry, Garrot Scanlon, Dave Lachapelle, Sue Pillsbury, Jim Terry, Rebecca Paiva, Carlos Vares, George Bently, and Normand Doragon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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NOTAMS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Rhode Island Pilots Association Scholarship applications will be accepted until February 29th. If you know of or are someone who could use a helping hand to acquire, or advance in an aviation endeavor download, complete and mail an application from our website at <http://www.ripilots.com/Scholarships.htm>.

The main restrictions are, it must be aviation related and the applicant must be a resident of Rhodes Island.

January Dinner Meeting

RIPA members gathered at Chelo's on the Waterfront for the January meeting. Because of a scheduling error Chelo's opened up it's seasonal facility for our gathering. Although the area was quiet in this off-season the in-season atmosphere was easily evidenced.

Paul Carroll presentation on his flight to Iceland was exciting and informative. The photos showing the stark landscape, beautiful and barren, gave one a chill and not just of cold. Thank you Paul for showing us a trip of a lifetime.

SAFETY SEMINARS

First Saturday of the month At SFZ

Go to the FAA website for the topic of the month and to register or contact Steve Grota,
<https://faasafety.gov/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx>

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Join the Fly to Lunch Bunch, contact Rene Cardon (651-3528) or appear at Landmark at SFZ around 9:30 on Saturday and/or Sunday. They would be happy to have you.

After a local excursion to exercise my C-172 engine, I returned to my local airport. There was a helicopter in the area providing position reports. After I announced downwind, the helicopter came on the radio:

Helicopter: "Do you know anything about the airplane crash this morning?"

Me: "No. I have been out of the area, haven't heard anything." An unidentified source, critical of the excess publicity airplane accidents receive:" If you want to know what happened, listen to the news."

[A long pause.]

Helicopter: "We are the news."

I was flying a particularly noisy pusher seaplane back to KPIE one day. These things have the engine right over your head and between the straight-through exhaust and prop swinging by the fuselage. They are super noisy.

On my first radio call to the tower, they came back with: "Transmission unreadable. Just a loud noise."

I keyed up again, using my loud voice: "Just a second. Let me shut off the engine."

The tower replied: "No! Nooo!"

It was then obvious to me that my intention to go to idle power had been misinterpreted

One day, while flying over the Rockies with a strong jet stream and many turbulence reports in the Denver airspace, I heard Denver Center ask for ride reports.

United 123: "Good day, Denver. United 123 with you at FL 350."

Denver Center: "Roger, United 123. How's your ride?"

United 123: "Well, the captain is having his lunch, and he just jabbed himself with his fork; so we could call it as moderate turbulence."

Denver Center: "Thanks, United 123. Break, break. Air Canada 456, how's your ride at FL350?"

Air Canada 456: "Sorry, Denver, we can't tell. We haven't eaten yet."

Back in the early '70s, I was an FO for now-defunct Cascade Airways in the Pacific Northwest. We were known to ATC as the VFR on-top airline. The following exchange was heard one day:

ATC: "Ah, Cascade 123, Seattle Center; what do the clouds look like for you out there?"

Cascade 123: "Well, let's see -- there's one at 12 o'Clock that looks like a fat little bunny and another at 9 o'Clock that looks like a big pony with a really long tail."

ATC: *[no reply]*

MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by February 12, 2012

Date: Tuesday February 14, 2012

Time: 6:30pm Cocktails

7:00pm Dinner

Place: Place: **Chelo's** in Warwick

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

Buffet of: Pot Roast,
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 just coffee and dessert.

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

GUEST SPEAKER

February – Joe Crocker

Executive Vice President of Alhambra Construction will discuss the building of GA and corporate hangars and ramp space at Quonset Airport. .



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

February 14- Dinner Meeting

February 28 –Board Meeting

March 13 - Dinner Meeting

March 27 –Board Meeting

April 10 - Dinner Meeting

April 24 –Board Meeting

May 8- Dinner Meeting

May 29–Board Meeting

June 12 - Dinner Meeting