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7,500ft—VFR over the New York Bravo headed for RI

## Summer is just around the corner!

The Plane Paper traditionally takes a summer “break” for July and August and only reappears in September. This year—no exception.

But our eNews will continue to update and inform by email through the summer. And the Facebook and Twitter pages will also carry the message. So keep an eye on those channels.

It has been a hard run up to the summer break. RIPA members, RI GA Business Owner’s Association and AOPA have been hard at work lobbying and testifying about the state of General Aviation in RI.

While we have bills in the House and Senate requesting representation on the Rhode

Island Airport Corporation Board of Directors. Truth is this legislative session is likely to run out before they ever get a chance of being heard. To be fair we were counselled that this was likely to be the case. And we need to make it a longer term campaign.

So—lots of good news and press is the order of the day through this summer. Representatives will be seeking reelection this fall. We need to keep educating them about General Aviation and advocating for it. You will see a great story in this issue about encouraging young people to take part in aviation as a career. And KUUU—Newport will be holding an Airport Appreciation day this month. There is the National Guard Airshow—and that’s just our local flying!

As we go to press—there is notice of a board meeting at which the Rhode Island Airport Corporation will be exploring closing runway 5/23 at Quonset. This at the request of the Quonset Development Corporation who would like to redevelop part of the land as a jumping off point for the new wind farms being proposed in the waters off Rhode Island.

It will be an interesting process balancing the requirement to possibly return FAA grants, the possibility of repairing 16/34 better, the loss of significant income, the loss of a cross wind runway, the loss of a National Guard training runway, and the creation of jobs in the state to support the windfarm industry.

It’s just a shame that RIAC doesn’t pay this sort of attention to other development proposals at the GA airports that could bring jobs and income to the state.

Inside you will also find details of a membership drive and how you can win a free membership for yourself for 2019.

Through the summer—when not out flying—volunteer members will be working on updating the website, putting in place online payments for membership, and—oh yes—maybe doing some flying!

Blue skies!

## From the President



Jim Burns

I was out shooting some practice approaches in early May. Providence Approach had just handed me off to Quonset Tower and I was right base and number two to land on 23.

I was cautioned for a Cessna just ahead of me and below. It was number one for the field. We must have been close because Quonset tower kept telling me to square my base. In fact I had to square my base so often I was half way to Newport before I was allowed to turn final and land!

## From the Editor



Graeme Smith

Out delivering the Plane Paper last month, I was on the leg from Providence to Quonset. So short - I was controlled tower to tower.

Cleared to land, and warned about traffic right behind me. tower kept telling the number two to square its base. I had to dive for the numbers at 23, fly along the runway and touch down next to the taxiway to shake it off my tail.

Afterwards I got a voicemail to "Call the President....."

## Notice of Meeting



Dinner is a buffet menu of special selections of entrees with coffee and desserts

Price: \$25 per person;  
\$45 per couple;  
\$5 just coffee and dessert.

Please make your reservations by June 10, 2018 via email at

[president@ripilots.com](mailto:president@ripilots.com)

Please indicate if you are coming for full dinner or just coffee and the talk.

Date: Tuesday 12th June 2018

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

Place: Chelo's in Warwick

Airport exit off Rte.95 to Post Rd South, turn right.

## June Meeting Speaker— "Summer Flying Hazards"



**Captain Jim Burns** has had an extensive and varied aviation career.

He flew for Eastern Airlines as a Captain on the 727; was Chief Pilot for RAND Corporation for 15 years and flew the fastest corporate jet in the world—the Citation 10 for CVS. In "his youth" he was a DPE on the Convair 580.

He has a Flight Engineer certificate for Turbo jet engines (there is something that is getting pretty rare these days!) and is type rated on 7 different jets

With nearly 19,000 hours in his logbook—he has been a CFI for 49 years and maintains currency flying around the state in his Cirrus.

Jim will discuss High Density altitude, lower performance and departure procedures that can all trap the unwary summer aviator.

Come hear how to stay safe as we head into summer and share your stories with everyone!

# Events in Detail

Rhode Island National Guard Open House and Airshow

away from the crowd. Please bring your own chocks.

Special Offer to RIPA Members:

Fly in between 0630EDT and 0800EDT either day. PPR REQUIRED. The Guard will cover landing fees and provide everyone with a ticket to the free breakfast. Departure after the show and when it is safe to drop the crowd line.

General Chalet (VIP seating) to those that would like to purchase a seat. The tickets are a donation of \$100 per person per day, \$50 for children under 13. The purchase of the chalet tickets covers lunch and drinks.

Two different parking locations. One is on the flight line where people would be able to see your aircraft. Roped off so spectators can't touch it. Second option in the general aviation parking lot

If you do not fuel, a donation to the show would be greatly appreciated, but not required PPR from TSgt Amanda Emerick at 401-527-6609 or by email at

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# Young People experience Aviation



In a new program developed in conjunction with AirVentures Flying School and New England Aviation—students from Cumberland High School STEM program visited KSFZ—North Central on May 30th for a morning of aviation activities aimed at informing them of the many opportunities that exist in the aviation industry.

of study in these subjects to prepare themselves for a career in aviation.

Air Ventures Flying School Owner Doug Auclair said, "It's one thing to teach about it. It's another thing to come out and see it firsthand."

The program is particularly suited to Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics students who can choose a course

In addition to learning about the local airport at the end of the street—students found out that there are a wealth of opportunities open to them in the aviation

industry. For every one pilot flying—there are 35 supporting jobs in aviation.

9th Grader Steven Poirier said, "...how the plane works, and how the engine works. And the cool engineering that goes behind it."

RI Lieutenant Governor Daniel J. McKee addressed the students about opportunities within Rhode Island.

Thanks to a generous sponsor—two of the students received \$1,000 scholarships to be used at the flight school, and all students will receive a free discovery flight.

Lead teacher Mike Stead who teaches Robotics & Engineering at Cumberland High School said it was "a fantastic event for students. They were able to get up and walk around, touch things and ask questions."

RIPA members turned out to assist as well as loan their aircraft to be "touched", sat in and crawled over by the keen and interested group.

9th Grader Maggie Peterson said, "It's cool to actually experience everything and be able to see it in person."

*Pics—RIPA member Ron Stewart.*



# Membership Contest and Meetings



Welcome

New or returning Members!

John Badessa

Heather Corson

Steven Johnson

Wade Leveille

Deborah Michael

Joe Parent

Merleann Poulton

Elzotbek Rustambekov

Ron Stewart

Rex Underwood

David Wang

There are 842 pilots in the FAA database with an address in RI

770 are members of AOPA

We have rebounded our membership from 80 in March to 138 at the end of May. But we need more to say we really are representing General Aviation in Rhode Island.

It's a simple plea—If every member recruited just one new member this summer our membership would be the best it has ever been. So to encourage you—

We KNOW you like saving money! So here is a way to save on your RIPA membership dues for 2019:

Recruit 5 full members (or 10 student members) and your membership for next year is FREE!

Here is how it works:

Starting with this issue—on June 1st and running till Dec 31st 2018. Every NEW member to RIPA that you recruit that puts YOUR name on their membership application as being the member that referred them—you get a credit towards the count of 5.

If you recruit 5 new members—your 2019 membership dues will be waived.

2 Student members will count as one full member—so you can mix students and full members to make your count of 5.

And in case you only manage to recruit ONE member. You still have a chance of getting a free membership. Every member who recruits at least 1 full (or 2 student) members—your name goes in the hat and we will draw one member to also get a free membership in 2019.

So—if you only recruit one member—you have a CHANCE of a free membership. If you recruit 5 members—you are GUARANTEED a free membership in 2019.

Some rules:

- The member must be a new member to RIPA—not a lapsed member renewed.
- Your name must be on their application as the member who referred them when they apply. No "putting the name on after".

The idea is a fun way to drive membership and encourage you to talk to fellow pilots and share the benefits of RIPA membership. We want to increase membership and not bankrupt RIPA. We don't need this to become divisive because someone decides to hire an aviation attorney to interpret the rules—so:

- If there is any kind of dispute—you agree by taking part—that anything we didn't think of in this contest—the RIPA Board's decision will be final.

## Monthly Meeting

Should we continue with Dinner Meetings? Perhaps we should do something different on a different night?

Help shape the future of Monthly Meetings—take the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3S3J29R>

## 2018 Scholarship Winner

Announced!

Erika Keller

Erika will be 18 years old in July, she plays hockey on the Portsmouth Abby School and is Girls Varsity Ice Hockey Team captain.

Both her parents are pilots, an aunt, godparents and grandfather are or have been pilots.

Erika has been accepted at Perdue University in their Professional Pilot Program and will start this fall.

# Rhode Island National Guard Open House—June 9-10



## Calendar of Events — Save the Dates!



Saturday / Sunday 9 /10 June — Gates Open At 9 AM - Flying Starts at 10 AM

[Rhode Island National Guard Open House](#) KOQU—Quonset



Tuesday, 12th June 2018, 7 to 9 PM—RIPA's Monthly Meeting—Chelos of Warwick

Saturday, 16th June 2018, 10am to 2pm—Newport Airport Appreciation Day—KUUU—Newport

Sept. 5th-9th, 2018 12th Annual Triple Tree Aerodrome Fly-In <http://www.tripletreeaerodrome.com>

Tuesday, 11 September—RIPA's Monthly Meeting—Place TBA

Sunday, 23th Sept 2018 4B9 - Simsbury Fly In

### Recurring

**Last Sat of each month.- Horizon Aviation—KPVD**—Bring your family and show them why you love flying so much. Have a friend that's been curious about flying? Bring them, too! Special guest airplanes each month for you to see up close and chat with their owners. We'll randomly pick one attendee to receive a free 30 minute flight in our Super Decathlon!

**RIPA's Fly to Lunch Bunch.** 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.

**Weeknight Dinner Flyouts**—VFR Flyouts to dinner at local airports. To be added to the notification list email. Wade Leveille - [uswle@yahoo.com](mailto:uswle@yahoo.com)

**Every Saturday Morning** - KUUU Pilot's Breakfast - Tickets Bar and Restaurant, Middletown 8:15 AM. If you fly in - check at the maintenance hangar for a ride no later than 8 AM

# Flight Training in Rhode Island



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## Pilot Successes!

RIPA congratulates the following on their successes!



Avery Boruch—Solo—KUUU    Nyron—IFR—KPVD



Ryan Lagan—Solo—KPVD    David Wang - PPL—KUUU



Rex Underwood—PPL—KUUU



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RIPA—to— promote and maintain an organization for the mutual benefit and welfare of its members and of the aviation community, - promote aviation safety within the entire aviation community. - exchange and disseminate information among its members and the public concerning the aviation industry and particularly general aviation. - foster a spirit of good will and camaraderie among its members. - assist its members with the problems relative to general aviation. - promote aviation education and encourage an interest in aviation and aviation careers among the members and the general public, especially the young people of this state.

## Who is Who at RIPA?

Rhode Island Pilots is an all volunteer organization. If you feel you could help fill any of the vacancies and spread the workload the President would love to hear from you!

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