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PRESIDENTS CORNER

House Bill 5464

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Segal, Gallison, Pollard, and Azzinaro

This bill again attempts to withdraw the sales tax exemption on aircraft and aircraft parts. The legislators listed above must feel the way to solve the State's budget crisis is to again tax a small segment of the population. Below is the language added to SECTION 1. Sections 44-18-18, 44-18-19, 44-18-20 and 44-18-30 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-18 entitled "Sales and Use Taxes - Liability and Computation".

"Aircraft. - Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the tax imposed by sections 44-18-18 and 44-18-20 shall not apply with respect to the sale and to the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of any new or used aircraft or aircraft parts. "

This bill has been sent to the House Finance Committee for consideration and RIPA members need to contact both the Representatives who introduced the measure and your local Representative to express your concerns. Don't rely on someone else to carry the ball on this. Aircraft owners represent a very small population and we need every voice to be heard.

I've included a link to the full text of the bill and a link to the Rhode Island State Legislative directory.

<http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText/BillText09/HouseText09/H5464.pdf>

<http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/index.html>

Beth



HANGAR FLYING

Weekend Flying

The SFZ "Fly to Lunch Bunch" decided to check out the new airport terminal on Block Island this month. On Sunday, February 1st even though winds were reported at 200 degrees, 21 knots gusting to 28 at BID, a few of us still ventured out there. The weather was sunny with unlimited visibility, but rather bumpy. We ended up with five airplanes from SFZ with a total of 11 people meeting for lunch. I had a real nice picture of the gang at the new Bethany's Restaurant, but it was accidentally deleted. "I hate when that happens". So I guess we'll just have to do it again. The new Bethany's is very nice and bit larger than before. They still have a counter to eat at with additional seating at tables. I hope they will add some outside tables in the summer with a view of the runway. Like before, that always added entertainment while eating.



The New Terminal at Block Island pix/FrankO

On Saturday, February 7th, 5 more planes with 10 on board met at Campy's Restaurant in Keene, NH for another lunch with a lot of conversation. As you can see we try to take advantage of every good weekend to go somewhere to enjoy our common love of flying, so feel free to join us.

Fly Safe....Frank Oliveira

I did a quick landing at Block Island last night around sunset to check out the new terminal. What a palace!!! I only wish I had my camera. This is something all Rhode Islanders can be proud of, a gateway of sorts welcoming other pilots to our state.

Meanwhile, MVY still wants to charge me \$52 to fly to lunch in my 421, so I don't go there anymore. Hopefully, RI will continue to be more pilot-friendly than other places.

Bill Weedon Sun 2/1/2009

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
February 10, 2009

The dinner meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick by Bill Weedon, Vice President. After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed. There were 42 members and friends present. A dinner recess was called after table introductions.

The Secretary's report was accepted as published in the Plane Paper.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported that there was \$2838.85 in the General Fund and \$2818.42 in the Scholarship Fund. His report was accepted.

Events:

The St Patrick's Day Brunch at the St Andrew's Parish Hall on Block Island will be held on Sunday, March 15.

At the May dinner meeting, we will have a Tower Tour.

Gadabout Gaddis Flyin/Campin will be the weekend before Labor Day August 28-30th. If the weather is inclement we will meet at the Greenville, Me. airport.

Rene Cardon, Events Chairman, reports that the 20 Week Club mailing will be in March.

Frank Sherman won a Gift Certificate to Chelo's for AOPA Air Safety Foundation quiz on NOTAMS.

Door prize winners included; Jack Crouse, Don Pillsbury, Pat Andraka, Jim Terry, Boris Rotman, Jan Sherman, Su Yang, Bill Weedon, Carlos Vares, Andy Andersen and Bill Williams.

Beth introduced our guest speaker, Dan Rabinovich.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm

Respectfully Submitted
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HANGAR FLYING

Fuel prices are still coming down. My dream is that they would hit \$2/gallon by summer, which is what it was when I started flying 10 years ago. But we are not that far off. One of the favorite stops on the way down to Florida is Columbus County (CPC), which usually has the cheapest fuel in the nation, is advertising \$2.95/gallon on Airnav. There are still price gougers out there, of course, at the major FBOs. Landmark Aviation seems to be doing a reasonably good job of keeping the prices in check at the local RI airports, and I have been working with them every month to let them know our concerns to keep the RI fuel prices reasonable. With fuel prices coming down, I have increased my business flying significant, recently making a business trip just about every week. Hopefully the prices will get GA flying again, and maybe someone will actually buy my Baron!

My wife and I flew into Washington Dulles for the presidential inauguration and ball. When we landed Monday afternoon the day before the inauguration, I was shocked to find the ramp empty. It was eerily weird. I guess they had shutdown one of the three parallel runways, and parked planes on it.

Jim McNeill, one of the higher-ups at Landmark, told me there was a Netjets pilot the day before who was talking to his wife on his cell phone, and told his wife "you won't believe it, but Garth Brooks just walked by". Garth walking by overheard the pilot, and grabbed the phone out of his hands and talked into the phone and said "hey this is Garth Brooks", and I guess the wife didn't believe it was actually him.

Oprah had landed a few hours before we arrived, and apparently she had four SUVs, two for her people, and two for all her luggage.

Tim McGraw and Faith Hill sat right behind Deirdre and I for a few minutes, but moved to get a better angle for the big camera that Tim was carrying. Unfortunately we didn't get a chance to talk to them.

From our pictures that we shared with family and friends, the feedback that we get is that James Taylor (who headlined at our ball) is getting old, and we're not.
Bill Weedon

NOTAMS

Answers to NOTAM Quiz: 1-L;D 2- false 3- false 4-28 5- false 6- 48 7- 3000:three 8- false 9- true 10- None of the above

FINAL NEWSLETTER

This will be the final newsletter for members that have not renewed their membership. If you have an 08 after your name on the address label we have not processed your renewal as yet, Contact the membership chairman if this is not correct. Your voice is needed, Please renew today,

BOARD MEETING

The board meeting was not an official meeting because there was not a quorum. Dan was ill, Rene was with Dot at the hospital and Bill had a family day to attend. But since business had to be discussed Beth and I met, along with Rog, and took in a supper at the same time.

The upcoming speakers were scheduled, the menu chosen, and articles for the newsletter reviewed.

- Beth confirmed that Kim Ellin has volunteered to become our membership Chair.
- Bethany's on BI is open
- Cindtronix Aviation has opened a flight School at SFZ.
- The email list for the newsletter is growing.
- Scholarship Applications will close at the end of February.
- 20 Week Club ticket will be mailed soon
- Renewals are still coming in.

Beth had an old picture of an aircraft and would like to find out what it is. I'll include it in this newsletter.

It was a very pleasant meal.....

PLANE PAPER BY EMAIL

Beth is asking if members would be willing to receive their Plane Paper by email. She is collecting members most current or preferred email address so you can receive the newsletter in living color.

Sent a note to Beth at ETETREULT@cox.net to get on the list.

eMAIL BAG

Sandy Niles - Chorus of Westerly

To all of my aviation friends... Here is an unusual arts event that you may find satisfying to attend. If you have never heard a classical choral concert, be prepared for some beautiful sounds of music ranging from early, early church music through rollicking middle-age polyphony. And I do mean rollicking. Very different from the offerings on commercial music radio! Please note the group discount, which has been developed especially for encouraging "first timers" to taste the magic of something new to you.

Musica Sacra Italiana

Sacred music from the great composers of Italy.

March 8, 2009, at 4 and 6 pm

The Chorus of Westerly with Brass and Organ
Conducted by George Kent

at **THE GEORGE KENT PERFORMANCE HALL**

119 High Street Westerly, RI 02891

Please call 401-596-8663 for details and to order

<http://www.chorusofwesterly.org>

I stand in the middle of the very top row, so I can see all of you! best,~Sandy N.



RIPA's sponsoring businesses



ROGER BIAGETTI

EXCAVATING



CLASSIFIED ADS

Hanger available at Quonset - it would hold a small twin or smaller airplane. Price depends on size please call Steve at 401-338-9747

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. (check details at www.RIPilots.com/classified)

USED C172 PARTS FOR SALE:

-Complete original **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 \$800

-Two sets of **McCauley main wheels and brake calipers** from a Cessna 172M. All in good condition. They were replaced with Cleveland wheels. Asking \$125 and \$75 per set.

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

-II Morrow **Loran**, Apollo 618C, with antenna and all manuals. Best Offer

-ARC **Nav/Com** RT-385A with IN-385 indicator and tray. (24V). asking \$500

-ARC **audio panel**, with tray (24V). Asking \$150

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

-**(NEW)** Rapco **vacuum instrument filter**: #RA 1J10-1, \$10 Call Frank...days 401-787-2338 or evenings 401-727-2580

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

EVENTS

St Patrick's Day Brunch

The St Andrew's Church Ladies Guild on Block Island has again invited RIPA members to their Annual St Patrick's Day Brunch on Sunday March 15 at the church hall. Members have been attending for many years and have always been given a hardy welcome. Although the weather has a big influence on our attendance we have missed only 2 or 3 times in the last 15 years. It seems to mark the start of the summer flying season.

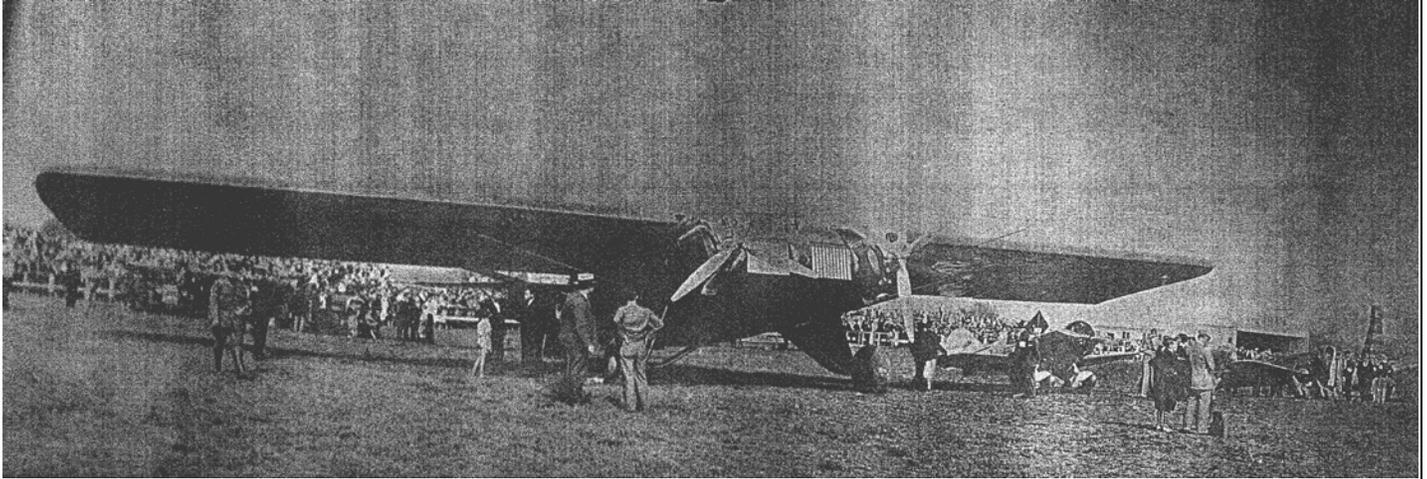
Gadabout Gaddis

We're on for Gadabout Gaddis this year! Mark your calendar for the last weekend in August. We start the affair on Friday, August 28th. Those that leave early will meet for a late lunch at Sanford, ME. We'll fly off to someplace on Saturday just for the fun of it for those who don't take advantage of the white water rafting located on the field. And on Sunday we will stop at Bowman Field (B10) for their fly-in. The airport at Gadabout Gaddis is a great field; smooth grass and about 2,000 feet long. There is a very nice camping area adjacent to the runway and the Kennebec River is nearby. Meals, toilets, hot showers, and booze are located at the lodge on the field. For the past two or three years, we have been rained out - but this year we are guaranteed good weather. Why? Because we have a fall-back plan. Rene Cardon has graciously offered his house at Greenville as a weather alternative so we're set! Put this one down as a must because there probably won't be another. Peace, Don

Master Pilots Award

Members are asked to sign up for the Master Pilots Award. Board members can provide help in obtaining and filling out the application and with letters of recommendation.

STAY IN TOUCH Join RIPA'S YAHOO Group. To join go to www.RIPilots.com/join. Remember if you have changed your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.



Beth found this picture and wonders if anyone can identify this aircraft.....

Glossary of aviation terms:

Emergency generator - device which generates emergencies, also known as a simulator.
 Landing light - preferable to landing heavy.
 Bank - owners of mortgage on aircraft.
 Walkaround - procedure when waiting for better weather.
 Briefing - spending a long time saying nothing.
 De-briefing - spending a long time saying nothing after you have done it. "

A pilot has engine trouble and lands in a field. As he walks around the plane to check out the problem, he hears a voice behind him say, "You have a clogged fuel line." Looking around, he sees no one, except a cow. Startled out of his wits, he runs across the field to the farmer's house and pounds on the door. When the farmer appears at the door, the out-of-breath pilot stammers that his cow has just talked--and even tried to explain what was wrong with the airplane. The farmer drawled, "Was it a brown cow?" "Yes." "Did it have a white patch on its forehead?" "Yes, yes, that's the one." "OK, that's Flossie. Don't pay no attention to her. She doesn't know nothin' about aeroplanes."

The student in his primary trainer was flying a solo cross-country. He lost his way and before he finally ran out of fuel he decided to put it down on a road. With hardly any cars on the road he managed to coast his aircraft into a gas station and said to the attendant, "Fill 'er up!" The attendant just looked at the pilot. "I bet you don't get too many airplanes asking for a refuel," said the pilot. The attendant replied: "True, most pilots use that airport over there."

Tower: "Aircraft on final, go around, there's an aircraft on the runway!"
 Pilot Trainee: "Roger" (pilot continues approach)
 Tower: "Aircraft, I said GO AROUND!!!!"
 Pilot Trainee: "Roger"
 The trainee doesn't react, lands the aircraft on the numbers, rolls to a twin standing in the middle of the runway, *goes around* the twin and continues to the taxiway.

One liners

- Sign seen at refueling point: WARNING Do not operate any radio transmitter within 100 metres of the pumps. If your life is not worth anything..... the fuel is!
- Any attempt to stretch fuel is guaranteed to increase headwinds.
- A thunderstorm is nature's way of saying "Up yours!"
- Keep looking around, there's always something you missed.
- Remember, you're always a student in an airplane.
- Any pilot who does not at least privately consider himself the best in the business...is in the wrong business.
- It's best to keep the pointed end going forward as much as possible.
- Hovering is for pilots who love to fly but have no place to go.
- The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.
- The only thing worse than a captain who never flew copilot is a copilot who was once a captain.
- A terminal forecast is a horoscope with numbers.
- Takeoffs are optional. Landings are mandatory.
- The first thing every pilot does after making a gear up landing is to put the gear handle DOWN.

MEETING NOTICE



Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by March 8, 2009

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2009
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: Corned Beef and Baked Haddock
Cabbage & Carrots,
Boiled Potatoes, Rice Pilaf,
Garden Salad,
Fresh Baked Bread
Mixed deserts,
Coffee and Tea.



Price: \$20 per person
\$5 just coffee and dessert

Bring someone special

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 meeting.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

February – **Bill Weedon**
“ IFR Flying with the Garmin 430 GPS”

March – Dr Lee
“ Tales of A Traveling CFI”

EVENTS SCHEDULE

March 10 - Dinner Meeting
March 11 – Board Meeting
March 15 - St Patrick's Day
Brunch BID\



April 14- Dinner Meeting
April 15– Board Meeting
May 12–Dinner Meeting Tower Tour
Scholarship Awards
May 13– Board Meeting
June 9– Dinner Meeting
Master Pilots Award
June 10– Board Meeting
August 28-30th Gadabout Gaddis
Flyin/Campout
September 8- Dinner Meeting
Safety Seminar
December 12 – Holiday Gala