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PRESIDENTS CORNER

In an effort to bring the U.S. aircraft registry up to date, the FAA is proposing a three-year aircraft "re-registration" requirement that would replace the current triennial registration report. Seems harmless at the surface, but the proposal includes a discussion about the FAA's ill-fated user fee proposal and the potential for large increases in the registration fee.

Right now, the one-time aircraft registration fee is \$5. While the re-registration proposal applies the \$5 fee to its recurrent renewal, the agency has made it clear that it wants to increase the fee. That could be a \$130 initial registration fee and a \$130 renewal fee every three years.

If the proposal became a rule as is, and you purchased a Cessna 172 after it went into effect, you'd need to send in the bill of sale and aircraft registration, along with a fee. Then you'd receive a registration certificate with an expiration date for 36 calendar months later.

The FAA says that it would send you a renewal notice with a three-month window when it's time for you to re-register the airplane. If your registration information did not change within those three years, you could simply renew it and pay the fee online. But the compliance process would change if you already owned an aircraft when the rule took effect.

The FAA would assign you a three-month window, based on your initial aircraft registration, in which you could re-register. But you couldn't do it ahead of time, and if you did it late, you couldn't fly your airplane until it was re-registered. After

your first re-registration, the certificate would have a 36-calendar-month expiration limit.

According to the proposal, pilots flying an aircraft with expired registration could be denied access to the National Airspace System, under the FAA Strategic Operations Security program.

The FAA is seeking comments on its proposal by May 28. Right now, members should also take a look at the proposal and think about how it could affect their current or future aircraft ownership plans.
Beth



HANGAR FLYING

TOWER TOUR

Members attending the February dinner meeting all enjoyed the tour of the new maintenance facilities and tower.

The tower is always very interesting, friendly and informative, The controllers are happy to explain their technology, and like pilots, are hoping the understanding will create friendly skies.

The tour of the newly opened maintenance facilities was impressive and the men proudly displayed there new home and equipment.

RIPA wants to thank the employees of PVD who took the time to make our visit enjoyable.

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY



MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
February 11, 2008

Beth Tetreault called an abbreviated meeting at the Maintenance Facilities, Airport Road Warwick, due to the scheduled tours.

The Treasurer's report was postponed until the March meeting.

The Secretaries report was accepted as published.

Procedures for the tours were explained.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

FLY TO LUNCH BUNCH

Taking advantage of some breaks in the weather, the bunch flew into Plymouth on February 9th and Sky Acres on the 24th.



Tony Palumbo Paul Carrol, Bill Weedon, Paul Tocco and Frank Oliveira Buz Sawyer at Plymouth Pix//ReneC



Pjhil Sargent, Paul T., Jan Mowry and Frank Oliveira at 44N pix//ReneC

EVENTS

St PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH

Another year has passed... but the St Pat's Brunch returns, although a bit early this year. Sunday, March 9th, 9am to noon at St Andrew's Parish Center on Spring Street.

Food – Fun - Raffle.

\$10 adults and children over 12

\$5 seniors and children under 12.

Hope to see you on the 9th. BL Catholic Ladies Guild.

Fly-In & Drive-In Annual May Breakfast At Quonset Air Museum

Welcome

Sunday May 18th, 2008

8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

Fly in or drive on over and enjoy a breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, bacon and hash browns!

Meet and Greet Aviators from WWII thru Iraqi Freedom. Enjoy the company fellow Air enthusiast, willing to share their experiences with you.

Enjoy our many Aircraft, Displays and Open Cockpit day, Several Aircraft will be open for Tours . Come visit several of our rare one of a kind aircraft.

Visit our Gift Shop/PX for that special gift or model for your loved ones.

“Flying” Pilots: Contact Quonset Tower for instructions.

“Driving” Drivers: Contact the Museum for details.

Admission: \$10 Adults, Children 6-12 - \$5

Rhode Island Civil Air Patrol Golf Tournament will be held Sunday May18, 2008 at the Cranston Country Club. For more information call 401 737 8490. Courtesy of response is requested by May 1, 2008 to guarantee placement.

The 2008 New England Aviation Safety Expo will be held at the Eaton-Richmond Center at Daniel Webster College, in Nashua, New Hampshire, adjacent to Boire Field. March 29, 2008, from 8am-5pm. Participants may walk, drive, or fly in. For more information go to: www.faa.gov/news/conferences_events/aviation_expo

Overheard at Santa Barbara, California. (I wasn't paying attention at the beginning of this call, so I don't know the type of aircraft.)

Aircraft: "Santa Barbara Clearance, N***** at FBO, requesting clearance to —" [pause]

Aircraft: "Oh, hell."

Clearance (deadpan and without hesitation):

"I can't send you there"

CLASSIFIED ADS

Beech BE-55 Baron for sale. 9869 TT, 202 SMOH/760 SNEW. GAMI injectors, Air Wolf remote oil filters, leather seats, 136 gallons fuel, century III AP, KLN-94 GPS, HSI w/slave compass, 70 A alternators, deice boots, Whelan strobes, EZ-heat engine preheaters, NU-lite panel lights, speedslope windscreen, plumbed for oxygen, complete logs, fresh annual, more. Asking \$94,995. Listed with Tsunami Aircraft Sales, Westerly. Contact Bill Weedon 401-474-8082.

FOR SALE: 1976 CESSNA 172M: 4804 TT, 1893 SMOH, IFR, NDH, Complete logs. Strong engine. Well maintained. Hangered. Nice paint & interior. Much better than the average SKYHAWK. To many options to list here. For details & pictures: <http://www.ripilots.com/classified/172.pdf> \$55,000. e-mail: frank172@cox.net Week Days: 401-787-2338, Evenings: 401-727-2580

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Frank sold his headset to a gentleman from Tennessee who saw the ad on RIPA's web page.

FOR SALE: Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL(cases & drums). SHELL Flight Jacket, plane care products are now available at 123 Ocean State Dr. No. Kingston, RI 02852 1800 554 4557

Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items. Marilyn:568 3497,Fax:568 5392, email biagettim@cox.net

Beth has included a questionnaire that she wishes members would return. The Board wants to know your opinion. Please participate.

RIPA's sponsoring businesses



ROGER BIAGETTI EXCAVATING

NOTAMS

FINAL NEWSLETTER

This will be the final newsletter for members who have not paid their 2008 dues.

BOARD MEETING

Beth, Rene, Marilyn and Dan met at the office for the Board meeting.

The mailing for the twenty week club raffle tickets is scheduled for the next board meeting.

It was agree to invite Richard Gould to speak at the next meeting. Always interesting and willing Dick has extended us an open offer when ever he is in town.

Scholarship applications are closing on the 29th and after a few days wait Marilyn will copy and prepare the apps for the committee members.

Board members will be seeking contact with Korrie Labrie, She attended a club function in the Fall and expressed a willingness to once again help.

I must admit that most of the discussion revolved around a little problem that Rene encountered in Maine last month.

RIPA SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Chairman, Marilyn Biagetti, will be distributing the applications received to committee members, Dee Scanlon, Frank and Jan Sherman, at the March meeting. A decision should be arrived at by the end of the month.

The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

RIPA will once again solicit members to be honored with FAA's Master pilot Award. Applications will be available at meetings and applicants will be aided, if necessary, in completing these forms.

STAY IN TOUCH Join RIPA'S YAHOO Group. Go to www.Yahoo.com, select groups in column on left. Enter Rhode Island Pilots into the search. You can join once you've logged in.

Remember if you have changed your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.

MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAcmail@aol.com by March 9, 2008.

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Time: 6:30pm Cocktails

7:00pm Dinner

8:00pm Meeting and Speaker

Place: Chelo's in Warwick

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

Buffet of:

Broadway Chicken, Scrod au Gratin,
vegetables, potato, rice pilaf, and fresh
baked bread.

Mixed Desserts,

Coffee and Tea.

Price: \$20 per person

\$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 event.



GUEST SPEAKERS

March– Richard Gould

Flying in Hawaii



104 East Ironstone Road
Harrisville, RI 02830

EVENTS SCHEDULE

March 9 – St Patrick's Day Breakfast

St Andrew Hall on Block Island

March 11 - Dinner Meeting

March 25 – Board Meeting

March 29 - , N E Aviation Safety Expo

April 8- Dinner Meeting

April 29 – Board Meeting

May 13–Dinner Meeting

Scholarship Awards

May 18 – Quonset Air Museum

May Breakfast

May 18 – RI CAP Golf Tournament

May 27 – Board Meeting

June 10– Dinner Meeting

Master Pilots Awards

August 12 – Beach Party Flyin

August – Gadabout Gaddis CampIn

September 9– Dinner Meeting

September– Greenville Seaplane FlyIn

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