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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Congratulations to Kevin Dillon and the RIAC team for their perseverance and dedication to making the runway extension program a reality. This enhancement to the TF Green Airport will provide a major economic benefit not only to the City of Warwick but also to the State of Rhode Island in the form of new employment opportunities and increased revenues.

As the summer rapidly approaches, let us count our many blessings for the incredibly mild winter we've had. A few more years like this and we can look forward to palm trees at the beach, well almost.

The President has once again attached user fees to his proposed budget. As proposed, this would mandate \$100.00 per flight fee for operators of "Turbine Powered Aircraft" Although it would not adversely impact a large sector of General Aviation Operations it would be a first step in privatizing the ATC System, followed shortly by user fees for everyone. The overall impact would be devastating to air safety. The good news is that the President's budget is most likely dead on arrival. Keep your fingers crossed.

The FAAsteam, NE Region Aeromedical Office will be sponsoring a Safety Seminar titled "Medical Conditions and Special Issuance - Be Prepared" on Wednesday March 21, 2012 at the Worcester Airport Terminal at 7:00 pm. The featured speaker will be our regional Flight Surgeon, Dr. Paul Clark. There will be a cookout courtesy of the WAPA that begins at 6:00pm.

"Sun n' Fun Fly In 2012" will be between March 27 and April 1 in Lakeland FL this year and as always it should be a great time. Let's hope they fair better with the Tornado's this year.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the

## HANGAR FLYING

### Weekend Flying

Hello again, The *SFZ Fly to Lunch Bunch* is alive and still active. The regular airport pirates, as we like to refer them, flew up to Dillant-Hopkins Airport in Keene, New Hampshire for their monthly barbeque at Monadnock Aviation on Saturday, February 18th.

This gathering is a real nice way to get pilots together and gives us a destination as well. The folks at Monadnock Aviation are always very pleasant and happy to see us, Kudos for them. You can get details of this event on their web site.

EEN is a nice airport located in scenic area of south western New Hampshire near Mount Monadnock. It has long runways in great condition and instrument approaches for those of us who like to practice.

I rode along with "The Hound" in his trusty Cardinal on this gorgeous day with unlimited visibility and light winds. We stopped in at Minute Man Airport for some less expensive fuel and to visit Don, then off to Keene to meet the gang.

It was just a great day to poke holes in the sky. I think there where about 14 airport pirates from SFZ that infiltrated Monadnock Aviation for food and camaraderie. That's a pretty good showing for the middle of winter. It's nice to see all the activity in difficult economic times.

Fly Safe.....Frank Oliveira



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## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting  
February 14, 2012

Tom Magnan, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of prayer was observed for our troops overseas. There were 43 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, Beth Tetreault, reports \$2269.69 in the general fund and \$5771.56 in the Scholarship Fund. The report was accepted.

### Announcements:

- It was noted that Governor Chaffee has asked Warwick to abandon their lawsuit against PVD's airport expansion.
- Mr Dillon stated that it was too late in the season to start construction.
- Joe Crocker was unable to attend the meeting.
- Jim Terry presented a letter on his Wasilla airplane repair.

Door prize winners: Maryanne Lamothe, Dee Scanlon, John Hayes, Beth Tetreault, Mike Spieth, Kim Ellin, Walter Anacko, Joan Falcone, Joe Lieh, Bud Ellin, Frank Sherman, Sue Pillsbury.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

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## NOTAMS

### A NOTE FROM GENE 02/18/2012

You may want to print this information in your next newsletter.

I have been in close touch with the AOPA on need of the 3rd class medical issue under certain circumstances.

They called me yesterday-02-12 and said the following:

That in early March the AOPA and EAA are going to petition the FAA to change the FAR's for the following conditions. You will not need a 3rd class medical certificate:

- a. For aircraft 6000 # max.
- b. 200 hp max.
- c. 4 passengers max.
- d. Carry only one passenger
- e. VFR only
- f. Valid automobile drivers license

I asked how long will this take? ... The normal 3 to 5 years? Oh no, was the answer, It will be sooner than you think... hopefully less than a year

Sincerely. Gene Bielecki

### RENEWAL NOTICE

This will be the final newsletter for members that have not renewed their membership.

### SAFETY SEMINARS

#### First Saturday of the month At SFZ

Go to the FAA website for the topic of the month and to register or contact Steve Grotta,  
<https://faasafety.gov/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx>

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**Join the Fly to Lunch Bunch**, contact Rene Cardon (651-3528) or appear at Landmark at SFZ around 9:30 on Saturday and/or Sunday. They would be happy to have you.



This is just one of the tables at Manadnock Aviation full of pilots from SFZ. Notice their full bellies... pix/FrankO

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*Conversation that took place while a student pilot was in the traffic pattern at KSAV:*

**Control Tower:** "Cessna 12345, how much time do you have?"

**Cessna 12345:** "I have the plane until 5:30."

**Control Tower:** "I meant, 'How many hours do you have?'"

**12345:** "About twenty."

*Overheard while listening to an area radar center in England during the early '80s. Two United States Air Force Europe fast jets climbing out of a low flying area were trying to locate each other to join formation.*

**"Ratch 13":** "Ratch 12, where are you?"

**"Ratch 12":** "Ratch 13, one mile south of Chester."

**"Ratch 13":** "Ratch 12, say again."

**"Ratch 12":** "Chester! Chester!"

**An unidentified voice, in a strong Western Draw:** "I'm a-comin', Marshall Dillon!"

*Readers of a certain age will remember "Gunsmoke"!*

**Whitted Ground:** "N12345, clear of the active, taxi to the Hangar Restaurant."

**N12345:** "345 cleared to the restaurant via 'Bravo.'"

**Whitted Ground:** "They're featuring five dollar hamburgers today."

**N12345:** "Five dollars? I thought it was a hundred-dollar hamburger!"

**Whitted Ground:** "For you, it's a hundred dollars. For me, it's five dollars"

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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 11, 2012


Date: Tuesday March 13, 2012

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,
- Garden Salad w/house dressing,
- Garden Vegetables,
- , Rice Pilaf,
- 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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## GUEST SPEAKER

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February – Joe Crocker  
Executive Vice President of Alhambra Construction will discuss the building of GA and corporate hangars and ramp space at Quonset Airport. .



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# HAPPY ST PATRICKS DAY

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## EVENTS SCHEDULE

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**March 13 - Dinner Meeting**

March 27 –Board Meeting

**April 10 - Dinner Meeting**

April 24 –Board Meeting

**May 8- Dinner Meeting**

May 29–Board Meeting

**June 12 - Dinner Meeting**

