

# THE PLANE PAPER

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

A recent trip taken by two of our members inspired this month's message.

The long awaited Spring has finally arrived with Summer hopefully right on it's heels. Summer not only brings warmth, picnics, and some great fly-ins it also brings extreme weather. The time to prepare for that is now.

- Brush up on your knowledge relating to density altitude.
- Check the weather carefully so as not to fly off into thunder storms.
- Review your insurance policy for hurricane and hail protection.
- Make a plan, before you need it, for getting your aircraft out of harms way should a hurricane approach. That plan should include a fellow pilot that can transport the aircraft for you should you be unable to handle transport yourself, in an emergency situation there may be more aircraft needing relocation than available pilots.
- Arrange for temporary hangar space if available.
- If you can't hangar your plane make sure both the tie downs and the anchors are secure. You may want to change out the ropes for something more secure.
- If you have a storage box, on the ramp with your plane, protect you and your neighbor by making sure it can't blow around.
- Police the area around your and your neighbor's aircraft, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Remember we are a community, help others and you will reap the benefits.

See you all at the meeting, "till then fly safe!

Beth



## HANGAR FLYING

Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. The SFZ "Fly to Lunch Bunch" decided to fly east bound to one of our favorite on field restaurants, Cloud 9 Café, Chatham, MA (CQX). They bake their own specialty breads and home made soups that are always so very good. I always enjoy the friendly, laid back atmosphere at this restaurant. We had ATC wondering why five aircraft departed SFZ in a short period of time, all headed to CQX. One un-named pilot told ATC "free beers" which was followed by a short pause by ATC.....The weather was rather brisk for April with light winds from the south west and good visibility and scattered clouds at 4000 feet. All eleven people that where present seemed to enjoy this get together.



Group from SFZ having breakfast at Chatham. Around the table starting with Beth, Larry, John S., (behind John is his wife Paula and our invisible Mr. Carroll), Bob McKay, Paul T., Rene C., Lowell, Hector and Frank. Story & Pix/FrankO

Sunday, April 22, The "SFZ Fly to Lunch Bunch" met at Jaffery, NH (AFN) to start the spring season off at Kimball's for lunch and ice cream. This is everyone's favorite, fly to place, in the warmer months. Kimball's usually reopens around Easter and closes around Columbus Day. Some of the best ice cream can be purchased there which is made on site. Five aircraft with thirteen people had a nice lunch out side in the comfortable 78 degree sunshine. The flight to and from was a bit turbulent but the visibility was super. Landing up-hill on runway 34 is the easy way in. Just remember that there is a 0.9% grade for this 2982 ft. runway. *If anyone would like to join us, just call on Saturday or*

*Sunday morning around 9 am to get the details. We can be reached at SkyLANES Flight School, or on my cell (401-474-7687) Hope you can join us. Frank Oliveira*

## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting  
April 10, 2007

Beth Tetreault called the meeting to order at 7:07pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. There were 34 members and friends present. After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed for departed members and Jerry Scanlon. Table introductions were followed by a recess for dinner.

The Secretaries Report was approved as published in the Plane Paper.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported \$5241.37 in the General Fund and \$609.97 in the Scholarship Fund.

The family of Gerry Scanlon asks members to donate to Hospice in lieu of flowers.

Frank Sherman, Safety Seminar Chair, reminded members that there is a Safety Seminar scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>. The topic will be "On Landings #3.

Marilyn Biagetti, Scholarship Chair, reports that two winner have been selected. They will be invited to the May dinner meeting for a presentation.

Rick Morrone, and Humphrey Amodeo, members of the Westerly Airport Association, invited RIPA member to attend their events and/or meetings. They will inform RIPA of upcoming events and hope we can work together. Their meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at the Elks Hall in Westerly.

Gene Bielecki is publishing a newsletter for the St Anthony's VFW and asks members to buy ads to support the newsletter.

Door Prize winners include Frank Sherman, Jack Crouse, Kim Ellin, Ed O'Neill, Lowell Cornell, Andy Andersen, and Ray Andracka.

Bill Weedon gave a presentation of his flight around the Virgin Islands.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted

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## NOTAMS

### BOARD MEETING

A quick meeting was held with Beth Tetreault, Marilyn, Rene and Dan.

After picking out the menu and listening to reports the upcoming events were reviewed. Rene will be starting up the FLY-RI cookouts in May; we hope to be able to have a beach flyin this year. Beth announced the Dulles fly-in and Rene wants to organize a tour of Yellowstone.

Beth has been monitoring legislative affairs and reports that there are a few issues on the docket that RIPA will be watching.

Dan had a not so amusing experience. He got a new computer and was transferring and organizing the financial affair of the club. In the process he realized that all of last year's records had disappeared. Opps.... Thanks to his daughter they were recovered.

*(Been there done that!)* Editor

### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**Stephen Coleman** of Wakefield put it very simply ..... "Me, I'd rather fly." He flew with his father well before starting flight training at 15. He soloed at 16 (in a Taylorcraft) and earned his private at 17. Stephen plans to attend Emery Riddle with the ultimate goal of corporate pilot.

**Steven Pellegrino** from North Providence has been around aviation for a number of years. At 14 he took his first introductory ride and earned his private at 17. Meanwhile, he has worked for a number of the FBO's and airlines within the state.

Accepted at Emery Riddle, Steve hopes to earn his multi engine rating this summer. His ultimate goal is flight instructing and/or commercial pilot.

### 20 WEEK CLUB RAFFLE

Tickets for the 20 Week Club drawings will be available at the meeting or by contacting Rene Cardon, 20 Week Club Chair or any board member. Please return them as soon as possible so you do not miss any of the drawings. Thank you for your support of our Scholarship Fund.

## EVENTS

### Dulles Fly-In

Beth has arranged a Flyin to Washington DC with Landmark. The date is June 16, Saturday, April 28. Fly into Dulles in the morning and proceed to the Landmark Aviation FBO. There will be a shuttle to the Smithsonian. Shuttle back to the FBO for dining and departure.

Landmark will offer a fuel discount at Dulles and waive ramp fees. There will be a landing fee. There is no limit on number of aircraft.

Saturday, June 16, 2007 is Family Day at the Smithsonian and there will be additional static displays on the ramp for viewing.

*Beth Tetreault*

**Sandy Niles** will be honored with the Rhode Island State Award at ACONE's Awards dinner

"In recognition of your thorough dedication to the Westerly Airport Association as well as the Rhode Island Pilots' Association - and for making their systems work".

Another old friend, Joseph Benkert will be receiving the Massachusetts State Award "In recognition of the many decades of faithful, dedicated service to the flying public and to the aviation community - and for fulfilling the every day needs of the pilot community".

### FLY-RI Cookout

Quonset Point has been selected for RIPA's first of the seasons FLY-RI Cookout. Scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> it will run from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Stop in for a hamburger and check out Bill's new hangar. The Board has asked Landmark about accessing the beach at Quonset and is hoping to be able to have a beach fly-in there this summer.

### FLY TO Yellowstone

Paul Carroll and Rene Cardon are planning a tour of the mid-west that will include visiting Yellowstone Park. They are leaving on or about June 28<sup>th</sup> returning July 14<sup>th</sup>. Members are welcome to join them, in their own plane or as passengers, for all or part of the tour. Contact Rene for more info.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**For Sale Archer canopy cover.** Bruce's Custom Covers #PA28-005. 2 1/2 years old, half price, \$185.  
Don Pillsbury 401 885-9740

### For Sale N2466U 1963 Cessna 172D,



with  
Garmin GNS 430. IFR certified, Fresh Annual (Feb-07), Total Time 5672h, Continental 0-300D 145HP, Avionics: Garmin GNS 430 GPS, Garmin GMA 340 audio panel, Garmin GI106A CDI, CI503 dual glide slope coupler, King Radio KX155, New Attitude Indicator, New Directional Gyro, New Vacuum pump and vacuum gauge, Transponder Mode C, King KI209 OBS Indicator. Asking \$35,000 OBO. Contact -Jay Coia (401) 639-0023 [jayscoia@gmail.com](mailto:jayscoia@gmail.com) or [Inbar.Dan@gmail.com](mailto:Inbar.Dan@gmail.com)

### Used Headset For Sale

TELEX ANR 4000 in good condition. Gel cushions. Uses 6 AA batteries or can be hard wired (12V). Make an offer Call Frank, 401-787-2338 weekdays.

**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](mailto:biagettim@cox.net)

## NEW RATINGS

**Lowell Cornell** - WINGS XVII, w/ Adrian Desillier 11/06 at Skylanes.

## FROM THE eMAILBAG

[mccollo@attglobal.net](mailto:mccollo@attglobal.net) Ice Runway Picture 4/10/2007

When Chris Drago E-mailed me that the ice runway was open, I passed this information on to members of "The Old Timers" of Pompano Air Park as unusual information, which garnered many looks of skepticism.

However, when the "Plane Paper" was forwarded to FL, my credibility was restored, and I am still in good standing.

Thank you.

*Fri May 4, 2007 11:30 AM  
ACONE Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon*

*We invite you, your friends and your colleagues to join us in celebrating the 2007 ACONe Presidential, State, and Honored Member award winners at the ACONe Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon.*

*Location: Max Stein's American Restaurant, Lexington, MA 781-402-0033 .*

*For more information contact: Deirdre O'Connor (781) 729-0664*

*Email: [StateAwards@ACONE.org](mailto:StateAwards@ACONE.org)*

## IN MEMORIUM



NORMAN J. BISHOP, 89, of Willard Street, Warwick, died on Sunday, April 8, 2007

A long time friend and member Norman was celebrated as RIPA's Airman of the Year last December.

In remembrance of Norman, relatives and friends are invited to a get-together at the Warwick Country Club, Narragansett Bay Avenue, Warwick, on Saturday, May 5, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Philip Hultar Hospice Inpatient Center, c/o 169 George Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860.



One hungry group busy eating, from left to right: Rene C., Beth, John H., Phil, Lowell, Matt Healy, Tony P., and Paul Carroll forgot to hide this time. Story & Pix/FrankO

*heard this somewhere out East while in the clag and trying to find an approach plate:*

**Piper:** Center, Lance Six Two Eight One November, with you at 7,000 feet.

**Center (sounding tired):** Lance, Six Two Eight One November, roger. But two things: first you don't need to say "feet" because that's understood. And more importantly, you aren't "with me." I know everybody in this radar room, and you aren't here.

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*After 10 years of flying a Twin Comanche, I upgraded to a Beech Baron. With the Beechcraft Pilot Proficiency Program in Lakeland, Fla. under my belt, I advanced the throttles on my first PIC flight into Orlando airspace.*

**Me:** Orlando Approach, Baron Eight Two Four just off Lakeland, five miles to the east, out of 1,200 for 3,500. Would like to coordinate a Class B entry en route to New Smyrna Beach, VFR.

**Approach [in a classic southern drawl]:** Baron Eight Two Four, this is Tampa Approach, and if you don't call us Orlando, we won't call you a Piper. Squawk two seven three zero and ident.

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*The following exchange took place en route to opening day at Sun 'n Fun last April*

**Bonanza:** Jacksonville Center, Bonanza Four Seven Two Zero Yankee. 11,000.

**Center:** Bonanza Four Seven Two Zero Yankee, Roger, Jacksonville altimeter 30.12.

**Bonanza:** Are you working a lot of traffic to Lakeland this afternoon?

**Center:** I'll tell you what -- if you fell out of your airplane right now, you'd never hit the ground

Received this letter in regards to our Thanksgiving food basket...  
Thank you to all who contributed....

***St. Theresa's Parish/Shrine  
35 Dion Drive  
Harrisville, RI 02830  
401-568-8280***

*December 7, 2006*

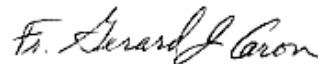
*Rhode Island Pilots Association  
Attn: Mr. Rene P. Cardon  
Vice President  
P. O. Box 638  
Glendale, RI 02826*

*Dear Mr. Cardon:*

*On behalf of St. Theresa's Parish community, thank you for your generous donations of perishable food items.*

*Your generosity along with others will be used to assist the families and friends in need of food for the Christmas baskets this year. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and generosity to this parish and community. God bless you.*

*Sincerely yours,*



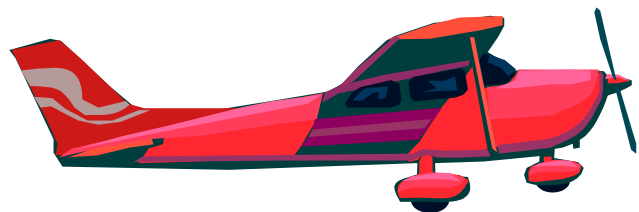
*Fr. Gerard J. Caron  
Pastor*

*GJC:clm*

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### **Join RIPA'S YAHOO Group**

Go to [www.Yahoo.com](http://www.Yahoo.com), select groups in column on left. Enter Rhode Island Pilots into the search. You can join once you've logged in. Remember if you change your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.



## MEETING NOTICE

**Make your reservations** by calling 568 3497 or email [RIPaEMAIL@AOL.COM](mailto:RIPaEMAIL@AOL.COM) by Sunday May 5, 2007.

Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2007

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:

Boneless Cajon Pork Chops, Baked Scrod, salad, vegetables, potato, rice pilaf, and fresh baked bread.

Mixed Desserts,

Coffee and Tea.

Price: \$20 per person

\$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 coffee and dessert.

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



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Harrisville, RI 02830

## GUEST SPEAKERS

May – “Cross Country Flight Planning”

Bill Weedon and Rene Cardon, two of our more worldly pilots, will reveal some of their secrets for planning and flying cross country, with special emphasis on getting into Oshkosh, DC and over or around busy areas. Come and take notes.

June – Master Pilots Award

September - Gregg Marley from Avidyne

## EVENTS SCHEDULE

May 4 – Westerly Airport Association (WAA) fund-raising theatre event

May 4, ACONE Annual Meeting

Awards Luncheon 11:30 AM

**May 8 – Dinner Meeting**

**May 19 – FLY-RI Cookout at**

**Quonset**

**May 29 – Board Meeting**

**June 12 - Dinner Meeting**

June 16 – FAA Award night

at Lantana's

**June 16, - Dulles Fly-In Saturday**

**August - Gadabout Gaddis Campout**

**October – Harvest Hangar Party**

**December 8 – RIPA Holiday Gala**