

# THE PLANE PAPER

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Try to imagine that you're on an extended over water flight with three of your best friends. You've had a great weekend in the Islands, now you're heading home and Murphy's Law kicks in.

The engines running a little rough, cylinder head temps are rising, the Engine oil temperature is on the red line, the engine oil pressure is heading south and you know that you're beyond the gliding distance of that little island you see at two o'clock and 50 miles.

The good news is that you have prepared for the worst; you have a life raft and individual life preservers on board. You start trying to remember where the first aid kit is and wonder if you have a full battery charge on the handheld. The bad news is that you are approaching nautical civil twilight and have about 30 minutes of daylight remaining. You look down and the sea-state is light (No whitecaps). Do I land parallel to the crest of the wave or perpendicular to it? Should I submit to the inevitable and start down in preparation of a controlled ditching or stay at altitude and hope for the best. Boom! The decision has been made. You key the mike, "May Day, May Day, May Day" and advise the Center of your situation, position, heading, altitude and intention to ditch. You ask that Air-Sea rescue be notified and activate the ELT. Now, If that's not bad enough there are flames and smoke coming from the engine compartment. "Mixtures to ICO and fuel selectors off". The flames immediately disappear and the smoke subsides. Now what do I do?

As you get closer to the water you notice that the swells appear to be 1 to 3 feet. You open the emergency exit and /or the doors and ensure that everyone has their shoulder harness on and snug. Flaps to full down and you execute a perfect approach and landing to the crest of the swell. The forward motion ceases almost immediately and the aircraft has remained upright. As the aircraft begins to settle and the water begins to rush in the doors go to the full open position, release the seatbelt and shoulder harness and exit the aircraft. Once safely clear of the aircraft everyone inflates their individual life preserver and the raft. After everyone has boarded the life raft you notice that the airplane is still floating and you remember that depending on how much air is trapped in the fuel cells it may continue to float for as long as ten to fourteen hours. In addition to the aircraft ELT, the PLB (Personal Locator Beacon) that

you bought last year is securely attached to your life preserver and has been activated. The water activated strobes on the life preservers are all flashing as advertised.

As you reach for the handheld radio you hear the sound of an approaching Coast Guard Falcon 20 that has been homing on the ELT. After establishing radio contact with the Falcon on 121.5 you advise him that everyone is accounted for and there are no injuries, he informs you that a rescue helicopter has been dispatched and is due on station in 30 minutes. The falcon continues to circle your position and maintains communications until the rescue helicopter is on station.

If this were to happen, would you be properly equipped and trained? Would you have enough confidence in your ability to survive the ditching, egress the aircraft and maintain control of water survival event? Proper equipment, training and annual review are the keys to success. If you haven't done environmental specific training then seek out a flight instructor that is knowledgeable in the procedures and techniques required for your next great adventure and get the confidence you'll need to turn lemons into lemonade. Fly Safe

Tom Magnan



## HANGAR FLYING

### Daffodils, Old cars and the sweet smell of Pot

Yes, the annual daffodil festival once again was a good outing for me, the hound and my Girlie Girl, Jen. My loyal companion Franko and his girl Jan joined us for the second year now. This event used to be such a popular destination for the RIPA group but alas, there were very few planes at ACK and perhaps only one other from SFZ. I know that daffodils bloom in the cooler weather but I think this festival would be a lot more fun in the warmer weather. It was cool this year again and let me tell you, the winds were howling on the island. ACK had three runways open for landing. I nearly tried all three. Getting the Cardinal on the ground is always easy, as gravity never fails. Doing it straight down the runway without bouncing is another matter. I scared myself twice, the third time being the charm. Sideways on one gear leg with the brakes locked up screaming for my mommy was not how the Sherminator taught me to land. However, it worked and my GG had nothing bad to say, or was just too afraid to say anything. Franko used another runway and admitted to doing the two step as well. Perhaps it was good that the pirate squadron stayed home!

After a brief but pricey ride in the taxi to town we began to wander the main square looking at old cars decorated for the parade. Some of the folks there really play up the part, dressed like preppies (Biff and Molly), gangsters or folks from the roaring twenties. Think of it as "Occupy Nantucket" for the one-percenters. The only thing in common with that movement was the occasional whiff of pot. After watching Franko and Jan relive their hippy teen years sniffing that stuff for a few minutes we got

## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting  
April 10, 2012

Tom Magnan, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of prayer was observed for our troops overseas. There were 39 members and friends present at the meeting. A dinner recess was called after table introductions.

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

Treasurer, Beth Tetreault, reports \$1923.33 in the general fund and \$4766.46 in the Scholarship Fund. All bills are paid. The report was accepted.

### Announcements:

ACONE's Cabot Awards will be presented June 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Strawberry Festival will be July 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Rene Cardon is doing very well.

Door prize winners: Kim Ellin, Tony Palumbo, Sue Pillsbury, Don Pillsbury, Dave LaChappelle, Frank Sherman, Conrad Pels, Buz Sawyer and George.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

### Stay posted - check our website at Rlpilots.com.

To join RIPA'S YAHOO Group go to  
ripa-subscribe@yahoo.com.



The decorated cars are staged on Main Street in the morning for the crowd. Pix/FrankO

## SAFETY SEMINAR

### First Saturday of the month at SFZ

Go to the FAA website for the topic of the month and to register or contact Steve Grotta,  
<https://faasafety.gov/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx>

STEPHEN W. GROTA  
Phone: (781) 357-4935  
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**Join the Fly to Lunch Bunch**, contact Rene Cardon (651-3528) or appear at Landmark at SFZ around 9:30 on Saturday and/or Sunday. They would be happy to have you.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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This is a brand new Comant Industries XM Satellite Antenna Model CI-420-1. It is in its original box and has the 8130 form with it. This item sells for over \$520.00 on every aviation site. It is compatible with Garmin, Avidyne, and others. Asking: \$250.00. Larry 401-714-2220

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\***ARC marker beacon receiver R-402A** (24V). Asking \$75.  
\*Cessna 172 **Service Manual**, 1969 - 1976, \$25.  
(NEW) **Rapco vacuum instrument filter**: #RA 1J10-1, \$10. Call Frank...days 401-787-2338

**FOR SALE:** Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL (cases & drums). 123 Ocean State Dr. North Kingstown, 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)

## HANGAR FLYING cont.

them some twinkies and pretzels to ward off the munchies. The parade of old cars is fun to watch. It is like a serpent going around the one block until the head catches the tail. Then the parade departs for some sandy beach for a picnic lunch. Now, any of you who know me know that I enjoy a good lunch. The idea of eating lunch on a sandy windswept beach just does nothing for me. C'mon, sand on my PBJ? I think not. So we went walking the town looking for more suitable dining. Unfortunately, not all of the island's restaurants are open yet so the pickings were slim. We settled on an overpriced, rather dissatisfying meal worthy of mention only because I need more stuff to fill this article. I mentioned at the beginning of this article that it was a good outing for me. Now that I think about it, nah, not so much. It was good to fly into class D for the practice, crosswind landing was a plus and time with the GG and Franko and Jan as well. I just cannot afford to hang with the one percent. Maybe next year the weather will be warmer, the winds will die down and we can get some of the pirates to visit this little Treasure Island.

The Hound



Just one of the many decorated cars and trucks in the parade. Pix/FrankO

## NOTAMS

### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

RIPA's scholarship winners will be attending this meeting.

**William T Howarth**, 17, is from Cranston, RI and would like to become a USAF CAS Pilot and Aerospace Engineer. He works part time and looks forward to his Private Pilots License.

**Mathew Smith**, 19, lives in Pawtucket, RI and has soloed...He has 35 hours of flight time. Mathew would like to have his Private license before he starts college in the fall. He has been accepted at two colleges so far. He will study computer science and possibly join the Air Force ROTC.

**The 99's** will be holding their convention in Providence this July and have asked for our help. They may be needing volunteers to move conventioners to and from our outlying airports to the Marriot. Contact: *Glenna Blackwell New England Section Ninety-Nines 2012 International Conference Co-Chair cell (413) 329-8527*

### Alliance for Aviation Across America

is attempting to put together a proclamation deeming an upcoming month, "GA Appreciation Month." We would love to team up with your organization to make this a reality". Josh Grossman

## EVENTS

### Quonset Airshow Cookout

RIPA will again be sponsoring the cookout on Friday June 15<sup>th</sup>. This will allow members to watch Airshow participants arrive and/or rehearse, and hopefully meet some of the pilots. Bring family and friends. There will be a charge to cover the barbeque expense.

### June 16-17 Quonset Airshow

**Jun 24 — Westerly, RI.** Westerly State Airport ([WST](#)). WAA Summer Pancake Breakfast. Westerly Airport Association Scholarship Fund Pancake Breakfast, Sunday 8 am - 1 pm at Dooney Aviation, 63 Tom Harvey Road - Road 'B' (south side of airport). Adults - \$7 at hanger door, Children under age 12 - \$4 Contact WAA Pancakes.

### July 7 – Strawberry Festival Flyin 08R

**Sep 29 — Westerly, RI.** Westerly State Airport ([WST](#)). Wings Over Westerly (WOW 2012). Free Admission Saturday 10 am - 3 pm, Rain date Sunday, Sep 30 Westerly Airport Association 502.c.3 Benefits to Scholarship Fund - Family Aviation Event Featuring Groton, CT EAA Chapter 334 Young Eagles Rally for kids age 8-17 FLY FREE (weather permitting). Contact WOW 2012.

### The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Fly-In Moosehead Lake , Maine

September 8-11, 2011 For pilot information and inquiries, please e-mail us at: [Info@seaplanefly-in.org](mailto:Info@seaplanefly-in.org) or call and leave a message at (207) 534-8893.

## RIPA's businesses

**"AUTO DOCTOR"** Carlos Vares  
1524 Smith St Rt 44 No. Providence  
401 354 4111

**AIR Ventures Flying School LLC North Central State Airport (KSFZ)** 300 Jenckes Hill Road, Smithfield, RI 02917 [www.airventuresri.com](http://www.airventuresri.com)  
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## MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at [RIPAEmail@aol.com](mailto:RIPAEmail@aol.com) by June 10, 2012

Date: Tuesday June 12, 2012

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

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

Buffet of:

White Clam Chowder & clam cakes  
Oven Roasted Chicken Quarters  
Meatballs & Penne Marinara  
Garden Salad w/assorted dressings  
Garden Vegetables  
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Rice Pilaf  
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 8:00pm 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.

## GUEST SPEAKER

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## EVENTS SCHEDULE

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Scholarship Winners

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Westerly State Airport ([WST](#)).

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### **August 28 - Board Meeting**

September 6-9 – International Seaplane Flyin  
Greenville, Me

### **September 11 - Dinner Meeting**

### **September 25 - Board Meeting**

Sep 29 —Wings Over Westerly (WOW 2012).

### **October 9 – Tower tour Dinner Meeting**

### **October 30 - Board Meeting**

### **November 13 - Dinner Meeting**

### **November 27 - Board Meeting**

### **December 11 – Holiday Gala**

### **December 27 - Board Meeting**