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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Spring weather is creeping in, along with some crazy dips and peaks in temperature. I'm sure everyone was excited when it went from the minus temperatures to the 50's in a day. We're doing a spring refresher course for the next meeting to coincide with (hopefully) warmer temperatures. The intention is to have scenarios laid out and talk about how the pilots could've done something different. This is intended to be interactive ... yes, audience participation (except for maybe flight instructors).

Another topic we will be discussing is the 20 Week Club, which the generator of funds for the scholarship program. Last year we sold 185 tickets, which brought in \$3700. Normally, we've been giving out \$2500 in raffle prizes, which would've left \$1300 left for expenses and scholarships. For last year we voted in December to a 50-50 split of the prizes to bolster the scholarship fund. At the March meeting we will vote to eliminate the \$1000 grand prize. The scholarship provides someone funds to pursue education related to aviation, whether it is flight training or college courses. It is not only for the beginner pilot, but also for the pursuit of IFR or commercial ratings, so I'm hoping that we can sell more tickets this year, as 185 tickets were bought out of 534 sent out.

Our friends at the Aero Club of New England (www.acone.org) will be hosting another Crash Course seminar on March 21 with Bruce Lansberg and George Perry. Check out their website for more details

I would like to thank NexAir Avionics for coming in February to do the talk on ADS-B.

Thank you,
Michael Spieth



HANGAR FLYING

"So you want to buy an airplane?"

Part #3 of 3

A good idea is to find a purchase agreement and send some form of deposit for a potential aircraft that you are looking at. When you do this, make the sale contingent on passing a pre-buy inspection from a shop of your choice, and passing a successful flight test.

How to find a reputable shop, especially if you are looking in an area that is far away can be a little tricky. Here are a few things that I recommend you do.

- 1) Call the local FSDO for the region that you are looking at an aircraft and ask them, they may or may not be able to point you somewhere. At worst they will be able to give you a list of FAA certified repair stations, you might start there.
- 2) Call an avionics shop in the area, you will want to look for some that don't do everything so they won't be bias towards themselves. They might be able to point you in the direction of credible shops.
- 3) Call around to local flight schools, FBOs, and pilot organizations. They will be able to tell you where they do their maintenance, and if you call enough of them they will unknowingly crowd point somewhere.

One thing that I want to note is that the purpose of a pre-buy inspection is to verify that the aircraft is in-fact airworthy, clear of liens, and that it is in-fact what the seller is representing it is on the listing.

A big thing that I will advise you to look out for is the statement "Comes with fresh annual". This means the seller is a mechanic, or has a good friend who is a mechanic, or knows a mechanic who is willing to do a quick "shade tree" annual inspection, or worse, pencil whip an inspection without actually inspecting anything. This does happen and is the reason I would never advise that you trust the seller or the shop that has been working on the airplane for the seller. Remember, you're more than likely taking a part of that shops yearly income, they probably don't like you even though you sound like a really nice person over the phone.

A pre-buy doesn't mean that your first annual inspection is going to be problem free, or cheap. Normally when you purchase a new airplane, the new A&P needs to get to know it, and that means more labor time on the inspections as well as verifying the logbooks. This doesn't mean that your pre-buy wasn't worth the money, it's just the cost of doing business. Years of neglected maintenance can have residual effects that slowly need to be rectified over the years of ownership.

Remember, as an aviator you're granted the privilege to fly whenever you see fit, and that it is your responsibility as pilot in command to do your best to ensure the safety of the flight. That starts from the first day you decide to start looking for an airplane to purchase.

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MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
February 9, 2016

Michael Spieth, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:05 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed. There were 35 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, Fred Crudale, reported \$253.92 in the General Fund and \$6561.57 in the Scholarship Fund. Almost \$6000 of the scholarship fund is dedicated. Fred reminded members that if you call for dinner reservations to please attend.

Announcements:

- Mike and the Board of directors want to thank Jim Burns for volunteering as Vice president.
- Scholarship applications are accepted until February 29th. (leap year)
- The Poker Run suggestion has had little response. Jeff Mcguire might chair the committee.
- Kelly Fredericks, RIAC CEO is leaving March 1st.

Door Prize winners: Jeff Mcguire, Dr. Eaton, Fred Crudale, Jan Crouse, Jim Burns, Paul Carroll, Ann Crudale, Maryanne Lamothe, Dave Lachapelle, Roger Biagetti, Dan Scanlon, Mike Kelly, Kim Ellin, and Bill Williams.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.
Marilyn Biagetti, Acting Recording Secretary

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Plane Share wanted- Responsible, Flexible, 3000 plus hour pilot looking to lease/share/purchase a 4 or 6 place. Have hangar, if you have a plane that isn't flying enough give me a call maybe we can work something out. Joe Crocker 401 603 7309

Plane Share 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

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*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

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

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

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

Call Frank...days 401-787-8668

FOR SALE: Ocean State Oil is offering current members a **discount on AEROSHELL** (cases & drums). 123 Ocean State Dr. North Kingstown, RI 02852 1800 554 4557

Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.

Marilyn: 568 3497, email biagettim@aol.com

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While landing a Beech Sierra at Sioux City Gateway Airport (KSUX) one blustery summer day (winds 32, gusting to 40, more or less straight down the runway), I chose to use full flaps in an attempt to achieve the minimum possible landing roll -- just for practice. ... Well the gusts got the best of me. I'd just get the mains wheels down, and a gust would put me back in the air three or four feet. After three attempts, the plane finally landed and stayed landed on the fourth. ... Humbled and somewhat embarrassed, I radioed tower: "How'd you like that landing?" ... The reply was prompt: "Which one?"

From Short Final

NOTAMS

Boston FSDO newest Designated Pilot Examiner



Congratulations
Doug Auclair

COPILOT - Introduction to Aviation – Ground School Course

Flight/Ground Instructor: Alex Joseph
Assistant Instructor: Deborah Michael
Dates: Five consecutive Thursdays, 6-8pm starting March 17,
Location: 3 Stone St. Newport RI 02840
Cost: \$250

This course is designed for those who accompany pilots in the cockpit of general aviation airplanes. It provides them with sufficient aviation background to allow them to be a participating copilot thus enhancing safety and enjoyment of flights. No prior background in aviation is required. The course is also suitable for aviation enthusiasts and those contemplating pursuing a private pilot's certificate. An optional hour of flight training is available to put into practice some of concepts learned, aircraft time and fuel is billed at current Newport Aviation rates.

Topics: Airplanes and aerodynamics, Crew resource management, Weather, Airspace and Charts, Radio Communications, Navigation, Instrumentation and Systems, Aircraft Performance and Weight and Balance, Checklists for Ground and Flight Operations, Emergencies, Flight Physiology and Human factors.

To enroll or for additional information, email Alex Joseph at alex.joepilot@gmail.com or call him at 978-760-2545.

Board Meeting

Mike, Fred, Frank and Marilyn met at Chelo's at 6:15 for our monthly board meeting. As usual, we had to chat about our past and future adventures and, of course, order dinner before getting down to business.

-Doug Auclair offered to get sponsors for our scholarship fund, now that we have nonprofit status. We thank you Doug.

-Mike explained that submission of an application for 501 3c status allows us to use nonprofit, the government could still reject the application.

-Jim Burns will lead a discussion on spring cleaning for pilots. Reviewing regulations, preflight tasks, skills, emergency reactions, etc...

Discuss the ATC privation.

-Upcoming speakers and topics was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 as we wished Fred a pleasant Florida vacation.

The March Plane Paper will be the final newsletter for members not paid for this year.

40+ years ago, on a busy day in the Schenectady County Airport traffic pattern. An older WWII-era pilot owned a Stinson L5 that he used for a little instructing and light aerobatics. In the pattern on downwind, this exchange occurred. ... Tower: "Stinson N1234, do a 360 for spacing." ... N1234: "Vertical or horizontal?"
-- Mark Wielt From Short Final

EVENTS

The Saint Patrick's Day Brunch will take place at Saint Andrews Parish Center on Sunday March 13th from 10 to 1. The cost is only \$10. Per person. There's more food than one can eat!

ACONE Crash CourseSM 2016

Monday, March 21 -- 6:00 to 9:15 PM

Join the Aero Club of New England for our 2016 edition of Crash Course. A review of local accidents will be presented followed by our two main programs. **The 80:20 Rule and GA Safety Mind over Matter: Strengthening the Weakest Link. Held at** Doubletree Hotel (Boston/Bedford Glen), 44 Middlesex Turnpike, Bedford, MA 01730 www.acone.org
Contact: Paul Diette, **Phone:** 508-339-1520

SAFETY SEMINARS

Saturday, March 5, 2016, starting at 09:00,

Located at AvPorts Aviation, at SFZ

Decision Making or a Lack Thereof:

Making Decisions in the Face of Unusual or Adverse Circumstances

Stephen K. Brown, Boston FAAsteam

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 graeme@graemejwsmith.com. Or check for details on the KUUU and KSFZ Facebook pages. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kuuupilots/>

Every Saturday Morning - KUUU Pilot's Breakfast

Tickets Bar and Restaurant, Middletown 08:15. If you fly in - check at the maintenance hangar for a ride no later than 08:00

eMAIL BAG

SOUTHBRIDGE – Jonathan Krach is on the brink of reopening the airport diner, which he renamed the Blue Max, an ode to both the 1966 aviation movie and to the history of the Southbridge airport on Clemence Hill Road.....
<http://m.telegram.com/article/20160218/news/160219171>
Posted Feb. 18, 2016 **By Brian Lee Telegram & Gazette**

Graeme J W Smith Feb 3

This morning the phone rings - "Hello?"

"This is Melissa Randall from ABC6 News - I hear you were once hit by a laser?"

Me - "Yes..... How did you get my number?"

"Oh, Rhode Island Pilots Association gave me your number...."

30 mins later at the airport..... I discovered if you point a camera at a reporter - they smile.

The story originates from an air carrier originating Providence and landing last night at Newark getting lasered - so they interview a C150 pilot..... I did point out the difference - she kept shooting video of 41G's cockpit and asking me if it was "terrifying". I kept saying - "No - extremely distracting" (Happened on the way back from Clinton last year just south of Chicago)

ABC6 in the Providence metro area tonight - if something more interesting doesn't happen.

MEETING NOTICE

Please make your reservations today by calling 401 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by March 6, 2016

Date: Tuesday March 8, 2016

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

Buffet of:

Cranberry & Sage Stuffed Chicken Breast

Baked Salmon

Penne with meatballs

Garden Salad

w/house dressing

Garden Vegetables,

Baby Carrots

Rice Pilaf

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes

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.

SPEAKER

March- Jim Burns

Audience participation spring refresher course

May- Bryan Shippe Airplane maintenance



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

March 5- Safety Seminar

March 8- Dinner Meeting

March 13- St Pat's brunch on Block Island

March 17- COPILOT - Introduction to Aviation

To enroll or information, email Alex Joseph

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March 21- Crash Course offered by ACONE

(www.acone.org)

March 29- Board Meeting

April 2- Safety Seminar

April 12- Dinner Meeting

April 26- Board Meeting

May 10- Dinner Meeting

May 31- Board Meeting

June 14- Dinner Meeting

June 11&12- Quonset Airshow

Stay posted, check our website at Rlpilots.com.