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THE FIRST ACCIDENT REPORT

The Montgolfier brothers are credited with inventing the first practical balloon (1760), Octave Chanute is famous for his glider designs (1894), and the Wright brothers are credited with making the first powered flight (1903). But the first flying fatality goes back to ancient Greece.

Aircraft: Daedalus Wax and Feather Wings

Location: Crete

Injuries: 1 FATAL

Aircraft damage: DESTROYED

What reportedly happened: A father and son were attempting to escape from a labyrinth on the island of Crete using two experimental aircraft, which consisted of two pairs of wings made from wax and feathers. Neither held a pilot certificate. No flight plan was filed. The son was briefed by his father, who was the designer and builder of the wings. The father warned his son "not to fly too close to the sun lest the wings melt" and "not too fly to low lest the wings touch the waves and get wet." The launch was uneventful. However, a few minutes into the flight, the son began an unauthorized ascent. According to the father, the boy flew too close to the sun, melting the wax that held the wings together. The wings collapsed and the son crashed into the Aegean Sea, where he drowned.

Probable cause: The son's failure to file a flight plan and failure to heed the warning of his father, which led to acute structural failure.



HANGAR FLYING

Weekend Flying

The weather gods were good to us on Sunday, March 15th. This is rather important to many RIPA members every year as this is the day we look forward to attend the St. Patrick's Day Brunch on Block Island. There were about 24 people that stormed the Island by air in 10 aircraft that I know of. Most of these folks were from No Central Airport. I'm sure there were more that were uncounted. It looked as if the Ladies Guild that hosts this brunch had a wonderful turn out. The food was very good as always and a good time was had by all. We always are happily welcomed by the parish members. After eating all that wonderful food, a group of us walked to the ocean side to look at the seals playing in the water and sunning themselves on the large rocks.

The flight to BID was smooth with light winds and the visibility was decent with some haze. All in all it was a nice day to aviate.

The SFZ "Fly to Lunch Bunch" has been active most weekends this month because the weather has been getting a bit better as we leave winter behind. Come join us. New faces are always welcome.

^^ Fly Safe...Frank Oliveira



Here are just a few of the RIPA members that attended the St. Patrick's Day Brunch on Block Island pic/FrankO



Seal Rock near St. Andrew's Parish Hall pic/FrankO

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
March 10, 2009

The dinner meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick by Beth Tetreault, President. After the Pledge of Allegiance a toast, in memory of Andy Andersen was given. There were 32 members and friends present. A dinner recess was called after table introductions.

The Secretary's report was accepted as published in the Plane Paper.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported that there was \$2974.27 in the General Fund and \$2343.82 in the Scholarship Fund. His report was accepted.

Announcements:

- Bethany's and the new terminal on Block Island is open.
- Quonset terminal should be open by the beginning of April.
- RIAC is recommending using stimulant money to help airports.
- The State legislature is working to reinstate sales tax on aircraft. Members are asked to contact their legislatures to discourage this idea. Your input is a great influence on the outcome.
- Join us at the St Patrick's Day brunch in the St Andrews Hall on Block Island
- Gadabout Gaddis flyin/campout is scheduled for the September 29th weekend.
- We encourage members to apply for the FAA's Master Pilots Award. We will help with recommendations, etc.

Door Prizes were won by Gene Bielecki, Boris Rotman, Frank Sherman, Jim Terry, Carlos Vares, Bill Williams, Sally Terry, John Hayes, Gayle Cameron, Fred Crudale, Walter Andraka and Dee Scanlon.

Beth introduced our guest speaker, Bill Weedon Speaking about Garmin 430 GPS navigation

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm

Respectfully Submitted
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CLASSIFIED ADS

Hanger available at Quonset - it would hold a small twin or smaller airplane. Price depends on size please call Steve at 401-338-9747

Beech BE-55 Baron for sale. 9869 TT, 202 SMOH/760 SNEW. GAMI injectors, Air Wolf remote oil filters, leather seats, 136 gallons fuel, century III AP, KLN-94 GPS, HSI w/slave compass, 70 A alternators, deice boots, Whelan strobes, EZ-heat engine preheaters, NU-lite panel lights, speedslope windscreen, plumbed for oxygen, complete logs, fresh annual, more. Asking \$94,995. Listed with Tsunami Aircraft Sales, Westerly. Contact Bill Weedon 401-474-8082. (check details at www.RIPilots.com/classified)

USED C172 PARTS FOR SALE:

- Complete original **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 \$800
- Two sets of **McCauley main wheels and brake calipers** from a Cessna 172M. All in good condition. They were replaced with Cleveland wheels. Asking \$125 and \$75 per set.
- Sigtronics **Intercom**, SPA-400, w/ installation manual. Asking \$100
- II Morrow **Loran**, Apollo 618C, with antenna and all manuals. Best Offer
- ARC **Nav/Com** RT-385A with IN-385 indicator and tray. (24V). asking \$500
- ARC **audio panel**, with tray (24V). Asking \$150
- ARC **marker beacon receiver** R-402A (24V). asking \$75
- (NEW) Rapco vacuum instrument filter:** #RA 1J10-1, \$10 Call Frank...days 401-787-2338 or evenings 401-727-2580

FOR SALE: Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL(cases & drums). SHELL Flight Jacket, plane care products are now available at 123 Ocean State Dr. No. Kingston, RI 02852 1800 554 4557

Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.
Marilyn:568 3497,Fax:568 5392, email biagettim@cox.net

STAY IN TOUCH Join RIPA'S YAHOO Group. To join go to www.RIPilots.com/join. Remember if you have changed your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.

NOTAMS

Beth Tetreault wished to thank the WAA for their invite to a meeting. She enjoyed the event and is looking forward to combining events with their members.

Condolences:



Alexander R. Andersen LCDR US NAVY (RET.), 79, of Pine River Drive, passed away at South County Hospital. Born in Scottville, MI,

A 26 year veteran of the US Navy, he served during the Korean and Vietnam eras. He worked for the State of RI,

Department of Employment Security until his retirement in 1990.

Andy had been an active member and will be missed.

BOARD MEETING

Beth, Dan, Rene Bill and Marilyn gathered for the board meeting. It was decided that due to scheduling conflicts the meetings would return to the last Tuesday of the month.

The upcoming speakers were scheduled, and the menu chosen,

Beth reported on attending a Westerly Aviator Club meeting.

We will have a member presented with the Master Pilots Award this year.

Jim Terry is the official answerer to the mystery airplane which was a Uppercu Burnelli UB20 aircraft (Italian). -Gene Bielecki recognized the mystery picture. The pic was taken at Hillsgrove.

A \$25 donation to the USN Memorial in memory of Andy Andersen was approved.

Beth suggested, because of this economic time, that members could have their business mentioned in the newsletter, hopefully benefiting both. As an example:

Carlos Vares

"AUTO DOCTOR"

1524 Smith St Rt 44

No Providence

401 354 4111

(I wish I knew this last week. Editor)

We ended the evening stuffing envelopes for the 20 Week Club.

On the way home Rene received a call from Bob and Cindy Wolff who now live in Arkansas. They were touring the southwest. They send a hello to their friends at RIPA...

EVENTS

FOD walk

TF Green FOD walk will take place on May 9th. For those of us that abide at the smaller airports, this stands for Foreign Objects and Debris. TF Green is shut down while the public strolls the runways picking up FOD. There are refreshments, prizes and gloves and ear protection are provided. You must contact Airport Operations 691 2264 by May1st to attend. Meet at the Airport Operation Office 572 Airport Rd by 9:30am.

"New England Aviation Safety Expo"

Topic: A full day of safety seminars, safety events, and vendor displays On Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 8:00 AM

Location: Daniel Webster College 20 University Drive Nashua, NH 03063

Description: This year marks the Expo's 10th Anniversary and will feature US National Aerobatic Champion Mike Goulian as the Keynote Speaker. The purpose of the event is to provide a full-day of safety education while providing the aviation community an opportunity to meet and talk with FAA personnel from Air Traffic Control, Flight Standards, the FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam), Runway Safety, Airports Division, and the Aviation & Space Education Program.

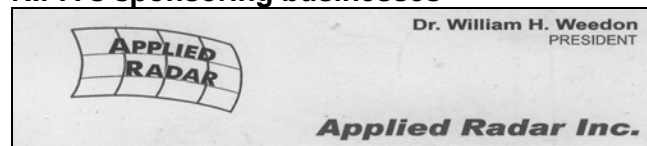
GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Lee enjoys flying and teaching GPS Approaches. Fred has served as Director of Operations, Chief Pilot and Director of Training for several FAR 135 Certificate holders in the Northeast. In those capacities, he has taught Basic Indoctrination, Emergency Operations, Cold Weather Operations & De-icing Procedures, International Procedures and Aviation Security Procedures. Mr. Lee has provided services as an Airport Manager. Nicknamed by his clients the "Doctor of Aviation," he is referred to in the business as "Dr. Lee."

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Beth is collecting members preferred email address so you can receive the newsletter in living color. Send a note to Beth at ETETREULT@cox.net to get on the list.

RIPA's sponsoring businesses



ROGER BIAGETTI

EXCAVATING



MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by April 12, 2009

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2009

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: Baked Chicken Quarters and Baked
Haddock vegetables, potato, Rice Pilaf,
Garden Salad,

Fresh Baked Bread

Mixed deserts,

Coffee and Tea.

Price: \$20 per person

\$5 just coffee and dessert

Bring someone special

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.

GUEST SPEAKERS

April – Dr Lee “Tales of a Traveling CFI”

Frederic Lee has been active in General Aviation for several decades. He has logged 19,000 hours in Tail-draggers to Turbines. Fred gives Insurance Checkouts in 55 different Makes & Models for fixed wing aircraft. He is an Instructor for Single, Multi and Instruments. Traveling through out North America he has offered training for Private, Instrument, Multi & CFIs. He is President of Professional Training International (PTI), Northville, New York. He is a former writer for IFR Refresher Magazine and other aviation publications. He currently writes several columns for Atlantic Flyer Magazine, including "Fly like a Pro...even if you are not!"



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

April 14- Dinner Meeting

April 28– Board Meeting

May 2 - "New England Aviation Safety Expo"
Nashua, NH 8:00 AM

May 9 – FOD walk at TF Green

**May 12–Dinner Meeting Tower Tour
Scholarship Awards**

May 26– Board Meeting

June 9– Dinner Meeting

Master Pilots Award

**August 28-30th Gadabout Gaddis
Flyin/Campout**

August 25- Board Meeting

**September 8- Dinner Meeting
Safety Seminar**

December 12 – Holiday Gala