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PRESIDENTS CORNER

The month of May is special to RIPA. May is the month RIPA awards scholarships to those who wish to join the ranks of us who go aloft and touch the sky.

I suppose that's a mildly romantic way to describe the weekend flight for breakfast or lunch. However, once the terror of your first flight subsided wasn't that how you felt? This is what we as RIPA members work all year to achieve.

I want to thank all those who attend the monthly meetings and buy a raffle ticket, all those who sent back their 20-week club tickets with a check, and all those who give generously through out the year. These scholarships are possible because of you.

This will be the last formal meeting till September and we have the opportunity to welcome a special guest, Kevin Dillon, President and CEO of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation. Please give Mr. Dillon a warm welcome.

And last but not least I want to wish you all a safe and pleasant summer.

Beth



HANGAR FLYING

Weekend Flying

Hello everyone. The weekend weather gods have been more kind to us lately. At least we are getting one of the two days to play. A bunch of us at SFZ got to celebrate the spring opening of Jim's Fly in Diner at South Bridge, MA (3B0) on April 20th. Jim's is closed for the winter. This is one of our many favorite spots. They are also open for dinner on Thursdays and Fridays for those evening sunset flights. Their deck offers a nice view of the runway and the sunset. A gathering of five aircraft and a dozen pilots arrived for lunch and the usual hanger talk.



Jim's Fly in Diner at South Bridge, (3B0) 4/20/08Pix/FronkO

Jan and I took advantage of the nice weather on Saturday the 26th and flew out to the Nantucket Daffodil Festival. The winds were from the east and rather light with smooth air. It was a bit chilly there but comfortable in the sun. We enjoyed the antique / custom car parade as well as the doggy parade. This is always a fun time. The airport wasn't very busy as it is still out of season. Easy in, easy out.

Keep it Safe.....Frank Oliveira



Nantucket Daffodil Festival custom car parade Pix/FronkO

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
April 8, 2008

Beth Tetreault called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. There were 41 members and friends present, After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed for past members and service men over seas.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported that there was \$3330.13 in the General Fund and \$343.42 in the Scholarship Fund. The report was accepted.

The Secretaries report was accepted as published in the Plane Papers. Membership is reported at 152. Renewals are still being received.

Legislative:

Beth Tetreault reported that she testified at the House Finance Committee meeting regarding reinstating taxes on aviation. She will attend the Senate meeting. She asks members to write their State Representative.

RI Airport:

Beth Tetreault reported that new terminals at Block Island and Quonset will begin. Bethany's has bid on the restaurant at BL. Green's taxiway M will be completed in November. The compass rose referred to in the last newsletter is really a VOR check circle.

Scholarship:

The Committee will need another meeting to pick the final scholarship winners.

20 Week Club:

Money from ticket sales is slowly being received. Thank you for your support of the Scholarship Fund.

Wind Socks:

Rene Cardon asks any RI airport needing a new sock to contact him.

Upcoming Events:

Aviation Safety Awards meeting will be held June 4th in Randolph.

Lt Hough and Capt Gemrich spoke about the RI Civil Air Patrol Golf Tournament to be held May 18 at the Cranston Country Club.

Door prize winners include, Dan Rabinovich, Bill Williams, Jay Coia, Dan Scanlon, Kim, Ellin, Buz Sawyer, Roger Biagetti, Andy Anderson, Tony Palumbo, Yan Su., and Eric Gabrielsen.

Respectfully Submitted

Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

HANGAR FLYING

SUN N FUN

Rene Cardon joined Bill Weedon on a flight to Sun n' Fun. Rene got to enjoy the show while Bill sat in at SITCON for most of three days.



Rene sitting in copilot seat in Bill's C421 Pix/ReneC



Debbie, the kids and Bill's Mom caught a ride down to North Carolina and back.

Pix/ReneC



Landing at Kissimmee

Pix/ReneC



Rene spotted this flag among the many that were flying

Pix/ReneC

EVENTS

ACONE's Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon
will present the Rhode Island State Award to Joseph Ludovici

"For your generosity in providing the facilities of SkyLANES Inc. to the aviation community for functions, meetings, and hangar talk, for encouraging pilots in their pursuit of certifications, and in recognition of your many years as a military pilot, mechanic, and flight instructor."

Friday, May 9, 2008 - 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM at the Framingham Country Club, 16 Gates Street, Framingham, MA 01702

For info or reservation contact Deirdre O'Connor via email at Awards@ACONE.org, on line at <http://www.acone.org> or by calling her at (781) 962-4445

FLY RI

Events Chairman, Rene Cardon will begin the summer season with a FLY RI cookout at SFZ May 17th beginning at 11:00am. These events were begun to encourage camaraderie and interaction among members and friends at RIPA events. Because of the lack new faces attending, future cookouts will be discontinued. Please show your support for our efforts and stop by. Your participation is crucial. Thanks.

Fly-In & Drive-In Annual May Breakfast

At Quonset Air Museum Sunday May 18th, 2008
8:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Admission: \$10 Adults, Children 6-12 - \$5

Rhode Island Civil Air Patrol Golf Tournament

will be held Sunday May18, 2008 at the Cranston Country Club. For more information call 401 737 8490. Courtesy of response is requested by May 1, 2008 to guarantee placement.

Cessnas 2 Oshkosh

Come join the mass arrival of 75 Cessna aircraft into Oshkosh's EAA AirVenture.

- Camping under your wing at Cessna Base Camp.
- A week of camaraderie and celebration, including BBQ dinner, movies and more. Come join us...

To register and for the schedule of formation flight training clinics: Visit www.cessnas2oshkosh.com, or Send an email to Info@cessnas2oshkosh.com.

The Aviation Safety Group of Massachusetts is pleased to announce its 16th Annual Awards Presentation Banquet. Once again we have invited the Boston FAA Safety Team to join us in recognizing aviation professionals in their district.

The Annual Awards Presentation Banquet is our opportunity to thank aviation professionals for their exemplary service. Your energy, creativity and dedication to aviation safety continue to make our program one of the strongest in the country. We each contribute in different ways toward our goal - to have the safest possible aviation industry in the world.

The evening is an excellent opportunity for everyone to develop new friendships and renew old ones. This year's banquet will be held on June 4th at Lombardo's in Randolph, MA. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Please join us from 6:00 – 7:00 PM for cocktail hour, followed by a delicious buffet from 7:00 - 8:00 PM. The awards ceremony will immediately follow. During the evening, a raffle and many terrific door prizes will add to the fun. We look forward to sharing an enjoyable evening with you!

We encourage you to bring your spouse, significant other, friends, or associates. Tables for ten may be reserved for \$350.00. Proceeds from the event and the raffle go to the Aviation Safety Group of Massachusetts, Inc. to provide funding for the banquet and other important aviation events.

Thank you for your support of the Aviation Safety Program. We look forward to seeing you on June 4th!

Cordially, Roger L. Knight President, ASGM

DIRECTIONS TO LOMBARDO'S

Note: *We have changed venue this year.* **Lombardo's** is just before Lantana next to the Holiday Inn.

Lombardo's at 6 Billings St. Randolph, MA

Location: Located at the intersection of Route 128 / 93 and Route 28 in Randolph, MA

From Rhode Island: Take 95 North or Route 24 North, to 93 North (128 South), to Exit 5A*

**Take a right at the first set of lights on to Scanlon Drive. Lombardo's will be on the right, next door to the Holiday Inn*

Any questions, contact Bob Adelizzi at: 978-374-9879 (H) or 978-808-8112 (C) or Email: asgmass@aol.com

NOTAMS

.BOARD MEETING

Beth, Rene, Marilyn and Dan met to get the business of the club in order. Beth was pleased that the new CEO of RIAC Kevin Dillon, wants to meet our group and he will speak at the May dinner meeting. Dan Suggested Myron Mitchell as a speaker and we will schedule him for September.

Because there are no candidates from RI for the Master Pilots Award Beth suggested that there be no June dinner meeting. A June meeting is a fairly recent addition. The Board members agreed.

The Scholarship winners have finally been selected. The choice this year was very difficult as the committee members differed widely on their preferences. All the applicants were very good. The winners have been invited to the May dinner meeting and have accepted. Bios will be published in the newsletter.

Joe Ludovici will be honored at the ACON awards May 9th. Members are asked to attend and support our state's winner. (Check Events column for details)

20 Week Club tickets are returning a little slower than normal. Ticket will be available up to the final drawing at the Holiday Gala. Thank you for your support of RIPA's Scholarship Fund.

A printer has been found for the RIPA window decals. Hopefully they will be available soon.

The Aviation Safety Awards Banquet on June 4th has moved to Lombardo's in Randolph this year. (Check Events column for details)

The first FLY RI cookout will be held May17th at SFZ. Further cookouts will depend on attendance. The Board agreed that the purpose of this event (to meet members unable to attend meetings) is not being fulfilled and FLY RI will be discontinued unless new faces appear.

The Quonset Airshow and our participation was discussed. We will check into arrangements.

Rene has arranged to have the windsocks made locally and as a result has saved many dollars. He has now run out of the fabric needed and is attempting to find a new supply. Any suggestions???

Members will be encouraged to join the Yahoo Group to keep abreast of the summers activities.

As the Board ended the meeting a little regret was evident that the summer hiatus will be a little longer than normal. We all wish you a good summer of flying and await your tales of adventures.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Liam Doyle, 17, is from East Greenwich; RI. He participates in the Aviation Program at E Greenwich High School and is taking flying lessons at Cindtronix Aviation at Quonset. He attained a Student Pilots Certificate in January and is hoping to have a CFI before college. He hopes to become a Commercial Pilot.

An accomplished hockey player he also participates in Lacrosse, Track and Cross Country. He volunteers in the Tomorrow Fund, Autism Awareness, hockey and referees Soccer. He is a member of CAP.

Jeffrey Marques, 16, is from Lincoln RI. He is currently taking flight lesson at Skylanes and will be eligible for his rating by his 17th birthday. He wants to attend emery Riddle with an instrument rating in hand to be eligible for a CFI by his sophomore year. He wants to become an airline pilot.

A varsity tennis player and coach for the girls tennis team. He is a Junior Representative to the National Honors Society. Jeff created his churches website and refurbishes and builds computers at school. He has volunteered to distribute clothes and food for St Edward Food and Wellness Center. He also works weekends to earn money for his flying lessons.

RIPA's sponsoring businesses



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CLASSIFIED ADS

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)

FOR SALE: Fuel Transfer Trailer, 52 gallon capacity, 12 volt pump, electronic totalizer, large filter, all on a 4X4 trailer. Pictured at:
<http://RIPilots.com/classified/fueltrailer.pdf>
Yours for \$400 Weekdays: 401-787-2338 or frank172@cox.net

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

eMAIL BAG

Bill has been working to get an AOPA Town Meeting scheduled in an accessible area of Rhode Island. This is his letter in response to their offer.

Thank you for responding to my request for an AOPA Pilots Town Meeting in Rhode Island. In your response, you indicated that New Bedford is being considered as an alternate. This is really NOT what we had in mind, as New Bedford is quite a hike for us, and many RI pilots would not attend. I attended an AOPA town meeting in New Bedford just a few years ago (maybe 2003?), and another at Hanscom/Bedford, but talking to local RI pilots, it has been AT LEAST 10 years since Phil has held a similar meeting in RI, where RI pilots apparently packed the auditorium at the Community College of Rhode Island.

I am sure that we could accommodate Phil either in Providence (PVD) or at North Central (SFZ) and pack the house. Landmark Aviation has recently moved into a new large corporate hangar at North Central (SFZ), and they are also building a new hangar/terminal at Quonset (OQU), which should be ready by this time next year. So PLEASE don't ignore Little Rhody – it would be a slap in the face to us to once again hold another meeting in Massachusetts. Rhode Island pilots are anxious to bend Phil's ear and discuss aviation issues that that are important to US.

Sincerely, Bill Weedon,
Vice President, Rhode Island Pilots Assn

The Quonset Aero Club is considering adding an Ercoupe 415-C, LSA OK, to its fleet of one Cessna 172K. The aircraft is in fine condition, well equipped, although the interior isn't quite finished. I presume that you are aware that this aircraft can be flown by a Sport Pilot (driver's license can serve as medical certificate as long as you have not been denied a medical nor had one revoked).

The Quonset Aero Club has an easy-going structure, where the membership fee (ersatz equity interest) is refundable on resignation, the fee can be financed by the Club over 5 years with a nominal down payment, the hourly cost (wet) is set at close to break-even and the monthly dues are nominal. We are still working on the numbers, although the number of sincerely interested pilots would affect the final figures.

I wish to invite all who might be interested in flying as a Sport Pilot, either as a Private or higher who allowed his/her medical to lapse, or for those who want to become pilots at a very economic rate, or, of course, pilots who have medicals, but are looking for a small, inexpensive plane to fly.

There is also the consideration of forming a simple partnership independent of the Flying Club. Either way, please let me know if you are interested and I can give you more details. With sufficient response, we will organize a meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Jim Brennan jimbrennan.com
401-789-7170

We received word of the death of a long time member. Our condolences go out to the members of the family and friends.

ROBERT G. 'BOB' McCullough, (LDCR USN), 83, passed away in Lauderdale by the Sea, FL on March 31 after a brief illness. He was the beloved husband of Joan (Vance) McCollough. A resident of East Greenwich, RI for over 50 years, he was born in Chicora, PA in 1924.



Mr. McCollough was a retired naval aviator whose 23-year career began in WWII as a carrier fighter pilot in the Pacific theatre. Subsequently he served tours of duty as commander of carrier squadrons, flag officer on aircraft carriers, and Head Flight Test Officer at Quonset Point Naval Air Station. For his service he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal (with Silver Star), the Presidential Unit Citation, and numerous other awards. He owned several airplanes based at Quonset and held multiple private and commercial ratings

MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by May 11, 2008.

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2008

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:

Chowder and Clam Cakes with Baked
Chicken

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.

THERE WILL NOT BE A JUNE MEETING

GUEST SPEAKERS

May – Kevin Dillon, President and CEO of RIAC wants to introduce himself to the General Aviation community. Come and meet the new President.

September – FLYING A LAKE

Myron Mitchell will have a presentation on his adventures in his LAKE aircraft.



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Harrisville, RI 02830

EVENTS SCHEDULE

May 9 – ACONE Awards Luncheon

Rhode Island State Award: Joseph Ludovici
11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

May 13–Dinner Meeting

Scholarship Awards

May 16/18- Experimental Balloon, Hopper,
Chariot and Airship Rally at Amherst MA

May 17 – Fly RI cookout at North Central

SFZ 11:00 – 1;00

May 18 – Quonset Air Museum

May Breakfast 8:00a.m. - 2:00p.m

May 18 – RI CAP Golf Tournament

June 4 - Aviation Safety Group Awards Banquet
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

July 13 – WAA Pancake Breakfast

June - 28-29 R I National Guard Airshow

OQU

July 28/ August 3 - EAA AirVenture at Oshkosh

August 12 – Beach Party Flyin

August – Gadabout Gaddis CampIn

September 9– Dinner Meeting

September 6-8– Greenville Seaplane FlyIn