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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Barry Morgan from the Providence tower brought a couple of controllers to our last meeting and they invited us to come fly in their airspace. They would rather communicate with us and know what our intentions are, rather than have us skirt the airspace with them not knowing. So please feel free to give them a call on the radio.

We had a long flight down here (Florida) with all the headwinds, but you all know how that works. I met up with 3 other Lakes and an RV at GED in Delaware and then we headed to DPL in NC for the night. The Squire is our stopover spot because it has a great restaurant AND a winery. The crew car is an old police car so there was plenty of room even though we had to make two trips. 8 people total. The next day our lunch target was SSI, Brunswick, GA and the famous BBQ that's a short walk from the gate.

We headed out in two groups, the slow guys and the fast guys. The slow guys started first so we all ended up around Savanna at the same time. The storm that was there when we left DPL was still there when we got there. The faster group was having a communication issue so they didn't want to go around the storm off the coast so they pulled in to Hilton Head. We only had to go out a couple miles and we had a clear shot back to the coast and on down to SSI. I did let them smell my smokey shirt from the BBQ when we met up later that night.

When we flew into Florida we could hear the other group as they left Hilton Head so it looked like we would arrive at our destination at about the same time. When I was about to set down on Lake Jackson in Sebring they were only 15 miles out. Parking a Lake in a lake is always an adventure; we didn't know how soft the sand was or how much the wind would blow so since I was the first one there I opted for the gear down in the water on the beach. I taxied towards shore and spun it around and almost got it pointing out before I got stuck. At least it won't drift away over night when it's stuck.

I got out and the water temp didn't take my breath away, WOW. I waded the shore to check the "footing" for my friends who were just about overhead. I got them to park where the shore grass made the sand much firmer and we were ready for cocktails



Myron Mitchell



HANGAR FLYING

Hello everyone, welcome to spring. (Ya...right, it's on its way!) Even though the weather Gods have been messing with our weather, a good number of RIPA members and friends got to fly out to Block Island for the annual Saint Patrick's Day Brunch. On Sunday, March 16th the weather turned out to be "good to go". It was sunny and clear but a bit windy and bumpy. As usual we had gusts to 26 with a 60 degree cross wind at BID but anyone that flies there knows that isn't too far outside of normal. Steve Nelson was kind enough to provide transportation to and from the airport for many of us in his limo. It doesn't get much better than that. Way to go Steve!

Saint Andrew's Parish members are always so friendly and present a terrific brunch. There are so many different choices of foods, all so very good. It truly is a fantastic eating event. You know we like to fly for food!

Fly Safe.....FrankO



Just a few of us that attended the St. Patrick's Day Brunch

Stay posted - check our website at Ripilots.com.

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
March 11, 2014

Myron Mitchell, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:08 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed for members of the armed forces. There were 33 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 \$4306.32 in the General Fund and \$4105.49 in the Scholarship Fund. All bills are paid. Report accepted.

Announcements:

-Paul Carroll, has been approved as member of the RIAC Board

-Doug Auclair would like to see an advocacy group for betterment of pilot issues.

-March Board meeting date to be decided later.

-Sal Corio with Slidedown will have booth C55 at Sun n,

Fun.

-Rene Cardon has jackets and shirts for sale.

- St Andrew's on Block Island is having a St Patrick's Day

Breakfast.

- Bradley Museum

-RIPA will have a Poker Run 6/22 to all the RI airports. It will conclude at SFZ with a Chicken BBQ. A committee and volunteers are needed. Proceeds will benefit the RI Children Cancer Fund (Ronald MacDonald House)

-RIPA will host the Pre Airshow BBQ at Quonset 5/16, volunteers are needed.

-The Free dinner donated by Buz Sawyer was won by Mike Spieth..

-Runway 34 at PVD will be closed for 3-4 weeks.

Door prize winners: Buz Sawyer, Paul Strutz, Paul Carroll, Dave Lachapelle, Mike Kelly, Graeme Smith, Frank Oliveira, Wade Leveille, Paul Tocco, Dan Scanlon, MaryAnn Lamothe, Dee Scanlon, Al Lamothe, Kim Ellin, Mike Spieth, Kathy Kelly, Bud Ellin, Rick Arnold, Ron Stewart, Barry Morgan, Rick Jacks.

Barry Morgan from PVD tower was the speaker,

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Marilyn Biagetti

Acting Secretary

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: RIPA Jackets, Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Pens.
Contact Rene Cardon at (651-3528) or meetings.

FOR SALE: Slidedown Aircraft tiedowns - Contact Sal Corio at. 401-737-5800 Email.
info@slidedown.com <http://www.slidedown.com/>

FOR SALE 1975 Piper Cherokee VI 260. Full IFR w/ Garmin347 audio panel, panel mount 696GPS and GTX330transponder and much more. For more information call Jim at 401 348 8877.

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

Based at SFZ: 1969 Piper Arrow PA 28-200R, Factory Reman Lycoming, New Hartzell Prop, IFR with Dual Narco Digital Radios & Glideslope CDI's, Panel Mounted GPS, Auto Pilot, Nice Cross Country Aircraft
\$13,500 for 1/3 share or \$20,000 for 1/2 share
Call Al for details 401-578-4494

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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

*One complete set of **McCauley main wheels and brake calipers** from a Cessna 172M. All in good condition. Removed for upgrade with Cleveland wheels. \$150

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

*ARC **marker beacon receiver R-402A** (24V). Asking \$75.

*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, Fax: 568 5392, email biagettim@aol.com

Center asked an aircraft flying IFR: "Say altitude." ... and the pilot came back with: "Altitude." ... The controller at center did not miss a beat and came right back with: "Say 'cancel IFR.'" ... to which the pilot of the aircraft said correct altitude and "sorry" -- nothing more. ... Had to be some "got ya" laughs in aircraft on the same frequency. From Short Final

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HANGAR FLYING

From Graeme J.W.Smith

KUUU – Thanks to AvPorts for sponsoring lunch and all the tenant operators and pilots at KUUU – Newport who assisted in organizing the first FAA WINGS seminar at KUUU in memory. It was a squeeze into the temporary FBO but for the 40 pilots who decided the St Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Newport



could be missed – all got a WINGS credit. Paul Carroll from KSFZ and Ken MacDonald gave the WINGS presentation. Pix/G Smith

Time was also taken to recognize Matt Cunningham the Airport Manager. He was given the “KUUU ERSRK Award” for his



almost singlehanded dedication to keeping Newport open through the prolonged periods of snow this winter. Matt reports the Emergency

Runway Snow Removal Kit has already been in action after a brief burst of snow this week. Pilots also presented Matt with a Gift Certificate for dinner at pilot Dan Puerini's new restaurant, Ida's – just down the road from the airport.

Pix/Dave Lucas

Graeme J.W.Smith

RIPA's businesses

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When arriving at the first stop on our pilots association's annual poker run, one of our pilots said on the frequency, for all to hear: "Geez. There's more than one runway here. That makes it kinda confusing." -- Gene Clifford, via e-mail (We love a pilot who accidentally says over the mic something everyone has thought at one time or another.) From Short Final

NOTAMS

PIREP - Spencer - the runway is in atrocious condition after this winter's frost heaves. It was always bad but I'm not going back till it gets graded. Nearly had a tail strike taxiing at WAY less than walking speed and it was a devil of a softfield technique to try and get back out.

Graeme J.W.Smith

EVENTS

The Rhode Island Pilots Association is holding a “**Poker Run** Fundraiser” in June with all proceeds to benefit children at the Ronald McDonald House.

Ronald McDonald House provides a free “home away from home” for the families of the children being treated at Hasbro. The house is always full and there is a waiting list to get in.

The Ronald McDonald House of Providence provides programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families. Their two core programs are the [Ronald McDonald House](#) and the [Ronald McDonald Family Room](#) at Hasbro Children's Hospital. Both are designed to keep families close during hospitalizations.

A donation from you, to be raffled off during our fundraiser, will help us accomplish our mission in support of this very worthwhile cause. It is our small way of giving something back to our RI communities. We welcome monetary or gift in kind for our raffle. All contributors will receive recognition on our website and in our events program distributed to each attendee. Our commentator will also acknowledge your generosity throughout the event. Your kind support is appreciated.

Contact Rene Cardon 401-651-3528, PO Box 638, Glendale, RI 02826

Poker Run Committee:

Frank Oliveira (franko177@verizon.net); Frank Sherman (fjsherman@verizon.net); Fred Crudale (fcrudale@verizon.net); Graeme Smith (graeme@atlantitechgroup.com); Marilyn (biagetim@aol.com); Mike Spieth (mdspieth@yahoo.com); Myron Mitchell (mrmitchell@insctr.com); Rene Cardon (RCARDON182@aol.com); Ronald Stewart (152_pilot@charter.net); Wade Leveille (uswle@yahoo.com)

QUONSET AIR SHOW

RIPA will host the Quonset Air Show pre show rehearsal and arrival Barbeque on Friday afternoon. Members and friends will welcome the performers. The show, Saturday and Sunday May 17 & 18th, will feature The Blue Angels. For info on the show go to WWW.RIAIRSHOW.ORG/

SAFETY SEMINARS

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT SFZ

To view further details and registration information go to - <http://faasafety.gov/>

JOIN THE FLY TO LUNCH BUNCH,

Contact Rene Cardon (or appear at AVPorts at SFZ) around 9:30 on Saturday and/or Sunday. Don't forget, if you want to get a text message about where and when the **Fly to Lunch Bunch** will be going, email your cell phone number to RCARDON182@aol.com. They would be happy to have you join them.

Every Saturday Morning - KUUU Pilot's Breakfast

Tickets Bar and Restaurant, Middleton 08:15

If you fly in - check at the maintenance hangar for a ride no later than 08:00

MEETING NOTICE

Please make your reservations today by calling 401 568 3497 (leave a message) or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by April 6, 2014

Date: Tuesday April 8, 2014

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:



- Baked Ham
- and Baked Haddock
- Meatballs & Penne Marinara
- Garden Salad
- w/house dressing
- Garden Vegetables, Baby Carrots
- Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- 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.

SPEAKER

APRIL- Kelly Fredericks, President and CEO of RI Airport Corporation



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

April 1-6 - SUN 'n FUN www.sun-n-fun.org

April 5-Safety Seminar SFZ

April 8- Dinner Meeting

April 29- Board Meeting

May 3-Safety Seminar SFZ

May 13- Dinner Meeting

May 16 – Pre Air Show BBQ at OQU

May 17&18 - Quonset Air Show

www.riairshow.org

May 27- Board Meeting

June 7 -Safety Seminar SFZ

June 10- Dinner Meeting

June 22 – RIPA Poker Run