

# THE PLANE PAPER

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring is finally arrived. Many an airplane is beginning to take to the skies. Be aware, thunderstorms are in the forecasts and abound.

In May, many of us had the opportunity to tour the airport thanks to the coordination and help of Beth and Ron Tetreault. Bob Giacobone also gave of his time to provide a van tour of the airport as well. What a great time. Many have asked that we do it again next year. Tom Lafen and his staff were great hosts providing access to the radar room and tower. Thank you all for a huge success.

June will be our last meeting prior to our summer break. It promises to be a great time. Several members of The RI Pilots will be receiving The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award for having fifty years of flight time. In honor of this award Janet Maloran, the director of the Boston FISDO will be our guest and present the awards.

Please come and join us in recognizing the following recipients: Gene Bielecki, Norm Bishop, Ken Brown, Lowell Cornell, Bob Danis, Joe Ludovici, and Frank Sherman. Congratulations!

Flying is an experienced to be shared!  
**Paul Carroll**



## HANGAR FLYING

### PVD TOUR

A total of 67 members and guests attended the tour of PVD. Assembling in the customs lounge for dinner and a short meeting, there was much to talk about.



A welcome sign at the PVD tour. Pix/Jerry S 5/12



Dee Scanlon, Ann & Fred Crudale and Kim Ellin enjoy a moment. Pix/Jerry S 5/12

### CHILI/CHOWDER FLYIN

Despite threatening skies and a cool breeze that kept attendance less than expected the Chili/Chowdah Flyin was a success. Most people drove in to sample the offerings and vote for their choice. Touring the Quonset Museum and the vender's booths did get you out of the wind. Door prizes, a Safety Seminar and friends were part of a great day.



Sampling the offerings.

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Rhode Island Pilots Association MEETING MINUTES

The May 11th, 2005 Rhode Island Pilots Association dinner meeting was held at the T.F Green Airport terminal. RIPA members met at the terminal at 5:30 PM for drinks and appetizers provided by Anton's Airfoods. Next, members were shuttled over to the PVD Air Traffic Control Tower for a tour. Afterwards, members returned to the terminal for a buffet dinner catered by Chelo's.

Paul Carroll, President of RIPA, called the official RIPA meeting to order at 8:20 PM. We said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and we observed a moment of silence in honor of our troops. Paul thanked everyone who had a hand in making the night a success.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous RIPA dinner meeting was seconded and passed.

Dan Scanlon gave us an updated treasury report.

Upcoming events include a cookout at North Central (KSFZ) on May 15<sup>th</sup>, the "Weather Wise" AOPA Safety Seminar at Holiday Inn Downtown on May 16<sup>th</sup>, the Quonset Air Museum breakfast on May 18<sup>th</sup>, the FAA Awards Banquet in Randolph, MA on May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Chili/Chowdah Fly-In at Quonset (KOQU) on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and the RIPA board meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Attendees of the dinner meeting were offered tickets to see "Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag" at the IMAX Theater on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

The dinner meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Korrie LaBrie  
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## May's Fly RI Cookout

Here are just a few of the fine folks that attended our Fly RI Cookout at SFZ. We set out the welcome mat in my hanger because of threatening sky's but the weather gods didn't put up much of a fight. It only sprinkled for a few minutes and the day got better later that afternoon. No one flew in but we had a great showing of members and friends just the same. Some of the food and deserts were donated by generous members for all to enjoy. Everyone had a nice time with some real hanger flying. See you all next month. Frank Oliveira



Many old and familiar friends

pix/FrankO 5/15



And a few new faces

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Our Events Chairman, Rene Cardon, socializing with one of each

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## EVENTS

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**June 12 - 1661 House Brunch**, Block Island 10:am.  
Get taxi, in groups, from airport or hike.

13 – **IMAX Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag**  
Read Email Bag for info. All members' welcome

18/19 - **Quonset Air Show** Volunteers are needed.

25/26 - **Campout at Orange** Overnight during the  
Antique engine Show.

July 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Steak Fry. Although not  
organized, RIPA members do get together.

9 - **Fly RI Cookout** UUU (10: - 2:)

16 - **Hangar Party**, SFZ (Franks O's hangar 10-2)

25/31 - Oshkosh Flyin Check with Rene about  
getting together for dinner.

**August 6 - Fly RI Cookout OQU** (10-2)

? - **Ice Cream Social**, Jaffrey, NH this will be  
posted on RIPA/Yahoo Group

26/28 - **Flyout/Campout at Gadabout Gaddis**  
ME08. Pack your sleeping bag and join us for a  
relaxing weekend. The fireside stories are great.

**September 9/11 - Greenville Me. Seaplane Flyin**

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### RIPA@YAHOOGROUPS.COM

Stay in touch this summer. Sign on to RIPA's group  
email. This service allows members to send  
messages to all members signed on.

There has been some abuse in the past but Frank  
Oliveira has been doing a commendable job of  
monitoring and suppressing unwanted mail. Just  
remember that a reply will be sent to all members.

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A good landing is something you can walk away from...  
A great landing is something you can walk away from and  
reuse the airplane...  
A perfect landing is a landing made with no one around to  
see it...

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## FROM THE e-MAILBAG

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**Noah Forden** [noahforden@cox.net](mailto:noahforden@cox.net)

Wanted to see if you guys might be interested in  
helping us out for our Young Eagles Rally on June  
11<sup>th</sup> (12<sup>th</sup> rain date). As you may know, we set up  
stations at QAM and the kids (of which we expect  
100 or so) proceed from station to station prior to  
meeting up with a pilot and going for a flight. The  
stations include preflight, cockpit instruments,  
airspace / aeronautical charts, and activities. In  
between all of these things, parents and kids are  
wandering around the museum, as the museum is  
open to kids and their families for the day.  
In addition, with so many parents on hand wanting to  
take pictures of their kid in front of the airplane  
they're going to fly in, we have to be very careful  
about fliteline safety. We need several volunteers to  
escort people on the fliteline who are very familiar  
with the hazards of propellers, etc.

Please let me know if you might be able to  
participate, or - if you know of anybody else who  
might be able to help out, please pass this on to  
them or let me know.

Thank you very much,

### Steve Turgeon –IMAX PROMOs

The free screening will be Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at  
5:30 p.m. at the Feinstein IMAX Theatre at the  
Providence Place Mall. We asked that people arrive  
by 5:15 at the latest. We have set aside 75(+) seats  
for your group. We will not be handing out actual  
tickets. Your attendees should just come to the  
lobby of the Theatre (across from Dave & Buster's  
above the food court) and check in at the ticket  
counter. **Call Marilyn to add your name.**

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## SOLOS & NEW RATINGS

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**Richard (Dick) Gould** – WINGS XIV, 6/1, w/Frank  
Sherman at Skylanes.

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

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Overheard and unfortunately timely...  
Pilot: Unknown airport with Cessna 150 circling  
overhead ... Identify

## NOTAMS

### BOARD MEETING

The May board meeting is always busy, Paul Carroll, Frank Oliviera, Dan Scanlon, Marilyn Biagetti, Bill Weedon, and Korrie LaBrie were present.

Over and above the regular chores, the summer's events must be finalized since there is no Plane Paper until September. Check the schedule for the updates. Join [ripa@yahoo.com](mailto:ripa@yahoo.com) to keep abreast of changes and/or additions. Hopefully, the weather will favor us. Rene Cardon has done a wonderful job as Events Chairman, let's all show our gratitude and join the fun.

Jan Miele, Web Designer, presented five concepts that she created for the revamped RI Pilots website. The board asked about features that were available, structuring changes and of course maintenance. A concept that the board thought would work best for the association was selected and once organized, will be implemented. The change should be in effect this summer.

### RICHMOND TOWER & PVD's VOR

Application to raise the antennae located 1650 feet north of the Richmond Airport (08RI) by 20 feet to 160 feet AGL or 300 feet MSL has been approved by the FAA. Although RIAC and the owner manager of Richmond airport objected, the Aeronautical Study (number 2004-ANE-1467-CE) concluded that the proposed structure would not "adversely impact" any present or future VFR or IFR procedures.

*The editor has learned that the FAA is also proposing the removal of the VOR at Bradley, citing relocation cost, repair and maintenance as its reason. This is the same rationale they have for removing PVD's VOR. This will surely make VOR navigation and any number of landing procedures obsolete in this part of the country. EDITOR*

### RIAC UPDATE

The Rhode Island Airport Corporation is soliciting proposals for redevelopment of the Quonset State Airport GA ramp, to include both bulk jet hangars, T-hangers, and a new terminal. A similar solicitation has been sent out for the development of T-hangers at Newport State Airport in RI.

Recent private and public meetings have been held to develop a Master Plan for Quonset.....

Bill Weedon

### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

After much discussion and consideration The Scholarship Committee; Marilyn Biagetti, Frank Sherman, Janet Sherman and Dee Scanlon, have finally selected the winners. There were three exceptional candidates and it was finally decided that all three should be honored.

**Matthew Sumner**, from Portsmouth, RI, has "a childhood dream that never faded" of becoming a pilot. He has been accepted at Emery Riddle where he will study Aeronautical Science. There he hopes to narrow down exactly where he wants to go in aviation. Mathew has flight training and holds a student pilots license.

To quote Matt: "As long as I am flying somewhere, in something, I will be happy." This is a sentiment we can appreciate.

**Adam Sugalski**, from Jamestown, RI, has wanted to be a pilot since reading a book on the basics of flight in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. A very busy young man, he has worked and earned his student pilots license, holds honors at school, does volunteer work, is exceptional in hockey and is an active member of the CAP.

His application included a number of outstanding recommendations from acquaintances.

**Ryan Davis**, from Portsmouth, RI, is close to getting his Certificate. He wants to Major in Aeronautical Science. Currently employed at Northstar Aviation, PVD, as a refueler he shows a passion for flying reminiscent of earlier times. Ryan carries his enthusiasm into other parts of his life as indicated in his letters of recommendation.

As you can see, this was an especially difficult selection, since all other factors were equal. We will present the awards at the June dinner meeting.

### MEMBERS LIST

I am including an updated members list in this newsletter. Be aware that only members that indicated their desire are included and therefore not everyone is listed. If you wish to be included in upcoming lists let us know.

I apologize, in advance, for any mistakes. As you all know, I'm far from perfect, but to quote my husband "when you pay peanuts, you get monkeys...".

I try EDITOR

## SAFETY SEMINARS

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

Date: June 8, 2005 **DATE CHANGED**

Time: Thursday, 7:00pm

Place: CCRI, Warwick, RI room 4080 4<sup>th</sup> floor

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

**FOR SALE: Ray Ban sun glasses.** Aviator / Out Doorsman. Brand new, with case. Retail price is \$119. Yours for only \$50. Frank: 401-727-2580 or [frank.oliveira@verizon.net](mailto:frank.oliveira@verizon.net)

**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:** Polo Shirts w/ RIPA logo (\$26) can be personalized. RIPA pins(\$4) and decals(\$1). At meetings, events.

**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. Call Marilyn Biagetti at 568 3497, Fax to 568 5392 or email [biagettim@aol.com](mailto:biagettim@aol.com)

## POKER RUN

Many RIPA members took part in the 99s poker Run, taking advantage of one of the finest weekends in many a month. This annual event draws planes from Maine to New York as much for the numerous prizes as for the experience.



Don Pillsbury, Frank Oliveira, and Roger Biagetti at Plymouth

This is the last newsletter until September. I hope you all have a fine summer of flying. Remember, we like to hear about your adventures and would appreciate a few lines (or more, with pictures???). You can send them to the [RIPAE@aol.com](mailto:RIPAE@aol.com).

Take care and see you in the Fall...Marilyn

Here are some old and some new but they all brought a smile.....

When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane, you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash.

Weather forecasts are horoscopes with numbers.

I remember when sex was safe and flying was dangerous.

Mankind has a perfect record in aviation; we never left one up there!

Flashlights are tubular metal containers kept in a flight bag --- for the purpose of storing dead batteries.

Basic Flying Rules:

Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there.

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## MEETING NOTICE

Call 782 4743 or email [RIPAcMAIL@AOL.COM](mailto:RIPAcMAIL@AOL.COM) by 4:00pm Friday June 10, 2005 to make your reservations.

Date: Tuesday June 14, 2005

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

Menu: Boneless Cajun Pork Chops, Scrod Au Gratin and Broadway Chicken, Salad, Vegetables, rice pilaf, potatoes 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 for coffee and dessert.

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

## GUEST SPEAKERS

June – Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award  
Scholarship Awards

September – Ray Dunn FSS Specialist

October – Bob Wolf's Lewis & Clark Tour

November – Controller Pilot

December – Holiday Gala

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Premier 5:30 Providence Place Mall

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October 1 - **Fly RI Cookout**

11 - **Dinner Meeting**

? - **56<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron**, Republic Field,  
Farmingdale, NY

? - **Harvest Hangar Party**, Providence

25 - **Board Meeting**, PVD

November 8 - **Dinner Meeting**

10 - **Safety Seminar**

29 - **Board Meeting**, PVD

December 10 - **Holiday Gala**, Quonset "O" Club