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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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For a dinner speaker this month, we have Doug Stewart giving a presentation "Flying the New York VFR Corridor". Doug is based at Columbia County Airport (1B1) in Hudson, NY, was voted as the National CFI of the Year for 2004. It is an honor to have such a great speaker, and we look forward to a great presentation.

Next month (May), our dinner meeting will take place at the Fire Station at TF Green Airport. Beth Tetreault will host the meeting and has arranged a demonstration of the safety equipment and a tower tour. The May newsletter will contain a map and directions to get to the fire station.

I hope to see many of you at Sun 'N Fun down in Lakeland!

Bill Weedon

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## HANGAR FLYING

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RIPA was invited, again this year, to attend the St. Patrick's Day Brunch at St. Andrew's Parish on Block Island. The weather was over cast with light winds from the south with mild temperatures for the season. The air was silky smooth for the many aircraft that made the journey. Light rain moved in as forecasted in the early afternoon, but the flight home was still MVFR.

I didn't bring a camera so you will just have to imagine your own pictures. Those who have attended before will remember the pleasant accommodations and the beautiful view from the east side of the island. The seals lying on the rocks were especially close to shore this year. The food was excellent as usual and the company was grand.

The list of RIPA attendees was rather long but to my best recollection, we had about 17 plus RIPA members who supported this function.

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On Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the fly to lunch bunch from SFZ flew out to Chatham, MA (CQX) for lunch. Four planes with ten people met at the Cloud 9 Café for a nice breakfast / lunch, the food is always very good there. The weather was clear with winds from the south-west. A light chop made it a challenge to hold altitude, but a nice ride overall. Present were: Beth Tetreault, Gabe Laurienzo, Paul Carroll, Buz Sawyer, Hector Girouard, John Hayes, Rene Cardon, John and Paula Sulyma and myself.

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On Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, RIPA mystery Fly-Out met at Brookhaven Calabro Airport, NY. The weather was overcast with numerous snow showers all around the area, but still VFR. Three planes with eight people met at the Blue Sky Diner for lunch. Another fine gathering for RIPA. Present were: Paul Carroll, Rene Roy, Frank Sherman, Ron and Beth Tetreault, Dave Czerwonka, Tony Correia and myself. Paul and Rene chose not to be in the picture. (fear of cameras, perhaps)

Frank Oliveira



## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting March 14, 2006

Beth Tetreault, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a quiet moment in remembrance of friends past, it was announced the long time member, Andy Chartier, had bypass surgery in Worchester Hospital. The tables were introduced. There were 47 members and friends present. Dinner was served.

The Secretaries report for February was amended and approved to read that the amount for the April speaker was \$200 dollars.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported that there was \$2364.20 in the General Fund and \$2466.79 in the Scholarship Fund. The report was accepted.

Rene Cardon, Events Chairman. Announced that there would be a flyout Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30am. The destination will be announced at that time. There will be a mailing for the 29-week Club. Volunteers are needed.

Rene Cardon and Paul Tocco will be going to Sun n Fun. and ask other member to join them at the QB pavilion at noon to discuss dinner arrangements.

Bill Weedon, President, proposed ideas to encourage new and especially young members, including: reduced membership for young members, reduced dinner price for guests, asking CAP members to join our dinner meeting.

Frank Sherman reminded members of the Safety Seminar March 27<sup>th</sup> at the K of C Hall in Lincoln.

Raffle winners include; Jerry Scanlon, John Hayes, Kim Ellen, Fred Crudale, Ron Tetreault, Bob Wolff, Jack Crouse, Dick Gould, Bob Danis, Rick Jacks, Kathy Kelly, Nick Barone and Tony Fontana.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Ken MacDonald, from the FAA spoke on Runway Incursions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marilyn Biagetti  
Corresponding Secretary

## SOLOS & NEW RATINGS

**Phil Sargent** –WINGS XIX, 3/06 w/ Frank Sherman at Skylanes

**Chris Drago** – Grandpa, 3/06, Heather Corson daughter of Chris Drago (Chris Aircraft in Newport) recently had a baby girl.

## NOTAMS

### RUNWAY REHAB PROJECTS

We have two runway rehab projects coming up that will affect a lot of RIPA pilots. The rehab of 5-23 at SFZ if going out to bid by May first and, if awarded, construction will start just after July 4th. That runway will be out of service for approximately 90 days. The good news is that the intersection of the two runways was rebuilt when 15-33 was done over so it is unlikely that the airport will be completely closed for a period of time. They investigated reactivating the grass strip alongside 5-23 and decided against it because it does not provide the required clearances, it would have to be regraded, there would be insufficient room between construction and the strip, and the aircraft would have to cross the construction site to get to the ramp. Practice your crosswind landings.

The runway at BID is going out for bid at the same time. If the contract is awarded, construction will start just after the Columbus Day weekend and last for 42 days. The airport will be closed during that time. Thanks, Don Pillsbury

### BOARD MEETING

Dan, Rene, Bill, Beth & Ron Tetreault and Marilyn got started on the 20Week Club mailing before the meeting began.

Auggie Comella, of the Civil Air Patrol, stopped in and asked to show a brief presentation at a dinner meeting. He is looking forward to having the CAP work closely with RIPA in the future.

After the normal business routine, our priority was to review and update membership. A problem with the incoming mail has caused a few missed postings. We beg your patience and hope things have been cleared up now.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**Wanted: Aircraft Mechanic Trainees.** Up to an **\$8,000.00 cash bonus, the Montgomery GI Bill and Kicker, plus a Student Loan Repayment Program, limited time only, don't miss this opportunity.** The RI Air National Guard has several openings for C-130 Crew Chiefs, Aerospace Propulsion Technicians, Avionics Technicians, Fuel Systems specialists, plus more. Paid technical training, travel, college education, and retirement benefits. - For more information contact Col Matt Dzialo or Capt Ron Cloutier at (401) 886-3549

**FOR SALE:** Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL(cases & drums). SHELL Flight Jacket, plane care products are now available. 1339 Davisville Rd, Quonset 1800 554 4557  
Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.  
**Marilyn:568 3497,Fax:568 5392, email [biagettim@cox.net](mailto:biagettim@cox.net)**

## FROM THE e-MAILBAG

email address Change 3/20/2006 [scanlon4@cox.net](mailto:scanlon4@cox.net)  
Hi, Please note email address changed to:  
[scanlon4@cox.net](mailto:scanlon4@cox.net) Thank you. Jerry Scanlon

WAA Website 3/29/ [SGRILLS@ebmail.gdeb.com](mailto:SGRILLS@ebmail.gdeb.com)  
Skyfamily,

A round of applause please!

Westerly Airport Association (WAA) website has been launched. Please EXPLORE <http://www.wstaa.net> and save link in your Netscape Communicator Bookmarks or Microsoft Internet Explorer Favorites  
Sam

New Aviation Heritage Organization 3/13/ [Saratoga Museum](http://www.saratogamuseum.org)  
...a new professional association concerned with the preservation of aviation heritage...  
...we have established and incorporated the Aviation Heritage Group Inc., whose mission is "to facilitate the exchange of information, provide mutual support and encourage cooperation among organizations, institutions and individuals working all over the world to preserve aviation heritage".  
...We invite you to visit our website at the following url:  
<http://www.aviationheritagegroup.org>  
Frank Lennon Interim President Aviation Heritage Group Inc. 401-831-8696

## SAFETY SEMINARS

Frank Sherman & Gene Bielecki remind you that RIPA Safety Seminars include coffee & donuts and door prizes.

**Topic:** "VFR Aeronautical Charts  
- Little Known Facts"

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, April 26, 7:00 pm

**Speaker:** Mr. Richard Neher - Specialist, National Charting Office We are extremely fortunate to have Mr. Richard Neher from the National Charting Office. If you have never seen this seminar, do not miss out on this opportunity.

**Location:** Knights of Columbus Hall

171 Jenckes Hill Rd. Lincoln, RI 02865

**Directions to Venue** From Route 146 take the Route 123 Exit. Follow the signs toward North Central Airport. The K of C Hall is about 1/2 mile East of North Central on the right side of street. Parking and entrance are at the rear of building.

**Sponsor:** RIPA, ASCs Frank Sherman & Gene

**Contact:** Jack Keenan 781-274-7130

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To receive your Safety Seminar schedules online please subscribe by going to the following link: <http://faasafety.gov/>  
Call Gene Bielecki, Pilot Examiner, for information 231 6229

## EVENTS

### ACONE Awards 2006 – Congratulations Frank Sherman!

I am happy to report that your thoughtful nomination of Frank Sherman for the **ACONE** RI State Award has resulted in his selection for this honor!

A letter was recently sent to Frank, informing him of his award. He and his wife are invited as guests to the awards banquet on April 20th - and as always, everyone is encouraged to attend and show our support. I will contact you with more information soon.

Thank you for making this strong nomination. Frank is a worthy candidate to stand with previous RI winners - Gene Bielecki, Bill Bendokas, and the entire RIPA - as honorees by - ACONE the oldest Aero Club in North America! More soon... Sandy Niles

**ACONE will be presenting the Rhode Island State Award to Frank Sherman for his lifetime of exemplary achievement in aviation safety, dedicated commitment to pilot training and a roving ambassador for flight safety. Celebrated on April 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 9:00 at the Sheraton Lexington in Mass. Call Deirdre at 781 729 0664 for more information before April 17<sup>th</sup>.**

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual **Aviation Safety Counselors Banquet** is scheduled for May 10, at Lantana's in Randolph, Ma. Further information is forthcoming but reservations are needed. The FAA always looks forward to our participation.

**AeroServe** cookout at SFZ will be held, Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Jeff Soules invites you all to attend.

Quonset Air Museum's **Annual May Breakfast** Fly-In/Drive-In, Sunday, May 21, 8:00am to 1:00pm. Enjoy a breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, bacon and hash browns. Adults, \$8.00, children 6 to 12, \$2.00. 488 Eccleston Ave, North Kingstown, RI 02852. Quonset State Airport next to runway #5

**An Aviation Expo** will be held at PVD October 4<sup>th</sup>. The Expo was well attended last year and more people are expected this year. In order to be represented, RIPA will need volunteers for a booth.

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Overheard at local non-towered airport...  
C-G1234: Unicom, request Airport Advisory. Unicom: Sorry, say again your sign?  
C-G1234: I'm a Gemini. I like candle-light dinners and long walks on the beach ... but I don't see what that has to do with anything, right now.

## MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations by calling **885 1196** or email [RIPaEMail@AOL.COM](mailto:RIPaEMail@AOL.COM) by Sunday, April 8, 2006.

Date: Tuesday April 13, 2006  
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: Broadway Chicken, Pork Chops and  
Baked Scrod with potatoes, and  
vegetables  
Mixed Desserts, Coffee and Tea.  
Price: \$20 per person  
\$5 just coffee and dessert

### PLEASE CALL TODAY!!!!!!

Members wishing to fly into OQU can call any Board Member to arrange transportation to and from the event.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

April 11 – **Doug Stewart**  
Flying the NY VFR Corridor  
A Safety Seminar  
May – Airport tour  
Reservations are mandatory  
June 13 – **Jack Keenan:**  
FAA Master Pilot Awards  
Auggie Comella of the CAP  
“The New Mission of the CAP”  
September - Dr. James Ross, AME



## EVENTS SCHEDULE

April – 4-10 Sun'N Fun  
Meet at noon at the QB pavilion  
11 - **Dinner Meeting**  
15 - **Mystery Flyout**  
20 – ACONE Awards dinner  
Reservations needed by 4/17  
22 -"New England Aviation Expo"  
Nashua, NH  
25 - **Board Meeting**, PVD  
26- **Safety Seminar** – Lincoln, RI  
VFR Aeronautical Charts –Little Known Facts  
May 9 - **Dinner Meeting**  
PVD Tour  
10 – FAA Safety Counselors Banquet  
Lantana's, Randolph, Ma  
14 - **Mystery Flyout**  
20 – Aeroserve Cookout SFZ Sunday,  
21 - May Breakfast *Fly-In, Drive-In*  
Quonset Air Museum, 8:00am-1:00pm.  
30 - **Board Meeting**, PVD  
June 13 - **Dinner Meeting**  
**Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award**  
24-25 - **Quonset Air Show**  
July 8 –FlyRI cookout Newport  
August 25-26 Gadabout Gaddis Campout  
September 8-10 Greenville Seaplane Flyin  
October 4 – Aviation Expo PVD

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