



# The PLANE PAPER

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## From the President



Sorry I missed the January meeting. Unfortunately I was fighting a nasty bout of pneumonia.

In general aviation we are faced with many pressing local issues which I hope

we can start to resolve in 2018. You will see some ideas in this issue and I'd urge you to come to the February Meeting to discuss some of them. If you haven't been to a RIPA Meeting in a while—I'd ask you to consider coming to this one!

I want to thank Graeme Smith and Frank Oliveira for their efforts in getting the Plane Paper rolling again and the website up to date.

See you in February!

James Burns



B18— Alton Bay Ice Runway is usually open in February.

For a FICON—call— 1 603 875 3498

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## RI General Aviation facing threats.....

How often have you heard that? The economy is up, planes are flying more (when it isn't snowing!), schools are reporting more starts, solos and checkrides passed. And all might seem well with the world. But I'm going to suggest all is NOT as good as it might be with the world of aviation in Rhode Island.

I recently attended a meeting of the AOPA Airport Support Network

Volunteer Board of Advisors at AOPA HQ in Fredrick, MD and the big national issues are the threat of ATC Privatization and egregious pricing at some FBO's. I think we can all agree these are important national issues.

Here in Rhode Island we are facing much more local issues that threaten not just our freedom to fly – but the basic aviation infrastructure of the state. Doug Auclair outlined

some of the issues facing aviation businesses at the January Meeting. For the GA pilot however—things are not perfect either.

- Kelly Fredricks has long ago left RIAC and with him has gone the RIAC GA Working Group. Though it has notionally been passed on to Alan Andrade – the VP of Ops at RIAC to continue – it has not in any meaningful way. There

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## From the Editor

Hello!

If you are no longer a member of RI Pilots—you may be wondering why you received this.

Well—Welcome to a refreshed Rhode Island Pilots **Plane Paper**. We would like to see you come back as a member. And if you are a member—thanks for sticking with us.

In this issue you will find some reasons why RI Pilots need to get organized a bit more and I promise to keep this avenue of communication

open again.

But it's not just RIPA's mouth-piece—it is YOUR place to share stories, concerns and adventures. Preferably aviation related!

Like many editors—I'm calling for material. Trip stories, funny stories. Pictures. Opinion pieces and letters. News snippets that would interest other pilots. Would love to have them.

If all you can manage are notes

and some pictures we can help you get the story into shape if you don't think you are a great writer. Though you probably are!

Don't forget we also offer Classifieds as a free service to members for aviation related items. Time to move that aviation stuff that's in the back of the garage or hangar. Advertise it here.

In closing I'd like to thank Marilyn Biagetti for her previous years of editing of the Plane Paper. As many of you know—she has been ill of late—but news is she is doing well—if a little tired.

Graeme J W Smith—KUUU  
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*"We would love to see you come back!"*

## Notice of Meeting



Date: Tuesday 13th Feb 2018  
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  
Dinner is a buffet menu of special selections of entrees with coffee and desserts

Price:

\$25 per person;  
\$45 per couple;  
\$5 just coffee and dessert.

Please make your reservations today by calling Jim Burns at 401 884 0750 or via email at [captburns@aol.com](mailto:captburns@aol.com)

## This Month's Speaker



**Graeme J W Smith**

AOPA Airport Support Network Volunteer for KUUU

AOPA Board of Advisors member for Eastern Region

Graeme will give a short presentation on current issues facing Rhode Island airports and then lead a "brainstorm" discussion to generate ways RIPA can positively influence General Aviation in the state.

Bring YOUR ideas to this meeting!

## Safety and Regulatory

**Heard a lot recently** — Hey! I can use my recently obtained Part 107 UAS License for a Flight Review!

### Some Guidance



**Stephen K Brown**  
FAASTeam Manager  
Boston FSDO

“Is a common misconception. It is not really getting a new certificate or rating – but actually completing the Pilot Proficiency Check or Practical test (which a practical by definition is an Oral and Flight Test) that can be used as a substitute for a Flight Review.

We hear this error often when someone gets a Private Pilot Certificate issued on the basis of Foreign Pilot Certificate or similar. They may have got a new certificate or rating, but did not complete the Proficiency Check (IPC by examiner,

135, 121) or complete a Practical test.

So getting a Part 107 UAS operator certificate does not count as there was no Proficiency Check or Practical Test.

However, a pilot could use the ground course as some of the knowledge credit for the WINGS program.

So – sorry - no—it does not count.”

*Editor—Steve has to point out he is only offering guidance on the topic. If you want a legal interpretation—that has to come from the [FAA Legal Counsel](#)*



## Around the Public Use Airports

### KOQU—Quonset

Quonset is status quo and well managed with growing Jet-A sales.

The 747 museum plane is still on the ramp having displaced GA tiedowns. Not sure if they are going to open again in the Spring or put the retired 747 on a barge and ship it to NY.

Bill Weedon—KOQU

### KBID—Block Island KWST—Westerly

Contested tree cutting at Westerly will have a bad impact at Block Island.

KWST threshold displacement will invalidate the published IFR approaches to the airport and it takes months or years for new ones to be established. Apparently the FAA granted “waivers” in the past which they are reluctant to grant now. Ironically, only about 2% of the residents of

Westerly actively use “their” airport but 60% of Block Island residents use the Westerly airport.

Henry DuPont—KBID

### KPVD—Providence

KPVD—Fire Station Tour—25th Jan 2018 at 6:00pm. RSVP to:

[JMeyers@horizonaviation.com](mailto:JMeyers@horizonaviation.com)

to reserve a spot.



Young starts—Jaden is trading out video games for the real thing

Vicky Kuo at KPVD

### KUUU—Newport

“Thank you to Matt and Neil for all their hard work keeping



Newport open in this recent spell of weather. Battling equipment issues and intense wind chill—they have kept KUUU open for business and the tie-downs usable.”

Deb Michael—KUUU

### 08R—Richmond

Despite tough weather in January—Richmond remains clean, plowed and available for operations.

Jack Gordon—08R

*....and in contrast to Newport and Richmond...*

### KSFZ—North Central



North Central was closed for a record period of 15 days due to unsafe field operations due to lack of snow removal operations after the December 25th storm.

The New England Aviation ramp went unplowed for 5 days after the storm on 1/4 with RIAC claiming that ramp snow removal was not their responsibility. The Rhode Island General Aviation Business Owners Association ([RIGABOA.org](http://RIGABOA.org)) reached out to local town representatives and senators and the situation was finally resolved on Monday 1/8 at 5pm.

Doug Auclair—KSFZ

## RI General Aviation facing threats.....

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were some innovative ideas when the group was in place – now it is stagnant.

- The GA airport management contract is due to go out to bid (if it hasn't already) and I think pilots should be seeking a say in matters.
- The RIAC board used to have a GA board member – not any more. So we are effectively without voice.
- The trees at Westerly and shortened thresholds issue is not going well for the airports in court. You might blame RIAC – but I know RIAC also feel a bit unsupported by pilots in helping to press the

case. Rather than finger point – I'd like to see how we could work together on this.

- Noise at Newport is an issue with the neighbors.
- Noise at North Central is an issue.

A number of us who volunteer as AOPA Support Network Volunteers at the RI airports have been discussing ways in which we might work to address these issues. We have the support of Sean Collins – the AOPA Eastern Regional Manager who can help with “big picture” advice. But we don't want to reinvent the wheel. We would like to re-energize Rhode Island Pilots who are recognized as the voice of pilots in the state.

If you look at the end of this newsletter – you will see we have a large number of vacancies on the RIPA Board. It would be sure nice to fill those and spread the workload!

So with that as a way of introduction I'd like to invite you to a different kind of February Dinner Meeting. I'd like to brainstorm ways forward. Because I truly believe that if we don't – then we will be walked all over by the neighbors.

I promise to try and keep the meeting lighthearted but with serious intent!

*“Rhode Island is particularly in need of a renewed local aviation advocacy voice”*



**Sean Collins**  
AOPA Eastern Regional  
Manager

We have legislative goals in every state across Eastern Region. But with those

goals comes the upside-down, backwards reality of politics and varying economic climates from one state to the next. So, while I have my set of goals, a combination of bandwidth and local political/economic realities tend to dictate where AOPA efforts are focused. Speaking generally, not every goal fits neatly in to the local realities we're handed and so AOPA must consider these factors year-in and year-out.

However Rhode Island is particularly in need of a renewed local aviation advoca-

cy voice; something I've committed to working with local Volunteers/AOPA members on improving.

In a Flight Level ONE EIGHT ZERO sort of overview, this is generally our starting point for 2018. We are committed to continuing our effort to improve communication with ASN Volunteers and through that effort, we will seek to employ your local knowledge, relationships and voter perception to advance or defend against legislation locally.



#OSH17



Right Downwind for 27—"Cleared to land on the Green Dot" from the Busiest Control Tower in the World



A little torrential downpour didn't stop the fireworks....



Staggeringly Beautiful in the vintage parking.....



Doc



FIFI



A different kind of noise.....



Not every landing went to plan.....



"Salute to the Apollo astronauts"—Standing room only at Theatre in the Woods

# Calendar of Events — Save the Dates!



23-29th July  
2018  
EAA AirVenture  
[www.eaa.org/en/airventure](http://www.eaa.org/en/airventure)



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**Fly-Ins**

15-16 June  
KMSO – Missoula, MT

14-15 Sept  
KSAF – Santa Fe, NM

5-6 Oct  
KMDH – Carbondale, IL

26-27 Oct  
KJKA – Gulf Shores, AL  
[www.aopa.org/community/events/aopa-fly-ins/2018-aopa-fly-ins](http://www.aopa.org/community/events/aopa-fly-ins/2018-aopa-fly-ins)

**Saturday, 3rd Feb 2018, 9 to 11 AM -**

FAA Safety Seminar - "[Stalls, Spins, Loss of Control](#)" - KSFZ – North Central, AvPorts Hangar.

Sponsored by FAASafety Team, [Wealth and Risk Management Company](#) and [AvPorts](#).

**Tuesday, 13th Feb 2018, 7 to 9 PM**—RIPA Monthly Meeting at [Chelo's Restaurant](#), Warwick, RI

Topic—RI General Aviation under threat.....

**Tuesday, 31st Feb 2018, 6 PM -** RIPA Board Meeting

**Saturday, 3rd Mar 2018, 9 to 11 AM**—FAA Safety Seminar - KSFZ – North Central, AvPorts Hangar.

Sponsored by FAASafety Team, [Wealth and Risk Management Company](#) and [AvPorts](#).

**Monday, 5th Mar 2018 - 6 PM to 9:15PM**—ACONE/AOPA Air Safety Institute—"Crash Course" -

Doubletree Hotel Bedford MA

**Tuesday, 13th Mar 2018, 7 to 9 PM**—RIPA Monthly Meeting at [Chelo's Restaurant](#), Warwick, RI

**Saturday, 7th Apr 2018, 9 to 11 AM**— FAA Safety Seminar - KSFZ – North Central, AvPorts Hangar.

Sponsored by FAASafety Team, [Wealth and Risk Management Company](#) and [AvPorts](#).

**Tuesday, 10th Apr 2018, 7 to 9 PM**—RIPA's Monthly Meeting at [Chelo's Restaurant](#), Warwick, RI.

**10-18th Apr 2018** Sun N Fun, Lakeland, FL [www.flysnf.org](http://www.flysnf.org)

**Saturday, 12th May 2018** (Raindate 19th) 9 AM—1 PM - KMMK Annual Fly-In

**Sunday, 23th Sept 2018** 4B9 - Simsbury Fly In

### Recurring

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. Wade Leveille - [uswle@yahoo.com](mailto:uswle@yahoo.com)

Every Saturday Morning - KUUU Pilot's Breakfast - Tickets Bar and Restaurant, Middletown 8:15 AM. If you fly in - check at the maintenance hangar for a ride no later than 8 AM

## Classifieds

### FLYING CLUB

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

### PLANE SHARE

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

### FOR SALE

**C e s s n a S t u f f**  
 \*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  
 \*ARC marker beacon receiver R-402A (24V). Asking \$75.  
 \*Cessna 172 Service Manual, 1969 - 1976, \$25.

\*Cessna 172 parts manual, 1963 thru 1974, \$25

Monroy Traffic Watch ATD -300. Retail for \$650. Used, in like new condition, In original box with all accessories and manual. \$100 OBO

Call Frank...days 401-787-8668

Hangar at Westerly Airport, RI ( KWST ) Porta-Port - Single Engine T-Hangar with new exterior paint. Inside dimensions 37' 7" W x 30' 9" D x 10' H Good condition. Asking \$16,500. Contact John at

N33864@cox.net or 401-234-3010



### MISC

Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL (cases & drums). 123 Ocean State Dr. North Kingstown, RI 02852 1 800 554 4557

## Flight Training in Rhode Island



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 300 Jenckes Hill Road  
 Smithfield, RI 02917  
 (401) 216-9359  
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KPVD — Providence  
 530 Airport Road  
 Warwick RI 02886  
 (401) 736-5115  
 www.horizonaviation.com  
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**aviation**

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## Who is Who at RIPA?

Rhode Island Pilots is an all volunteer organization. If you feel you could help fill any of these vacancies and spread the workload the President would love to hear from you!

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