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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Welcome to February, with winter entering the second half, with longer days and hopefully more flying weather. I would like to thank Jim Burns, who gave a talk at the December meeting, for volunteering as vice president. He has significant aviation experience in piston and jets, so he is a great asset on the board.

Kelly Fredericks, CEO of RIAC, until about January 20, left to be head of Ontario International Airport in southern California (Los Angeles area). I guess he was tired of shoveling snow last year and was worried about possible snow in the next month or so. I wish him the best and I thank him for trying to once again bring the smaller airports back into the mix of improvements. Peter Frazier will again step in as interim CEO (the same as when Kevin Dillon left) and hopefully the attention on the smaller airports continues.

The February 9th meeting will have NexAir Avionics [www.nexairavionics.com](http://www.nexairavionics.com) out of Mansfield Airport talking about ADS-B. In case you've been hiding in a Cub with no radios or electronics, and avoid flying near airports larger than a grass strip, ADS-B will impact you. By January 2020, aircraft flying in controlled airspace will need to at least be using a transponder that is ADS-B compatible by transmitting a signal that satellite, ground stations and other aircraft can pick up. If ADS-B is alphabet soup to you, then this seminar will help explain the acronyms, the fancy technical stuff, and what the government is planning. NexAir Avionics installs Avidyne and Garmin equipment.

Thank you, Michael Spieth



## HANGAR FLYING

**"So you want to buy an airplane?"**

**Part #2 of 3**

For the frugal pilot however, if you don't want to spend the 5% that it typically costs to hire an expert, I am going to give you a basic outline of things that you want do while researching an aircraft that you may want to acquire.

First and foremost, you should never buy an aircraft without having a pre-buy inspection completed by a reputable maintenance shop. However, what they cover on their in house inspections can vary, so I am going to give you a basic list that you will want to make sure that they verify. When you are looking at aircraft, I highly recommend getting a copy of the logbooks and also doing this yourself or with a local mechanic for a small fee (I highly recommend paying someone to help).

### **Pre-buy Checklist:**

**1.-ADS:** Verify that there is an up to date Ad list for the aircraft, and that all ADS have been complied with.

Verify any upcoming major ADS or any pertinent service bulletins that could be very expensive  
<http://www.adlog.com/>

**2.-Annual Inspection:** Verify that the aircraft is in annual

**3.-Pitot Static Check:** Verify the date of the pitot static check (due every 24 months)

**4.-Transponder Check:** Verify the date of the transponder check (due every 24 months)

**5.-ELT Check & Life:** Verify the ELT check was completed and find out how old the ELT is (due every 12 months)

**6.-Title search:** You want to verify that the aircrafts title is clear and that the free of liens, it can be completed here [https://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/aircraft\\_certification/aircraft\\_registry/clear\\_titles/](https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/aircraft_certification/aircraft_registry/clear_titles/)

**7.-Logbook evaluation:** Verify that all of the aircraft logbooks are present and complete.

Verify Total Airframe time

Verify Total Propeller time since overhaul

Verify Total Engine time since overhaul

Verify date engine oil lines were replaced

Verify date engine fuel lines were replaced

Verify date fuel lines & hoses from wing takes were replaced

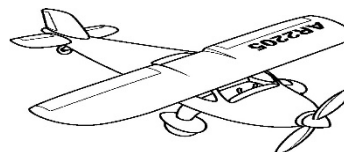
Verify date engine was overhauled & shop were completed

Verify date of engine top overhaul & shop were completed

Verify date magnetos were replaced / overhauled

Verify vacuum pump maintenance / replacement

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## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting  
January 13, 2016

Michael Spieth, 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. 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 \$2756.18 in the General Fund and \$6611.56 in the Scholarship Fund.

### Announcements:

- SFZ will hold an open house
- Suggestions for speakers are welcome
- Members were urged to invite young and new members to join RIPA
- NexAir Avionics will speak at the next meeting
- We would like to have another poker run. A committee is needed to organize the event.

Door Prize winners: Mike Kelly, Jan Sherman, Howard McVay, Ann Crudale, Frank Sherman, Roger Biagetti, Dave Stukus, Don Westburg, Dave Lachapelle, Graeme Smith, Kim Ellin, Kathy Kelly, Kerry Daley, Myron Mitchel, and Fred Crudale,

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.  
Marilyn Biagetti, Acting Recording Secretary

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**FOR SALE:** 1972 Piper Arrow II, 3580TT, 236 SMOH, Great Airplane. \$74,500. No reasonable offer refused. Call Sal Corio 401-952-3598.

**FOR SALE:** 2 cases of Phillips XC Oil, 1 case of XC 20W-50 and 1 case of XC 20W-50 Mineral. \$100 for the whole lot. Call Sal, 401-952-3598.

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

**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, \$20,000 for 1/2 share Call Al for details 401-578-4494

### 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

\***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 401-787-8668

**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, email [biagettim@aol.com](mailto:biagettim@aol.com)**

From Short Final

Last November, I transported 40 endangered sea turtles (stranded on Cape Cod) from the Boston area to a turtle rescue center in Georgia. I put "transporting endangered sea turtles" in the comments section of my IFR flight plan and had two interesting exchanges on the trip.

Providence Approach (PVD): "69 Tango, how's your cargo doing?"

Me (after looking at them): "One is looking out the window through a hole in the box."

PVD: "That's awwwesome."

New York Approach (NY): "69 Tango, they normally don't allow the routing you requested, but I really like what yer doin' with dem sea turtles, so let me see what I can do."

Me: "Roger. Thanks!" ...

NY: "69 Tango, you are cleared direct JFK; direct destination."

Happy to report all sea turtles made it to destination, recovered, and have been released to the ocean. -- James Rose

## NOTAMS

### **RIPA's scholarship**

If you know of anyone needing help for flight training, have them submit an application for RIPA's scholarship by February 29th. Go to <http://www.ripilots.com/Scholarships.htm> for application and instructions.

The March Plane Paper will be the final newsletter for members not paid for this year.

**Plane Jane's** at KPYM - Plymouth will be closed Feb 7-12.

Reopen Sat 13th

**Graeme**

### **WEBSITES FOR LOCAL AIRPORT AND PILOT GROUPS**

Pilots Of SFZ -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/617195708355154/>

Pilots at KUUU - Newport, RI-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/kuuupilots/>

**The Westerly Airport Association -**

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Westerly-Airport-Association-146541643533/>

Block-Island-State-Airport -

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Block-Island-State-Airport/116510271730684>

Quonset State Airport-

<https://www.facebook.com/quonsetstateairport/>

TF Green Airport-

<https://www.facebook.com/TFGreenAirport/?fref=nf>

**Skydive Newport** will be opening their new facility April 8, 2016 Make a reservation to come jump at New England's premiere tandem skydiving center.

## EVENTS

### **SAFETY SEMINARS**

Saturday, February 6, 2016, starting at 09:00,

Located at AvPorts Aviation, at SFZ

**Dr James Ross, AME** will answer medical questions regarding the FAA and any medical certification questions. Dr. Ross is an active pilot. He wants to see pilots fly. As an active AME he will answer which medication is allowed and those that are not. If you are aware of upcoming or past medical issues, Dr. Ross may help guide you to the steps that are needed to secure your medical back.

**RIPA Mystery Fly-Out for brunch.** Destination varies with weather. Plan to depart from North Central State Airport (SFZ) at 10 AM on Saturday or Sunday. Anyone is welcome to join.

### **Thursday Night Dinner Flyouts**

VFR Flyouts to dinner at local airports. To be added to the notification list email [graeme@graemejwsmith.com](mailto:graeme@graemejwsmith.com). Or check for details on the KUUU and KSFZ Facebook pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/kuuupilots/>

### **Every Saturday Morning - KUUU Pilot's Breakfast**

Tickets Bar and Restaurant, Middletown 08:15. If you fly in - check at the maintenance hangar for a ride no later than 08:00

## **"So you want to buy an airplane?" continued**

**8.-Damage History:** Verify that any damage caused to the airplane is documented and that the repairs were appropriately completed and documented.

Aircraft that have had major damage that has been repaired within the preceding 6 years should reflect a 15-30% decrease in market value.

Aircraft that have had major damage and have been flying more than 6 years without any problems will not reflect a decreased market value.

<http://www.nts.gov/about/employment/layouts/nts.aviation/index.aspx>

**9.-337s:** Verify that any major airframe modifications have the appropriate documentation.

**10.-Oil Change & Filter Check:** Perform an oil change, verify the oil quality & have an oil sample sent out for analysis

**11.-Compression Check:** Perform a compression check to verify the engine health

**12.-Corrosion Check:** Check the airframe for corrosion

Check inside wings for corrosion

Check inside fuselage for corrosion

Check for corrosion bubbles under the paint on the aircraft

**13.-Paint:** If the aircraft has been painted, verify in the logbooks that it was appropriately documented and that the aircraft's control surfaces were appropriately balanced, and that the aircraft was reweighed and this was reflected in the logbook and AFM/POH

### **14.-Interior:**

Check the logbooks to verify that the correct interior is installed and that there is a fire certification.

Check the interior of the aircraft for signs of water damage, check the door and window seals in the aircraft for seal quality

Once you have gone through the logbooks yourself or sat down with your mechanic and done it, you will need to find a shop to do the pre-buy inspection. If you are not doing it at your shop you will want to include the list of things that you and the mechanic went over so that they can be verified by the person completing the actual pre-buy.

**Doug Auclair** Master Flight Instructor,  
FAA Team rep. [doug@airventuresri.com](mailto:doug@airventuresri.com)

*To be continued*

## **eMAIL BAG**

### **Heard it on the Radio**

Aircraft 1 - Providence Approach - do you have a moment for a question?

PVD - Sure

Aircraft 1 - There is an island below us - the airport identifier is KBID. Where is that?

PVD - That would be Block Island. Playground of the rich.

Aircraft 2 - No - Nantucket is the playground of the rich.

PVD - We don't talk about Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard - they are not in our airspace..... **Graeme**

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## MEETING NOTICE

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**Please make your reservations** today by calling 401 568 3497 or via email at [RIPAemail@aol.com](mailto:RIPAemail@aol.com) by February 7, 2016

Date: Tuesday February 9, 2016

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

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

Buffet of:

Grilled Steak Tips
Baked Fish
Penne with meatballs
Garden Salad w/house dressing
Garden Vegetables, Baby Carrots
Rice Pilaf
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
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.

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### SPEAKER

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February- NexAir Avionics,  
**David Fetherston**, explaining ADS-B



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### EVENTS SCHEDULE

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**February 6- Safety Seminar SFZ**

Dr. James Ross, AME

**February 9- Dinner Meeting**

**February 23-Board Meeting**

**March 5- Safety Seminar**

**March 8- Dinner Meeting**

**March 29- Board Meeting**

**April 2- Safety Seminar**

**April 12- Dinner Meeting**

**April 26- Board Meeting**

**May 10- Dinner Meeting**

**May 31- Board Meeting**

**June 14- Dinner Meeting**

**Stay posted, check our website at [Rlpilots.com](http://Rlpilots.com).**