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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

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## HANGAR FLYING

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### Weekend Flying

February weather has been decent for flying on weekends which allowed the "SFZ Fly to Lunch Bunch" to enjoy airport diner food as usual. It did seem like when the sun was shining the winds were howling but the regulars managed to combat the winds and turbulence to enjoy the endless pilot camaraderie while having a bite to eat. This month "The Flying Food Hound's" review will be about "Something Different" restaurant on the field at Beverly Municipal Airport (BVY). While I tend to like to fly into BVY and eat at this dinner, I'm sure there will be conflicting opinions. Over to you Paul..... Fly Safe, Frank Oliveira

### The Flying Food Hound

The flying food critic and his flying buddies were once again in search of a meal at a fly-in restaurant. This time we flew to Beverly Airport, north of Boston. It was a blustery day so pilots with limited skills and Class Delta experience went as passengers, yours truly included. I flew with Frank O, and Rollover Rene was our back seatter. The landing was no challenge for Frank in his Cardinal but keeping Rene in the plane as we taxied was. There was a herd of deer being chased by coyotes around the airfield. Rene was as excited as a bird dog on opening day. But I digress. We walked into the restaurant to be greeted by the usual airport diner décor, namely pictures of airplanes, models hanging from the ceiling and wobbly legged tables. Paul, the Boonnnaanza driver and his posse (Buzz, "the Floridian" Sawyer, Dave Lachapelle and Tony Palumbo) were already seated. The coffee came quickly and we perused a standard breakfast menu. A few specials were also offered. The three of us had eggs, toast, home fries and ham. The posse next to us ordered some fancier stuff that looked good from

where I was sitting. Overall, the meal was fit for consumption. There just was not enough of it. My plate had what looked like half of a potato, cut in half yet again. I counted four home fries, Frank and Rene as well. The slice of ham was very tasty though. The real surprise was Rene's corned beef hash. First, he should have gotten the turkey hash like Paul C, better for you. Secondly was the price. Frank O nearly choked when he saw how much it was. What really choked was Rene's wallet when it had to cough up an extra \$8.50 for the order of hash. It was more expensive for the side than his whole breakfast! Should have gone for the turkey, Rene, it was only \$7.99! Overall the experience was edible, but not delectable. Except for the scandalous hash incident, the prices were fair. But don't believe anything about what this critic has to say... these places depend on us for a fair amount of their business, so give one yours this weekend and decide for your self. "The Food Hound"

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### Fly A Controller

At the last RIPA meeting I sat at the table with Tom Lafen, who is the head of the PVD ATC and asked him if any of the controllers would like to go to MVY for breakfast and see what the situation looks like from our side. When nobody called me, I "took the bull by the horns" and called the facility last Saturday. A controller who has been here for less than 2 years and who wanted to see the sector from the air returned my call and we went out Sunday morning. Every controller that we talked to knew he was on board and tried to insert some subtle innuendo into his or her transmissions. My right seat passenger had taken his private pilot while in college and had worked as a briefer at FSS before becoming a controller.

We met up with John Holmander, Dan Scanlon and Dan Jr. at the restaurant. They peppered him with questions about the why's and whereof of ATC until he started wondering what he had gotten himself into. I believe that he had an enjoyable and informative time and will recommend the familiarization flight to his fellow controllers. Barry Miller

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## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting  
February 9, 2010

Bill Weedon, Vice President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance we observed a moment of silence. There were 35 members and friends present. A dinner recess was called after table introductions.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as written in the Plane Paper.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported that there was \$2636.27 in the General Fund and \$2657.98 in the Scholarship Fund, The report was accepted.

Master Pilots Award applications are available at the desk and can be obtained on line.

Scholarship applications are available at the desk. The deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Door prize winners are Wascar Montilla, Roger Biagetti, Mike Kelly, Frank Sherman, Kathy Kelly, Kim Ellen, Rene Cardon, Jan Crouse, Beth Tetreault, Dan Scanlon, Walter Anacko, Bud Ellin, Keith Salisbury, Carlos Vares, and Ray Andraka

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

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Overhead on SoCal Approach frequency near a busy Southern California airport last year:  
**N12345:**"SOCAL, Cherokee N12345 is with you, with X-ray for the ILS to 26R."  
**SOCAL:**"Roger. N12345, fly heading 280 and descend to 3,000."  
**N12345:**"SOCAL, N12345. We have a problem. We seemed to have lost our squawk code. Can we have another one?"  
**SOCAL:**"N12345, would you look around the cockpit? Sometimes stuff falls on the floor.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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-**(NEW) Rapco vacuum instrument filter:** #RA 1J10-1, \$10

-Cessna 172 **Parts Manual**, 1963 - 1974, \$25

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

-3 sealed cans of **AVBLEND** oil additive. \$45

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## NOTAMS

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### **MARCH MEETING**

Frank Sherman will host one of his popular Safety Seminars. We will be expecting visitors so reservations for dinner are a must. If you wish to attend only the seminar, it will commence after dinner.

In order for this seminar to be sanctioned it must be posted on the FAA website.

**Those members who wish to receive credit for the seminar must preregister on the FAA SPANS web site. Just calling in for attendance at the meeting WILL NOT register members for the seminar.**

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### **St Patrick's Breakfast**

The Ladies Auxiliary at St Andrew's church once again extends an invitation to our group to join them on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 to 12:30 for their St Patrick's Breakfast.. This is an annual event that RIPA members have attended (weather permitting) for many years. We hope to see you there.

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### **MASTER PILOTS AWARD**

RIPA is again willing to help members, qualified to receive the Master Pilots Award, with their application. An information guide and application is available at [faasafety.gov](http://faasafety.gov). You must log on and go to awards.

There will be applications available at the dinner meeting or you can contact any board member.

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### **Board Meeting**

Bill Weedon, Dan Scanlon, Rene Cardon and Beth Tetreault met at the office on Wednesday evening. Bill's schedule has prompted the change, but we do like to be able to park at the door. On Tuesday evening the CAP meets and the parking does get strained.

John Sulyma and New England Aviation will be sponsoring a Safety Seminar on March 27<sup>th</sup> at SFZ. They are hoping to make this a monthly event.

RIPA's 5013c status is reaching a conclusion and once again the board discussed the possible ramifications. It was decided to move forward.

The Ladies Auxiliary at St Andrews on Block Island has notified us that March 14<sup>th</sup> will be the date for their St Patrick's Day breakfast.

Bill proposed starting an Outreach Program. He will explain at the dinner meeting.

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## eMAIL BAG

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Dear Officers,

Greetings from Westerly RI. My name is Gail Schell, and I am a former RIPA scholarship recipient. It has been some time since I have checked back in with any one in the RIPA, and honestly, there really isn't an excuse other than a busy life.

I am contacting you to ask in what way I can become involved or help with the RIPA? I would begin of course by renewing my membership and then hopefully someone could advise me what I could do to help out. I have searched your website, and will try to attend the next meeting, this month at Chelo's, providing I am not scheduled to fly.

So much has been accomplished since I received the scholarship you so generously gave to me in April 2006. Since that time, I completed my CFI, CFII, and MEI. After some time of giving instruction at a flight school in GON, I was hired on by Comair Inc. as First Officer, flying a CRJ. I enjoyed my short time with the regional airline, however this position had a profound impact on my family. With family first, I decided to leave the regional career and pursue other avenues in aviation. I am presently flying for a part 135 on demand charter company as PIC. I love my job, and everything about it! I achieved my ATP in October 2008 and recently I have returned to college to complete my Bachelors degree in Aviation at Utah Valley University. My classes are all internet based, so coordinating family and career with classes are very flexible.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to all who helped me in my pursuit of my career and to accomplish all that has been challenged before me. I look forward to hearing from you soon, and to seeing you all at the next meeting at Chelo's!

Regards, Gail M Schell, Captain  
CFI, CFII, MEI & ATP

*It's nice to hear that we have helped. EDITOR*

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[www.RIPilots.com/join](http://www.RIPilots.com/join).

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## MEETING NOTICE

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Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at [RIPAemail@aol.com](mailto:RIPAemail@aol.com) by March 7, 2010.

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Time: 6:30pm Cocktails

7:00pm Dinner

Place: Chelo's in Warwick

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

Buffet of:     Corned Beef,  
                  Cabbage & Carrots,  
                  Boiled Potatoes  
                  Baked Haddock



                  Rice Pilaf

                  Garden Salad w/house dressing

                  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 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 SPEAKER

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March – **Frank Sherman**, Safety Seminar  
          **"Proper Tower Communications"**

*With You, It's in the Box, Got 'em on the Fish Finder!*

These are just some of the improper examples of commonly used phrases when communicating with ATC. Join us in this humorous interactive discussion on proper communications and the consequences they potentially hold. **Please preregister on the FAA SPANS web site for WINGs credit.**

April – **Paul Carroll**



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## EVENTS SCHEDULE

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March 9- Dinner Meeting

          Safety Seminar Frank Sherman

March 14- St Patrick's Day Brunch

          BID 9:30 - 12:30

March 27- Safety Seminar SFZ

March 30- Board Meeting

April 13 - Dinner Meeting

April 27- Board Meeting

May 11- Dinner Meeting, Tower Tour

          Scholarship Award

May 25- Board Meeting

June 8- Dinner Meeting

          Master Pilots Award

**December – Holiday Gala**

**Air Man of the Year Award**