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IAF SMARI, LOC22 KUUU— looking right to KPVD (That's pilot talk!)

## Guest View — “A RIPA vision”

Let me preface this as my humble opinion of where I see RIPA today and where I believe we need to go in the future.

Relevant is the word that comes to mind. We need to be relevant to all our members, the long-time members, new members, and those who join our association in the future. We need to provide relevant fresh new topics, speakers, and education that stimulates members to come get involved and enjoy the passion all of us have for flying.

We need to be relevant and

progressive in the way we communicate. Communication is a two-way street. If we are not reaching them, then we are not communicating. We must do things the way that works for all members - not just our way.

Internally, we need to develop multiple forms of communication that works for the membership. Print, text, website, Facebook, Email, Instagram, Snapchat and even the telephone!

Externally we must be relevant to the public, to the admin-

istration, to the legislature and to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation. We must show that, just as they are, we are hardworking caring people. We all want to make the place we work and bring up our families a better place.

We want to work together, so that everyone can WIN. Because this is NOT a win / lose situation.

One of my mentors told me almost 30 years ago that change was inevitable, but growth is an option. We have all seen changes in everything in life from the way we work, communicate, the

speed at which things happen. Things will continue to change as evolve in the future. We cannot stop this. We need to change along with society, but always holding on to our basic morals and integrity.

Finally, for now, RIPA needs to have a strong vibrant membership, be strong financially and constantly evaluate the new and reevaluate the old. Be relevant!!!

*John Sulyma is based at KSFZ and the principal at Wealth and Risk Management Company who sponsor the monthly Safety Seminars*

## From the President



Jim Burns

Thanks to those who came to the February Meeting to discuss the threats facing GA in Rhode Island. I think the big take home was the very real need to get our own house in order with a serious membership drive to make RIPA representative of GA pilots in the state.

help with the membership database and a membership drive. You will see in this issue, to start, we are trying to get back in touch with quite a few members. If you have information about them—please pass it along.

“acting” because we haven’t formally elected him—but he is willing to help out—and right now that’s what matters!

So I’m delighted that as a result of that meeting Paul and Mary Beth Tocco have volunteered to

Also thanks to John Sulyma for stepping up to the plate and agreeing to help out as Acting Vice President. We say

Finally I hope to see you at the March Meeting. We have a truly outstanding local pilot who spent the last few years on the airshow circuit and has a sobering story to tell.

## Notice of Meeting



Price: \$25 per person;  
\$45 per couple;  
\$5 just coffee and dessert.

*“Do we have your  
email address?”*

Date: Tuesday 13th March 2018  
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  
Dinner is a buffet menu of special selections of entrees with coffee and desserts

Please make your reservations by Mar 11, 2018 via email at [captburns@aol.com](mailto:captburns@aol.com)

Please indicate if you are coming for full dinner or just coffee and the talk

## March Meeting Speaker—Delivering the Airshow!



**Chris Porter** spent five years flying all over the United States as a ferry pilot for air show performer and Red Bull Air Race competitor Michael Goulian.

Chris will relate how he found humility through experience. How complacency, over confidence and invulnerability eventually led to remarkably bad decision making in the air.

Along with that, Chris will tell why Denison, IA is one hell of a place for a fuel stop!

His travels have brought him to 42 states, sent him from coast to coast several times and packed a lifetime of adventure into a relative short window of time.

Nothing we do as pilots is ever so important that we allow and accept the possibility of fatal errors to exist in our world of possible outcomes.

Originally from Warwick, RI, he learned to fly at Horizon Aviation at T.F. Green airport.

He is now the owner of CAVU Digital Media based in Acushnet, MA offering video, photography, design, and website services.

## Safety and Regulatory

Cessna 172 182 206 207  
210

### FAA— Notice of Proposed Rule Making

After receiving over 50 “Service Difficulty reports” from mechanics across the country the FAA has proposed to issue a new airworthiness directive (AD) that would affect certain (Cessna) Textron Aviation 172/182/206/207/210 airplanes.

The mechanics report cracks

found in the lower area of the forward cabin doorpost bulkhead prompted this notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

This condition is determined to be the result of metal fatigue. If not addressed, it could lead to failure of the wing in operation, which could result in loss of control.

The AD would require repetitive inspection of this area for cracks and would require owners to make any necessary repairs in accordance with the

applicable Cessna service kit. The FAA estimates that this proposed AD affects 14,653 airplanes of U.S. registry.

For more details on the inspection and repair requirements of this NPRM, as well as instruction for submitting comments, go to <https://go.usa.gov/xnsEA>. The comment period closes on March 19, 2018.



Congratulations to member Paul Carrol for winning the title “FAATeam Safety Rep 2018 Eastern Region”!

## Around the Airports

### From AOPA ePilot



AOPA Eastern Regional Manager Sean Collins traveled to Rhode Island to tour state airports, weigh in on an obstacle-clearance dispute that could affect safety at one general aviation airport, and bring the state’s team of AOPA Airport Support Network volunteers together to map out their advocacy priorities for GA in 2018 and beyond.

Collins met with the Rhode Island Airport Corp. at its headquarters at Theodore Francis Green State Airport in Providence on a dispute over the removal of obstacles on approaches to Westerly State Airport, a project that the state

agency supports, but which is blocked by a court order.

Failure to clear tree growth from several parcels of private property on three of the airport’s four approaches by eminent domain—a project opposed by some property owners—could result in the permanent displacement of runway thresholds with implications for flight safety and a severe curtailment of the airport’s usefulness, Collins said.

The state agency and the Westerly Town Board have reaffirmed their intention to avoid permanent runway-threshold displacements in Westerly, and the state board plans to seek reversal of the injunction, he said.

### KOQU—Quonset

The big news is the tail came off the 747 at Quonset. This is progress for the airport and economic development both for RIAC and RI (a goal and

benefit for any airport) since they have paid their bill! Although it was a minor inconvenience for the GA ramp planes that were displaced temporarily by the “Air Force One replica” Museum. Plans are to put it on a barge and ship it to NY soon which will open up that ramp space again for GA.



Bill Weedon—KOQU

### KPVD—Providence

The weather continues to hinder operations, BUT people are coming out of the woodwork to learn to teach and learn to fly!!! We will be hosting a KPVD tower tour soon! Dates to follow.

Vicky Kuo at KPVD

### KUUU—Newport



Congratulations to Joe Parent who squeezed in a successful PPL Checkride despite some marginal weather.

Heather Corson– Newport Aviation

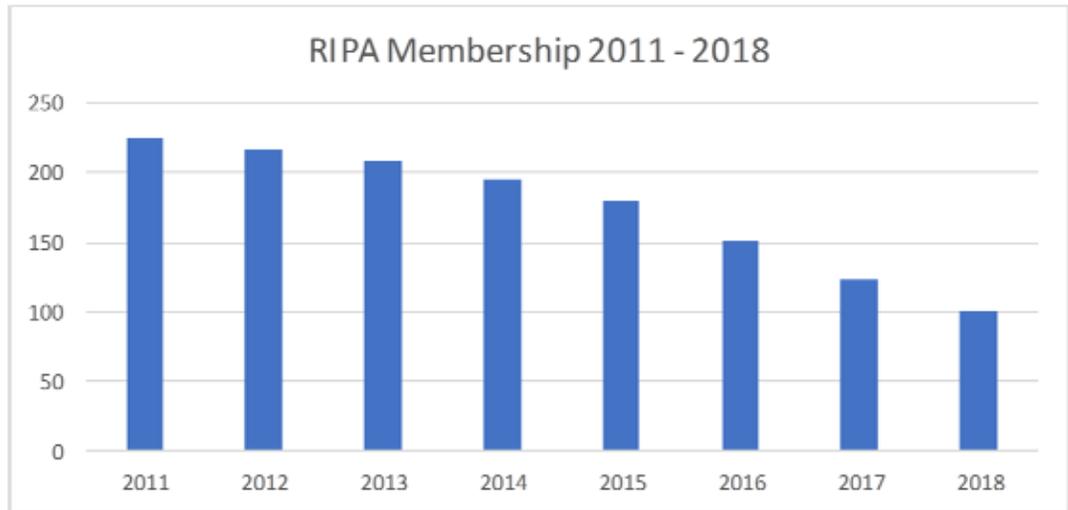
After much excavation—the Newport toilets are back in service! A heavily corroded and scale filled waste pipe seems to have been the culprit!

### KBID—Block Island

It is reported those sliding doors have been repaired properly.....

## Calling all Members

Rhode Island Pilots lives or dies by the strength of the membership. Frankly—there has been a steady decline of late. Be it time marching on or RIPA not necessarily keeping in touch as well as we might..



*“PIREPS*

*REQUESTED—*

*We are NORDO*

*with some of you”*

Between Dan and Amanda Scanlon and the Plane Paper editor we have been working to compile an accurate membership list. We think we have it straight. Let us know if we don't! The February Plane Paper alone returned 20 members to the RIPA membership. And of course a thanks to all of you who renewed for 2018.

We would also like to acknowledge new members and those who have returned after a break!

NEW

Ed Conway at KSFZ      Robert Eden at KSFZ” (by Howard McVey)  
Paul Stanick at KSFZ (by the Safety Seminars)      Gabriel Jaszczak      Cortney Keegan (both via Website)

WELCOME BACK!

Paul Tocco      Ann Crudale      Jack Gordon      John Martinelli      Steven Goldin (KTAN)  
Robert and Cindy Wolff      Wascar Montilla      Doug Auclair      Dave Stukus      Steve Tibbetts

PIREPS REQUESTED—We are NORDO with you. We think you paid your dues, we are trying to get back in touch, we seem to have a bad address, no email address or the email address we have doesn't work. If SOMEONE can send us an email address for any of these people it would help to start with!

Wallace Filton      Robin Hawarth      John Kerns      Larry Libucha      Jacquelyn Martinelli  
Mick Mater      Frank Veilleux      Larry Ventura      Michael C Gendreau      Philip Joncas  
Buz Sawyer      Hector A. Girouard      Michael Falcone      Leonard & Ruth Dunn  
Robert F. Matose      Erin Mathews      Francis Soares      Edward Neubauer      Richard Fisher  
Anthony & Jack Rappa      Joe Simanski      Len Dunn

Send PIREPS to: [graeme@graemejwsmith.com](mailto:graeme@graemejwsmith.com)

And a BRAVO ZULU to Paul and Mary Beth Tocco for stepping up to the plate and volunteering to help with a membership drive and keeping the records straight ongoing. Over to the Tocco's during March!

# Providence Fire Station Visit



The newest of 3 trucks at Providence. Custom built—\$1.5million a piece.



This spike can pierce the hull of an airplane and deliver 1,250 galls of synthetic foam a minute. Or spray it over the scene.



8 under chassis nozzles will flood under the truck with foam to protect it if needed.



Every locker full of equipment, tools, hoses, nozzles



This nozzle can blast foam or 500lb of dry chemicals to deal with “3D fires” - like fuel dripping from a wing that cannot be smothered by foam.

There are only 4 crew on duty at any time. Two to a truck.

Total truck count and manning is based on runway length, time to get to all areas of the airport and size of aircraft the airport handles.

Mission - to create a safe environment for passengers and crew to escape the aircraft and for others (mutual aid by Warwick FD) to perform rescue work. Principally by foaming over the incident.

An offsite plane crash is unlikely to be attended by these trucks if the airport remains open. They have to remain on site if the airport is open.

Between 500 and 700 call outs a year—mainly for EMT services for passengers who get hurt deplaning. Hitting heads on overhead bins, tripping on jetways.

## Calendar of Events — Save the Dates!



**Saturday, 3rd Mar 2018**, 9 to 11 AM—FAA Safety Seminar - KSFZ – North Central, AvPorts Hangar.  
Sponsored by FAASafety Team, [Wealth and Risk Management Company](#) and [AvPorts](#).

**Monday, 5th Mar 2018** - 6 PM to 9:15PM—ACONE/AOPA Air Safety Institute—“Crash Course” -  
Doubletree Hotel Bedford MA

**Tuesday, 13th Mar 2018**, 7 to 9 PM—RIPA Monthly Meeting at [Chelo's Restaurant](#), Warwick, RI

**Wednesday, 14th March 2018**, 6 to 8 PM—GA Working Grp at Mary Brennan Conference Room  
KPVD

**Saturday, 7th Apr 2018**, 9 to 11 AM— FAA Safety Seminar - KSFZ – North Central, AvPorts Hangar.  
Sponsored by FAASafety Team, [Wealth and Risk Management Company](#) and [AvPorts](#).

**Tuesday, 10th Apr 2018**, 7 to 9 PM—RIPA's Monthly Meeting at [Chelo's Restaurant](#), Warwick, RI.

**10-18th Apr 2018** Sun N Fun, Lakeland, FL [www.flysnf.org](#)

**Saturday, 12th May 2018** (Raindate 19th) 9 AM—1 PM - KMMK Meriden Annual Fly-In

**Saturday / Sunday 9 /10 June** — Gates Open At 9 AM - Flying Starts at 10 AM  
[Rhode Island National Guard Open House](#) KOQU—Quonset



**Sunday, 23th Sept 2018** 4B9 - Simsbury Fly In

### Recurring

RIPA's Fly to Lunch Bunch. 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.

Weeknight Dinner Flyouts—VFR Flyouts to dinner at local airports. To be added to the notification list email. Wade Leveille - [uswle@yahoo.com](mailto:uswle@yahoo.com)

Every Saturday Morning - KUUU Pilot's Breakfast - Tickets Bar and Restaurant, Middletown 8:15 AM. If you fly in - check at the maintenance hangar for a ride no later than 8 AM



## Classifieds

### FLYING CLUB

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

### PLANE SHARE

Based at SFZ: 1969 Piper Arrow PA 28-200R, Factory

Reman Lycoming, New Hartzell Prop, \$20,000 for 1/2 share. Call Al for details 401-578-4494

### FOR SALE

**C e s s n a S t u f f**  
 \*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  
 \*ARC marker beacon receiver R-402A (24V). Asking \$75.  
 \*Cessna 172 Service Manual, 1969 - 1976, \$25.

\*Cessna 172 parts manual, 1963 thru 1974, \$25  
 Monroy Traffic Watch ATD-300. Retail for \$650. Used, in like new condition, In original box with all accessories and manual. \$100 OBO

Call Frank. 401-787-8668

Hangar at Westerly Airport, RI ( KWST ) Porta-Port - Single Engine T-Hangar with new exterior paint. Inside dimensions 37' 7" W x 30' 9" D x 10' H Good condition. Asking \$16,500. Contact John at

N33864@cox.net or 401-234-3010



### MISC

Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL (cases & drums). 123 Ocean State Dr. North Kingstown, RI 02852  
 1 800 554 4557

## Flight Training in Rhode Island



KSFZ — North Central  
 300 Jenckes Hill Road  
 Smithfield, RI 02917  
 (401) 216-9359  
 www.airventuresri.com  
 fly@airventuresri.com



KPVD — Providence  
 530 Airport Road  
 Warwick RI 02886  
 (401) 736-5115  
 www.horizonaviation.com  
 info@HorizonAviation.com



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**aviation**

KUUU - Newport State Airport  
 211 Airport Access Rd  
 Middletown RI 02842

KWST - Westerly State Airport  
 63 Tom Harvey Road  
 Westerly, RI 02891  
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The Rhode Island Pilots Association seeks to: Promote General Aviation; Promote Aviation Safety; Advocate for General Aviation in the State; Foster goodwill and camaraderie among our members; Assist members with issues relative to general aviation.

## Who is Who at RIPA?

Rhode Island Pilots is an all volunteer organization. If you feel you could help fill any of the vacancies and spread the workload the President would love to hear from you!

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Events	Vacancy		
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