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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would also like to thank Beth Tetreault for organizing this tour and I would like to thank Bill Weedon for doing a great job at last months dinner meeting...Thanks



HANGAR FLYING

SFZ Fly to Lunch Bunch

A few of us flew up to Jaffery, Sunday, April 17th, to enjoy the wonderful spring weather and the opening weekend of Kimball Farms. We had four aircraft and eight friends from SFZ, to share conversation, food and ice cream. In the picture from front left is my dad, Frank Sr., Dave Czerwonka, Lowell Cornell, Deb & Paul Tocco, Phil Sargent and Jan Mowry. Frank Oliveira



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PVD TOUR

Letter from Beth Tetreault to Paul

1) We need to communicate with the membership the following:

A picture ID is needed.

- a) Meeting starts at 5:30 - this is one-hour earlier than usual.
- b) Park in hourly lot, lower (arrivals) level directly in front of the terminal.
- c) Bring parking ticket in for validation, if they park in the garage we won't be able to validate and the minimum charge is \$15.00.
- d) We need a count as soon as possible so we can plan manpower for the tour.
- e) The meeting will be held in the FIS (Federal Inspection Station) on the first floor, left hand side, at the back of the terminal. There will be a sign over the door.

2) Tom Lafen asked that we get the tours over as soon as possible, he has to be back at the tower at 5:00 AM. Current plan calls for **The Operations Department to pick people up starting at 5:30.** We can use two vans that each holds ten persons. Ron will drive one and I believe the Operations Manager will drive the other. After the field tour the group will be dropped at the tower, the vans will then return to the terminal to pick up the next lot and when they drop them at the tower they'll bring the first group back. We can then do a third group if needed. Operations and the tower will coordinate timing.

3) **Anton's Airfoods will set up a cash bar from 5:30 to 7:30. In addition they will be serving snacks.** I need to get them a head count at least one week before the meeting.

4) **Chelo's will provide the tables, coverings and all associated meal requirements.** I will be meeting with Matt Bibeault prior to the meeting so he understands the set up requirements. RIAC will provide chairs. Each table will be set for eight. I took it upon myself to invite the Operations guys driving for us to dinner. I'm not sure they'll join us but, I don't think they're getting paid to shuttle us.

5) **Dinner will be served at seven** so all groups need to be back by then.

I think that covers everything. Let me know if there is anything I missed or if you want to add anything.

Hope you had a good time in Ireland!
Beth Tetreault

MEETING MINUTES

Rhode Island Pilots Association
Dinner Meeting
April 12, 2005

Paul Carroll, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence for the Jacober and Weingroff families. Paul thanked Jim and Sally Terry for hosting this dinner. There were 49 members and guests present. After table introductions the meeting was recessed for dinner.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as written.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer reported \$3166.00 in the General Fund and \$3656.00 in the Scholarship Fund.

Beth Tetreault explained that the Field and tower tour of TF Green Airport would begin at 5:30. Park in the hourly parking lot and bring stub. Groups of ten will tour field. The dinner will be after the tour. Tower tour after meal. A photo ID is needed. Reservations are a must. A signup sheet for the PVD tour was sent around the tables.

The PVD VORTAC decommissioning proposal can be commented on by May 6th.

A letter for past members Glen and Eveline Vetri was read.

Events: The Daffodil Festival is scheduled for April 23rd.

Bill Weedon would like to arrange a White House tour, possibly for the Fall. This could be a 1 day or a 2 day event with another tour (the Capital building) included. Fly into Dulles and a hotel stay should be necessary. Participants will provide their full name, SS#, citizenship and special needs. Please let him know if you are interested.

Bill Weedon attended a meeting with RIAC in regards to the Quonset Point Master Plan. He outlined the proposed changes so far. The RI Economic Development Commission will have a public meeting on April 28th to discuss the plan. The planning should be finished by summer.

Bill Weedon gave his presentation on "Flying in the 50th State (Hawaii)".

Respectfully Submitted
Marilyn Biagetti

NOTAMS

JOIN US AT THE CHILI/CHOWDA FLYIN May 21st (22nd raindate) and sample some great eats. Register to submit an entry and vie for the honor of making the best chili or chowder in RI, Call 781 238 7780 to register or just come on down for a great treat.

TERMINAL EXPANSION WILL DISPLACE THE PVD VORTAC. The FAA is studying to see if it should be decommissioned or relocated. The New England Region, FAA proposes removal, citing relocation cost, repair and maintenance.

Users are encouraged to voice their opinions. Comments must be based on aeronautical facts and submitted no later than May 6, 2005. Write to:

Ronald Ruggeri, Manager, Airspace Branch, AEA-520, Non Rule Case No. 05-ANE-0102-NR, FAA Eastern Region, 1Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, NY 11434. For more info contact Marilyn 5683497.

FAA AWARDS

The Aviation Safety Counselors Awards Banquet will be held on May18th 6:00pm at Lantana's in Randolph Ma.

Frank Sherman will be honored as Certified Flight Instructor of the Year; Roger Knight, Safety Counselor; Gene Bielecki, Safety Spokesman in Operations; and RIPA, Supportive Organization.

There is a reservation sheet or contact the FAA at 781 274 7130. \$34 each and tables of 10 can be reserved.

Lantana's is off exit 5A on Rt I 93 North from I 95

BOARD MEETING

Paul Carroll, Bill Weedon, Dan Scanlon, Marilyn, Frank Oliveira were joined by Jan Miele at this session. The meeting itself got a late start after members addressed the 20 Week Club envelopes.

After the official business was disposed of including the minute's approval, PVD tour update, and Raffle legalities, Frank and Jan were given the floor.

Jan is a web page designer. She commented on our web page, solicited our expectations and presented suggestions. The board agrees that the web page needs a face-lift. She will have an update for us in the near future.

Jan's presentation was an eye opener. It made us realize just how little we know. With heads spinning and minds almost shut down we finally adjourned at 8:45

From the Qantas gripe sheets

Problem: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

Solution: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what they're for.

SOLOS & NEW RATINGS

We would like to congratulate all who strive to maintain and advance their knowledge of aviation.

Nick Barone - WINGS XVI, 4/15, w/Frank Sherman at SkyLANES.

Frank Oliveira - WINGS XII, 4/22 w/Frank Sherman at SkyLANES.

Jim Terry - WINGS XVII, 4/21w/ Frank Sherman at SkyLANES.

FROM THE e-MAILBAG

Greetings Everyone, This message is for our ice cream lovers. Kimball Farm's will be opening for the season on Friday the 14th of April. www.kimballfarm.com For those that don't know about this place, it is located a short walk from Jaffery Silver Ranch Airport, NH (AFN) The food is good and the ice cream is great. It's one of my personal favorites. Enjoy...Frank (O)

Frank Sherman sent this with his list of new ratings (does it seem possible that the wings program has been around long enough for pilots to have completed so many phases? Regards, Frank (S)



Paul Carroll accepting the Aero Club of New England state of Rhode Island Award to RIPA from Sandy Niles.



Paul and Debra during the cocktail hour,

SAFETY SEMINARS

Gene Bielecki reminds you that RIPA Safety Seminars include coffee & donuts and door prizes.

Date: May 16, 2005

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Holiday Inn Downtown
21 Atwells Ave, Providence
South Rosemoor Ballroom

Topic: Weather Wise

Sponsor: AOPA

Date: June 9, 2005

Time: Thursday, 7:00pm

Place: CCRI, Warwick, RI

Topic: Airport Safety & Runway Incursions

Speaker: Ken MacDonald & Jack Keenan

Sponsor: John Carter & RIPA

Date: September 8, 2005

Time: Thursday, 7:00pm

Place: CCRI, Warwick, RI

Date: November 10, 2005

Time: Thursday, 7:00pm

Place: CCRI, Warwick, RI

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

If the campus is closed because of weather or an emergency the Safety Seminars are cancelled. Listen for closings on your TV or radio.

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 Road, Quonset 1800 554 4557

Classified ads are free to all current members for aviation related items.

Marilyn Biagetti: 568 3497, Fax: 568 5392, email biagettim@cox.net

MEETING NOTICE

PVD AIRPORT TOUR

Early Reservations Are Needed

Call 568 3497 or email RIPaEMAIL@AOL.COM by 4:00pm Tuesday May 3rd to make your reservations. **See front page for directions.**

Date: Tuesday May 10, 2005

Time: Tour starts at 5:30
7:00pm Dinner

Place: Providence Airport Terminal
Airport exit off Rte.95 to Terminal

Menu: Buffet of Baked Scrod, Stuffed Chicken w/Cranberry Sage Stuffing, and Meatballs w/Ziti., Mashed Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Salad w/house dressing, Bread, Coffee, Tea and assorted desserts.

Price: \$20 per person
\$5 just coffee and dessert

PLEASE CALL TODAY!!!!!!

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

EVENTS SCHEDULE

- May 1 - Breakfast at QAM
10 – **Dinner Meeting**
PVD Airport Tour
15 - **Fly RI Cookout** May 16, 2005
16, – AOPA Safety Seminar
18 - Quonset Air Museum Breakfast
18 - FAA Awards Banquet
Lantana's, Randolph, Ma
21 - **Chili/Chowda Flyin**, Quonset
Strawberry Festival, Richmond Airport
31 - **Board Meeting**, PVD
- June 4 – ENE99's Poker Run
5 - **Fly RI Cookout** BID
9 – **Safety Seminar** CCRI Warwick
11 - **Brunch at 1661 House** BID
11 - EAA Young Eagles OQU
14 - **Dinner Meeting**
Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award
AOPA Flyin
18 - Quonset Air Show
28 - **Board Meeting**, PVD
- July 4th of July Parade & Steak Fry
9 - **Fly RI Cookout** UUU
URI Balloon Festival
16 - **Hangar Party**, SFZ
Ace Camp
25-31: Oshkosh Flyin
- August - **Beach Party**
6 - **Fly RI Cookout** OQU
- **Ice Cream Social**, Jaffrey, NH
20 - **Flyout/Campout**
30 - **Board Meeting**, PVD
- September 8 - **Safety Seminar** CCRI Warwick
9/11 - Greenville Seaplane Flyin, Maine
13 - **Dinner Meeting**
27 - **Board Meeting**, PVD
- October 11 - **Dinner Meeting**
56th Fighter Squadron, Republic Field,
Farmingdale, NY
AOPA Expo
Harvest Hangar Party, Providence
25 - **Board Meeting**, PVD
- November 8 - **Dinner Meeting**
10 - **Safety Seminar** CCRI Warwick
29 - **Board Meeting**, PVD
- December 10 - **Holiday Gala**, Quonset "O" Club