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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Spring is finally upon us and that means more people will be flying, some of whom probably forgot a few things. At the next meeting, Jim Burns, who is a flight instructor, will do a talk about staying current, refreshing the flying skills and regulation knowledge. If you're unsure about something and have questions, here is your chance to grill the instructor. Write down your questions and bring them to the meeting.

At the April meeting, we had a discussion about the state of aviation ... generally declining, and the Rhode Island Pilots Association meeting attendance. David Fetherston, April guest speaker from NexAir Avionics, also noted the decline in aviation ... specifics being the average age of pilots is increasing, the cost of flying has gone up, and less interest from younger people. One of the things is that airports are more closed off with fences and gates, which is less inviting for the public to check out what is going on. If you see a parent with a child hanging on the fence, and if you have time, please at least talk to them or show them around. A little time invested might be that spark that gets someone interested in aviation.

Over the last several years, there has been a decline in people coming to the meeting at Chelo's. Several reasons that come to mind are: \$25 cost per person, meeting subjects, people no longer in aviation (health is usually the big one), and people moving away. For the May and June meetings, we will be at Chelo's, but there is a financial pressure that something has to change ... more members going to meetings, if we are going to continue having meetings at Chelo's.

The scholarships that we award also came up and there was a consensus among the members that the scholarship should be used within Rhode Island to help out the local aviation community. We will make this clear in next year scholarships.

This is a request that people contact me or someone at the board for comments or suggestions.

Thank you and fly safe,
Michael Spieth



HANGAR TALK

I will be retiring this month. After 30 years, I find I cannot do the tasks as I want too. I have been in chemo treatment and it has sent me into the hospital for most of the last 3 months. Thank you for your patience... Marilyn

Graeme John Wilson Smith

That time of the year again - preflight carefully. Remember cowl plugs are not a 100% guarantee of no nests. Some birds will enter through the nose gear aperture and others will nest in the tail cone - entering through rudder or stabilator ports.



NOTAMS

Emerson Toroza and Joseph Zingarelli have been selected as our scholarship winners. They will be attending our May dinner meeting.

Joseph Zingarelli from Saunderstown, RI wants to become a commercial pilot. studying pilot training and aviation management at Bridgewater State and applying for the JetBlue University Gateway Program.

Emerson Tolozea of Pawtucket, RI wants to become a corporate pilot. He is presently supervisor of operations at QUO graduating from NE Institute of Tech and passing written test at Newport Aviation

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
April 11, 2017

Michael Spieth, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:05 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed. There were 23 members and friends present at the meeting. A dinner recess was called after introductions.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as written in the Plane Paper.

Dan Scanlon, treasurer, reported that there was \$3364.37 in the General Fund and \$3918.31 in the Scholarship Fund. All bills are paid.

Mike reminded us that there is a Safety Seminar at SFZ on the first Saturday of the month.

RIPA's businesses

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FOR SALE: Monroy Traffic Watch ATD-300. Retailer for \$650. Used, in like new condition, In original box with all accessories and manual. Now only \$200
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FOR SALE: Slidedown Aircraft tiedowns -
Contact Sal Corio at. 401-737-5800 Email.
info@slidedown.com <http://www.slidedown.com/>

Based at SFZ: **1969 Piper Arrow PA 28-200R**,
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Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items. Marilyn: 568 3497, email biagettim@aol.com

MEETING NOTICE

Please make your reservations today by calling 401 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by May 9, 2017

Date: Tuesday May 7, 2017

Time: 6:30pm Cocktails
7:00pm Dinner

Place: **Chelo's** in Warwick
Airport exit off Rte 95 to Post Rd. south, 500 feet on the right.

Buffet of Roasted Chicken Quarters
 Baked Salmon
 Penne with meatballs
 Garden Salad
 w/house dressing
 Garden Vegetables,
 Baby Carrots
 Rice Pilaf
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
 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 8:00 pm 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

Jim Burns, flight instructor, will do a talk about staying current, refreshing the flying skills and regulation knowledge.

Stay posted, check our website at Rlpilots.com.



EVENTS

RIPA Mystery Fly-Out for brunch. Destination varies with weather. Plan to depart from North Central State Airport (SFZ) at 10 AM on Saturday or Sunday. Anyone is welcome to join.

Thursday Night Dinner Flyouts

VFR Flyouts to dinner at local airports. To be added to the notification list email graeme@graemejwsmith.com Or check for details on the KUUU and KSFZ Facebook pages. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kuuupilots/>

Every Saturday Morning - KUUU Pilot's Breakfast

Tickets Bar and Restaurant, Middletown 08:15. If you fly in - check at the maintenance hangar for a ride no later than 08:00

EAA Chapter 146 Fly-In (and Drive-In) Pancake Breakfast Schedule for 2017 is:

- Spring - Saturday, June 3;

Fly-In Pancake Breakfasts at Kline Kill Airport (NY1) June 3rd & September 9th

EVENTS SCHEDULE

May 6- Safety Seminar SFZ

May 9- Dinner Meeting

May 20 & 21- Quonset Air show

May 30- Board Meeting

June 13- Dinner Meeting