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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Annual preparations. Making a list. It's that time of year again when I start rounding up what it's going to take to accomplish the annual inspection. I've been doing "owner assisted annuals" since I bought my Lake so I would have half a chance of fixing something if it happened out on one of those lonely lakes that I end up on sometimes. I'm getting to be an expert at taking the plane apart and putting it back together again. Sometimes all the parts are there and sometimes they're not. Half the battle is finding everything after it's all over the hangar with all the other airplane stuff. One of the other reasons I like to know my airplane better is that it is a little weird and I don't want some mechanic in another place to try to fix something and end up making matters worse. Just understanding the hydraulic system in my plane is a major undertaking – I don't even start without reading the gotchas again and again. I have learned an awful lot about airplanes by working alongside my mechanic as he goes through the annual. I just started my annual shopping list with some grease. When you taxi in and out of the water on a semi regular basis good grease in your wheel bearings takes on a whole new meaning and plain grease just doesn't seem to hold up. The point is to get it all back together again to start a whole new season of fly ins and cross country jaunts. Before you know it, it'll be time to head south where the water isn't frozen.

After the Lakeathon fly in convention I'm planning on staying in Florida for Sun N Fun and one of our members, Sal Corio from Slidedown aircraft tiedown will be at booth C55 so stop by and see him and see who else from RI has stopped by. Matter of fact, I liked the Slidedowns we have given away as door prizes so much I even bought myself a set. If you're looking for me I'll probably be at the Splash In, so stop by.

Myron Mitchell



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## HANGAR FLYING

Of course KSFZ pilots were not the only ones this holiday season to have a Xmas party. The KUUU pilots did too – and it was so good that pilots from KSFZ crashed it! But all was forgiven and put aside on New Year's Day.

The "East Coast Outcasts" – the local wing of the Cessna 150/152 club called "Block Island" for lunch on New Year's Day. Bethany's Diner was filled to the brim with pilots from KSFZ, KUUU, KPVD and as far afield as 23N Bayport on Long Island. As GA aircraft were calling in like crazy asking for Class Charlie transitions - Providence Approach asked "What's going on? – Where's the party?" They spent the rest of the morning warning pilots – "Traffic – your 12 O'clock – A Colt – You are overtaking". Even the 150's and 152's got to overtake someone on New Year's Day! Paul Carroll arrived with Rene in tow – so I guess they will be flying together another year.....**Graeme J.W.Smith**



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Linda and Wade Levellie, Graeme Smith, Sarah and Gerry Kempen, Lisa Stewart (nearest camera), Alex Allard, and Ron Stewart



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Michael DiMita, Ron Stewart, Graeme Smith, Wade LeVeille, Stuart Bain

## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting  
January 14, 2014

Myron Mitchell, 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 for members of the armed forces. There were 35 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, Fred Crudale, reported \$903.51 in the General Fund and \$4355.49 in the Scholarship Fund. All bills are paid. Report accepted.

### New Business:

Frank Sherman, Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the slate of officers. Myron Mitchell, President; Mike Spieth, Vice President; Fred Crudale, Treasurer; Barbara Nelson, Secretary; and Marilyn Biagetti, Correspondence Secretary. No nominations were presented from the floor. The Slate was accepted by Barbara Nelson, Secretary, and inducted.

### Announcements:

- Steve D'orazio will be attending Sun n Fun, April 1-6st.-He would like to arrange a meet of other RIPA members attending.
- January 28<sup>th</sup> is the Board meeting
- Ken MacDonald will give a WINGS credit presentation at the February meeting.
- Sal Corio donated a set of Slidedown Tie downs that was won by Dave Lachapelle.
- The Free dinner donated by Buz Sawyer was won by Roger Biagetti.

Door prize winners: Dan Pillsbury, Paul Diette, George Bentley, Mary Grady, Rick Jacks, Fred Crudale, Al Paquette, Francisco, WascarMontilla

Mary Grady was the speaker,

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Barbara Nelson  
Secretary



## CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR SALE: RIPA Jackets, Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Pens. Contact Rene Cardon at (651-3528) or meetings.**

**FOR SALE:** Slidedown Aircraft tiedowns - Contact Sal Corio at. 401-737-5800 Email. [info@slidedown.com](mailto:info@slidedown.com) <http://www.slidedown.com/>

**FOR SALE** 1975 Piper Cherokee VI 260. Full IFR w/ Garmin 347 audio panel, panel mount 696 GPS and GTX 330 transponder and much more. For more information call Jim at 401 348 8877.

**Plane Share wanted-** Responsible, Flexible, 3000 plus hour pilot looking to lease/share/purchase a 4 or 6 place. Have hangar, if you have a plane that isn't flying enough give me a call maybe we can work something out. Joe Crocker 401 603 7309

**Plane Share available** South County Flying club has several openings. We operate a 1974 Grumman AA5 Traveler w/a 160 HP engine, IFR certified w/dual com. radios, dual nav. radios w/glide slope. The aircraft is very well maintained and hangared. We are based at Quonset State (KOQU); our flying rate is 65.00 per hr. wet. For more information call Jerry at 401-828-5092

**Based at SFZ: 1969 Piper Arrow PA 28-200R**, Factory Reman Lycoming, New Hartzell Prop, IFR with Dual Narco Digital Radios & Glideslope CDI's, Panel Mounted GPS, Auto Pilot, Nice Cross Country Aircraft \$13,500 for 1/3 share or \$20,000 for 1/2 share Call Al for details 401-578-4494

### **USED CESSNA PARTS FOR SALE:**

\*Complete **exhaust system** for a Cessna 172M, (O320 engine) in good condition. This system was removed so as to install a Power Flow Exhaust System. Asking \$600

\*One complete set of **McCauley main wheels and brake calipers** from a Cessna 172M. All in good condition. Removed for upgrade with Cleveland wheels. \$150

\***Sigtronics Intercom**, SPA-400, w/installation manual. Asking \$100.

\***ARC marker beacon receiver R-402A (24V)**. Asking \$75.

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

\*Cessna 172 **parts manual**, 1963 thru 1974, \$25  
Call Frank...days 401-787-2338

**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.  
**Marilyn: 568 3497, Fax: 568 5392, email [biagettim@aol.com](mailto:biagettim@aol.com)**

## NOTAMS

### **FEBRUARY SPEAKER**

#### **Decisions, Decisions... Making The Right Decisions That Impact Your Flying.**

#### **Living To Be An Old Pilot Vs A Bold Pilot**

Ken MacDonald presents an exclusive program about making the proper decisions. Learn the various ways that we as pilots think and the various decisions that put ourselves in harm's way simply by making the wrong choices. Ken is an experienced FAA Team member and professional pilot who will share his thoughts behind proper decision making with safety of flight in mind. Register today

### **BOARD MEETING**

Myron, Mike, Fred, Rene and Marilyn met on Monday evening 1/27 .

-Fred has gotten the financial transactions for the last 10 years entered into Quicken and he purchased a flash drive for backup. This will help us proceed with the 501 3c application.

-Dave Lucas OQU Airport Manager asked us to host the preshow BBQ.

-A Poker Run to include all RI airports is being planned for June 14<sup>th</sup>. Myron will ask for volunteers at the meeting.

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## EVENTS

### **Alton Bay Ice Festival and Fly in**

B18 - Alton Bay, Sat 15-Sun 16<sup>th</sup> of February.

Come land on the only FAA designated Ice Runway in the Lower 48. Collect your certificate from the purple jewelry store in town and join in the fun on the ice.

### **QUONSET AIR SHOW**

RIPA Events Chairman. Rene Cardon, has been asked by Dave Lucas to once again host the Quonset Air Show pre show rehearsal and arrival Barbeque on Friday afternoon. The show, Saturday and Sunday May 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> will feature The Blue Angels. For info on the show go to [WWW.RIAIRSHOW.ORG/](http://WWW.RIAIRSHOW.ORG/)

### **SAFETY SEMINARS**

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT SFZ

To view further details and registration information go to - <http://faasafety.gov/>

### **JOIN THE FLY TO LUNCH BUNCH,**

Contact Rene Cardon (*or appear at AVPorts at SFZ around 9:30 on Saturday and/or Sunday.* Don't forget, if you want to get a text message about where and when the **Fly to Lunch Bunch** will be going, email your cell phone number to [RCARDON182@aol.com](mailto:RCARDON182@aol.com). They would be happy to have you join them.

Every Saturday Morning - KUUU Pilot's Breakfast  
Tickets Bar and Restaurant, Middleton 08:15  
If you fly in - check at the maintenance hangar for a ride no later than 08:00

From Shot Final:

One day when I was working the south arrival sector at Denver TRACON, traffic was getting backed up, and I had to start issuing speed reductions to the arrivals on initial contact. ... One United pilot took exception to being slowed so far from the airport and asked, "Approach, just how far out do you show us, anyway?" ... I responded that he was 45 miles out on my radar. Then to lighten the tension, I said, "I show you right over my house." ... After a few seconds, he keyed up and said, "Approach, there's a strange car in your driveway."

First night XC with instructor. The route was going to take us over my home at 11:00pm, so I turned on my aviation scanner in my home for my wife so I could tell her goodnight. As we passed over my home at 6,500', I had failed to push the flip-flop to the air-to-air frequency and was still on approach. ... Me: "Goodnight, Susan. I hope you sleep well." ... What I can only envision as a large, hairy-armed controller: "The name is Bart, and they like it a lot better if we stay awake." ... I apologized and changed to the air-to-air freq with my CFI laughing.



## MEETING NOTICE

**Please make your reservations** today by calling 401 568 3497 (leave a message) or via email at [RIPAemail@aol.com](mailto:RIPAemail@aol.com) by February 9, 2014

Date: Tuesday February 11, 2014

Time: 6:30pm Cocktails  
7:00pm Dinner

Place: Place: **Chelo's** in Warwick  
Airport exit off Rte.95 to Post Rd south, 500 ft on right

Buffet of: Pot Roast and 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.**

## SPEAKERS

**February-Ken MacDonald,**  
Living To Be An Old Pilot Vs A Bold Pilot  
FAA approved for Wings Program.  
**Reservations please.**

March – PVD Control Tower



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## EVENTS SCHEDULE

**February 11- Dinner Meeting**  
**February 15 &16- Ice Festival and Flyin**  
**B18 Alton Bay**  
**February 25 - Board Meeting**  
March 1 -Safety Seminar  
**March 11- Dinner Meeting**  
**March 25- Board Meeting**  
April 1-6 - SUN 'n FUN [www.sun-n-fun.org](http://www.sun-n-fun.org)  
April 5-Safety Seminar  
**April 8- Dinner Meeting**  
**April 29- Board Meeting**  
May 3-Safety Seminar  
**May 13- Dinner Meeting**  
**May 16 – Pre Air Show BBQ at OQU**  
May 17&18 - Quonset Air Show  
[www.riairshow.org](http://www.riairshow.org)  
**May 27- Board Meeting**  
June 7 -Safety Seminar  
**June 10- Dinner Meeting**  
**June 14 – RIPA Poker Run**