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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thoughts of Fall

Now that Labor Day has come and gone, it's a good time to reflect on what a great summer it's been, and think about Fall activities. Now is that low-stress time of the year when the kids have gone back to school, all of those summer projects have been completed, the hustle-and-bustle of the short summer season is gone, and we still have a few weeks of descent weather. It's also a good time to set personal goals for yourself – maybe work on another rating?

At our September 12 meeting, Dr. James Ross, Aviation Medical Examiner from Bristol, RI will be our speaker and will answer any questions you have about medical issues. The annual Seaplane Flyin' is this weekend in Greenville, ME. We have a couple of tentative speakers lined up for October and November, but we are leaving them open for now because we are trying to get Phil Boyer, President of AOPA to come to RI for a Pilot Town Meeting. November is also the time for our annual Halloween Party. And the Christmas party is on Friday December 8 this year at the Quonset O'Club – so mark your calendars.

I hope everyone had a great summer, and welcome everyone back to resume our monthly meetings starting in September. Try and bring a friend if possible.

Bill Weedon <whw@appliedradar.com>



HANGAR FLYING

Weekend Flying

Welcome back to the weekend “*Fly to Lunch Bunch*” activities. Well, I really do not have anything spectacular to report. During the last two months, when the weather let us fly, an assorted group of pilots from SFZ, flew to our favorite on field restaurants for food and hanger talk. We all had a good time as usual. Sorry, I have no pictures to share in this issue. I promise to do better next time. If you are looking for somewhere to fly on a Saturday or Sunday, please join us. Call myself at 401-474-7687 or Rene Cardon at 401-651-3528 for last minute destinations. Hope to see you there.

Frank Oliveira

GADDABOUT GADDIS

A few of the hardier members made the run up to Gaddabout Gaddis for the annual RIPA campout/flyin. The weather in Maine was much more pleasant than in RI and the group of Rene Cardon, Dee and Dan Scanlon, Howard Rowland, and Sue and Don Pillsbury had a pleasant weekend. The journey back was not uneventful when Dan decided that it was prudent to finish the return trip with a leisurely auto ride when the weather seemed to be closing.

MASTER PILOTS AWARD



Tony Correia, James Taglione, Anthony, Rappa, Don Pillsbury, Don Hogberg and Justin Strauss being presented with the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award by John Gagliardi and Beth Babbs at the June dinner meeting.

MEETING MINUTES

Rhode Island Pilots Association
Dinner Meeting
June 13, 2006

Beth Tetrealt, Vice president, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. After the pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed for the troops. After table introductions, dinner was served.

It was announced that a Recording secretary was needed as Korrie Labrie will be continuing with her college studies and doesn't feel she can be as active as needed. Anyone interested can contact a Board member.

Auggie Comella of the CAP, brought us up to date on the activities and aims of that organization.

Frank Sherman gave a brief report on Rene Cardon and Paul Carroll's trek to Alaska.

Beth Babb and John Gagliardi presented the FAA's Wright Brothers Master Pilots Award to Justin Strauss, Don Pillsbury, Anthony Rappa, Tony Correia, James Taglione and Don Hogberg. We learned that of 39 awards presented nation wide, 6 were given in Rhode Island and 12 have been presented her in the last 2 years.

Roger Biagetti, Bob Wolff, Dee Scanlon, Dan Rabinovich, Tony Corriera, Tony Palumbo Dick Ceola and SurYong won door prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully Submitted
Marilyn Biagetti

"I was sitting on the ramp just about to fly out of Lubbock, TX, yesterday when hopping along came the biggest jackrabbit I ever saw. I thought I would advise ground control about it so they could spare some aircraft from making contact with it on the runway..."

Me: Lubbock ground, um, there's a big jackrabbit headed for the runway on TWY Romeo.

[pause]

Me: Uh... I thought I would tell you so the people who take care of those things could do something about it.

Ground: Copy that. The coyote over there on Mike looks like he'll take care of it.

EVENTS

For your advance planning purposes, the 4th Annual Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame induction and dinner will take place on Saturday evening, November 18th. As in previous years, this event will take place at the historic Varnum Armory in East Greenwich.

Should you have someone you wish to nominate for induction, please respond to this e-mail with background information on your nominee. I have attached the criteria for selection. Deadline for nominations is September 15.

The selection committee consists of previous honorees, active and retired military and civilian aviators, representatives from a number of aviation entities, and students of aviation history.

Frank Lennon, USS Saratoga Museum Foundation, Inc. 401-831-8696

P.S. Our three previous events have all been sellouts, so get your reservation requests in early. Tickets will be \$50 per person and \$90 per couple. Tables of ten are available at \$400.

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.

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.

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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

Tue, 13 Jun 2006

Greetings to all!

Just another update as to my progress.

To date I am working on my single CFI' add on. I completed my ME-I checkride 4 days after the initial CFII checkride. Do to the weather that has played its part in our region these past couple of weeks, there has been a delay in the last certification. I have set a deadline of a week from this coming Friday to get this last ride done! Lets hope that the weather doesn't interfere with my plans and all goes well!

Happy flying to all!

Sun, 27 Aug 2006

Greetings!

A quick note to say Thank you all again for helping in my pursuit of my goals!

Also, an update on my progress in achieving these goals. Presently I have completed all my training and am employed with Coastal Air at GON as an instructor. I have complete the CFI, double I and Multiengine Instructors checkrides just under 2 months ago. I started my new job on July 3 and presently have almost a dozen students, working six days a week with a VERY full schedule. I never anticiapted that I would love being a flight instructor as much as I do! Though I looked forward to instructing, I just didn't think I would enjoy it as much as I do! It is wonderful to share my passion of aviation with others that have an interest! What's really great about all this? Well, not only do I love what I do for work, but I get paid to do what I love! Does it get any better than that?!

Again, thank you for your help and support! I look forward to seeing everyone at the Sept. meeting!

Kind regards, Gail Schell

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NOTAMS

BOARD MEETING

The board meeting was slightly abbreviated, as only 5 members were able to attend. Bill had to attend his 40th birthday party so the remainder carried on.

Don Scanlon briefed us on a audit tool that he has instituted. The results will give a more concise accounting of debit and credit flow.

We have a new and impressive mailbox at the office and with some cooperation from the post office we should be able to get all our mail. Thank you Mr. Tetreault.

Bill will be contacting Phil Boyer at AOPA to ask about holding a town meeting safety seminar at CCRI.

The Airman of the Year nominations will be included in the newsletter, as will officer nominations.

Except for some extraneous discussions (Hangar talk about what we did this summer) it would have been a really short meeting but you all know that pilots cannot get together and not get carried away with their adventures.

EDITORS NOTE

Let us know what you did this summer. A small (or long) article would suffice. Pictures are optional.

Email me at biagettim@cox.net or call me at 568 3497 and I'll help you write something up.

Marilyn

I was in the pattern at KSRQ shooting a bunch of touch and goes in a Piper Cherokee. The tower called with my next landing clearance. The conversation went something like this...

Tower: Warrior 12345, cleared touch and go, runway 22.

Me: Cherokee 12345, cleared touch and go, runway 22.

Tower: Cessna 12345, roger. Winds 240 at 5.

Me: 12345 is a Piper Cherokee, sir. Rog er Wind.

Tower: Warrior 12345, copy.

[pause]

Me: ...Whatever.

Tower: (Laughter)

MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations by calling 568 3497 or email RIPaEMail@AOL.COM by Sunday, September 10, 2006.

Date: Tuesday September 12, 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: Roasted Chicken Quarters, Boneless, Cajun Pork Chops and Baked Scrod, 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

September - Dr. James Ross, AME will answer questions about medical issues.

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

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**

18 – RI Aviation Hall of Fame
Banquet

28 - **Board Meeting**

December 8- **Holiday Gala**