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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FAA Awards RI Pilots Six New Wright Bros Master Pilot Awards

RIPA is fortunate to have six new members (the same number as last year) that will receive the FAA's Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. This highly prestigious award recognizes pilots "who have contributed and maintained safe flight operations for 50 or more consecutive years of piloting aircraft." The 2006 recipients are:

Anthony P. Correia
Daniel J. Hogberg
Donald M. Pillsbury, Jr.
Anthony J. Rappa
Justin J. Strauss
James G. Taglione

The awards will be presented at the June 13 dinner meeting by Jack Keenan and Janet Malorin of the Boston Flight Standards District Office (FSDO). It is a great honor to have this many awardees, two years in a row, and goes to show that RI pilots have a long history of safe flying, and are among the best in the business.

As I will be away on business for the award ceremony, Beth Tetreault, our VP will run the June meeting. After this meeting, RIPA will recess for the summer and resume monthly meetings again in September. We are looking for a Recording Secretary for the fall to replace Korrie Labrie, who cannot make the Tuesday monthly dinner and board meetings due to her school schedule. If anyone is interested, please contact one of the officers.

Happy flying, and enjoy your summer!

Bill Weedon

HANGAR FLYING

Weekend Flying

Sunday, April 30th, the SFZ "Fly to Lunch Bunch" flew to Keene, NH (EEN). Five aircraft with twelve pilots on board met at Campy's Restaurant for lunch. Typical spring weather brought windy conditions with great visibility. We all had a nice time together as usual.

Sunday, May 7th, the SFZ "Fly to Lunch Bunch" flew to Sky Acres Airport, NY (44N). Three aircraft with eight people had a nice flight with light winds and great visibility. "The Perfect Landing Café" was very accommodating to our group. The food and conversation was enjoyed by all. I can tell this destination will be a favorite one.

The RIPA "Mystery Fly-Out" was a non-event on May 14th, because *Mother Nature* gave us heavy rain showers on her day. (Pardon the pun.)

Sunday, May 21st, the SFZ "Fly to Lunch Bunch" took a short flight to Southbridge, Airport (3B0) for more food and conversation at Jim's Fly-in Dinner. Four aircraft with seven people made for a nice group. We chose Southbridge as a short flight because of pending weather forecasted for the afternoon. By Frank Oliveira



Tony Palumbo, Tony Correia, Dick Ciolfi, hiding behind Dick is Paul "no photo" Carroll, Jan Mowry, Myself and Dave Czerwonka. Buz Sawyer volunteered to take this picture at Sky Acres Airport, NY
pix/FrankO



I will once again be taking a 2-month summer break. Putting this newsletter together can sometimes be very challenging and the summer gives me a refreshing respite. Wishing all our members a great summer of clear skies and starry nights.
EDITOR

MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2006

An informal meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm at the Fire station on Providence Airport by Bill Weedon, President. After thanking the 48+ members and friends who joined us on the tour of the facilities and tower he turned the meeting over to Marilyn Biagetti, Scholarship Chairman, who introduced the 2006 Scholarship winners, Gail Schell and Max Nielsen.

Jeff Soules of Aeroserv Express at North Central, announced that the Poker Run/cookout scheduled for May 20th was cancelled and rescheduled for June 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted
Marilyn Biagetti Corresponding Secretary

EVENTS

Weekend RIPA Mystery Fly-Outs for breakfast/lunch. Destination varies with weather. Plan to depart from North Central State Airport (**SFZ**) (or your own airport) at 10 AM Call Rene at 401-651-3528 or Frank at 401-474-7687 for destination and last-minute details.

Don't forget the FlyRI cookout at Newport on July 8th.

The Campout flyin at Gadabout Gaddis will be August 25-26 weekend. It would be nice if you let Rene know if you can attend but drop ins are more than welcome.

Aero Club of New England will present their 2006 Godfrey L. Cabot Award to Mr. Steve Fossett June 9, 2006 - 11:30 AM - Boston Seaport Hotel.

POKER RUN

AeroServe poker run/cookout will be held, Saturday June 17th. Airport destinations for the poker run include FIT, PYM, UUU, WST and end at SFZ with the barbeque. This event will include a Mooney flyin. Proceeds will be going to fight MS. For information visit www.aeroservexpress.com/pokerrun or contact Jeff Soules at 401 753 2121 bob@aeroservexpress.com. All are invited to attend.

An Aviation Expo will be held at PVD October 4th. The Expo was well-attended last year and more people are expected this year. In order to be represented, RIPA will need volunteers for a booth.

SAFETY SEMINARS

ON HOLD UNTILL SEPTEMBER

To receive your Safety Seminar schedules online please subscribe by going to the following link:

<http://faasafety.gov/>

CLASSIFIED ADS

Used Headset For Sale

TELEX ANR 4000 in good condition. Gel cushions. Uses 6 AA batteries or can be hot wired (12V). \$175.00 Call Frank, 401-787-2338 weekdays.

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 Rd, Quonset 1800 554 4557

Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.
Marilyn:568 3497,Fax:568 5392, email biagettim@cox.net

FROM THE e-MAILBAG

Join the group to keep in touch over the summer:

Yahoo! Groups Links

To visit your group on the web, go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ripa/>

To unsubscribe from this group, send an email to:

ripa-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

Your use of Yahoo! Groups is subject to:

<http://docs.yahoo.com/info/terms/>

Subj: **More info**

From: scanlon4@cox.net

Some more info. 6/23,24,25,26, 2006 the Ford Trimotor will be at Lawrence airport in MA. And, rides will be offered.

Also, on Sept 2-4-06 the B-17 Flying Fortress will be at Lawrence, MA airport with flights, of course for a fee. www.b17.org for more info.

Lastly on Sept 9 there will be a LSA manufacturers display show. www.sportpilot.org doesn't yet provide info. I'll email Penny and get more info for you. God Bless and fly high.... ;-)) Jerry

Did you know that Charlestown NAS was once called "Atlantic Airport"? This is a great site showing the history of many RI airfields and seaplane bases including Gould Island. Rene, *what do you say* to a breakfast flyin next Saturday to Buttonwoods airport? Bill Weedon
http://www.airfields-freeman.com/RI/Airfields_RI.htm

NOTAMS

Wednesday, May 17, 2006 7:57 PM

To All,

First I would like to take a moment to say 'thank you' for the scholarship awarded to me. It certainly couldn't have come at a better time in my training!

Also, it was a wonderful time at the last meeting, and I truly enjoyed meeting everyone that was there. What a wonderful group of people you have in the RIPA! It is an honor for me to be a part of this association and I look forward to becoming more involved in the activities will you all, and getting to know everyone better.

And last, an update on my progress in pilot training. Today I successfully passed my initial CFII checkride! YEA! This completion leads onto the next step for my training as an MEI, which will take effect this coming Saturday and should be completed by early next week. From that point I will wrap up my training with the CFI. From there I have a position at the flight school in GON and will be training students as they come aboard. I eagerly look forward to sharing my knowledge of flight with them soon.

I will once again email all as I progress at each step. Thank you again for such a warm welcome and the wonderful gift you have given me to help continue on with reaching my goals and dreams! Take care all, and fly safe! Kind Regards, Gail M. Schell

SECRETARY NEEDED

RIPA received the following and is now in need of a recording secretary and a membership chairman.

It looks like I will have to take a class that falls on Tuesdays over the summer (starting May 23) and again in the fall. I think with my work and my school schedule, it would be best if we try to find someone else to fill my positions as membership coordinator and recording secretary. I think it would be easier for a person who is able to attend the meetings to be able to "stay on the same page" as everyone else. I really enjoy RIPA and would still like to be an active member.

I hope everyone is doing well. -Korrie

the Boston Chamber of Commerce's 1931 "Airports & Landing Fields of New England" shows an airport located at Buttonwoods.



Gene Bielecki will donate 2 ATIS Wheels to the dinner meeting raffle. He will also have some for sale.

May 3, 2006 Airport Update

SFZ - RWY 5-23 pavement rehab starting in July. Complete construction should last 90 days with a closure of the RWY for about 30 days. Most of the RWY work will be done at night to limit closures. The RWY width will go from 150 feet to 100 feet to be more in line with FAA standards. The terminal and hangar exteriors will be redone with all new siding and windows.

WST - RWY 7-25 construction is complete along with new TWY's and ramp making the airport virtually new! New MALS have been installed for RWY 7 new REILS for RWY 14-32. 13 obstruction poles are currently being installed with lights on top of each. A vast majority of the airport has been cleared of trees and other obstruction which were penetrating the Part 77 surfaces.

OQU - New hangar /terminal facility is scheduled to start this fall. TWY W is complete and relocated to comply with FAA standards. A new TWY (W-1) connecting the ramp to TWY W has been installed to facilitate our based customers. RWY 5-23 - New PAPI's installed at the approach of both runways and new REILS for RWY 23.

BID - New RWY 10-28 construction to begin in the fall. Again like WST, after the new construction this too will be a new airport. Construction items include new RWY, TWY C to approach of RWY 10, new stubs to ramp, new access road and new vehicle parking lot. Also turf aircraft parking areas will be marked for the convenience of both based and transient customers. This new construction to the RWY will increase safety areas at each approach. FAA will install new MALS for RWY 10. This is an aggressive project and the island residents are concerned about how it will affect their community with the RWY shutdown for 45 days! I'll keep you posted.

UUU - No new construction at this time however RIAC has plans for RWY 16-34 new construction...design 2008 so probably not until 2009. 9 new lit, obstruction poles have been installed.

Nate Pickel, Training Manager, Landmark Aviation

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At the Operations and Capital Committee (RIAC) meeting today it was announced that the bids for the reconstruction of SFZ runway 5-23, originally scheduled to take 90 days, are for 30 days, working nights. The bids are being evaluated now. The plan is to start construction immediately after the July 4th Holiday.

Don Pillsbury

MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations by calling 568 3497 or email RIPaEMail@AOL.COM by Sunday, June 11, 2006.

Date: Tuesday June 13, 2006

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: Sausage and Peppers with Marinara, Scrod au Gratin, potatoes, rice pilaf and vegetables,

Mixed Desserts, Coffee and Tea.

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 event.

GUEST SPEAKERS

June 13 – Jack Keenan:

FAA Master Pilot Awards

Auggie Comella of the CAP

“The New Mission of the CAP”

September - Dr. James Ross, AME

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

- June 9- ACONE's **Godfrey L. Cabot Award**
10 - EAA 1363's Fourth Annual Young Eagles Rally at OQU 7:45-2:30
13 - **Dinner Meeting**
Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award
17 – Aeroserv Pokerrun /barbeque SFZ
24-25 - **Quonset Air Show**
July 8 –**FlyRI cookout Newport**
August 25-26 **Gadabout Gaddis Campout**
29 – **Board Meeting**
September 8-10 **Greenville Seaplane Flyin**
12 – **Dinner Meeting**
26 - **Board Meeting**
October 4 – Aviation Expo PVD
10 – **Dinner Meeting**
TBA **Harvest Hangar Party**
31 – **Board Meeting**
November – 14 **Dinner Meeting**
28 - **Board Meeting**
December – **Holiday Gala**