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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

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Summer is just about over, so take a break from both work and vacation schedules to brush up on your aviation skills and knowledge. Your first option is to join us this month for the first RIPA meeting after the summer break. I and the other regular attendees look forward to getting back together and sharing stories of our experiences and adventures. We would all love to hear about the trip to Oshkosh, Gadabout Gaddis, The Greenville Seaplane Fly-In, or any other special journey taken during the summer break.

Another great option is to sign up with an instructor for a flight review, we all fall into bad habits and a few hours with an instructor could set you back on course. The easiest refresher can be found with the AOPA Air Safety Foundation's [online publications](#). The foundation's online publications include numerous Safety Advisors and Safety Briefs on a wide range of topics. The foundation also provides special reports highlighting instructional flying and technically advanced aircraft; flashcards for studying airspace, runway signage, and aircraft specifications; flight planner and pilot report forms; and more.

Please join us September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Chelo's, we miss you

Beth



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## HANGAR FLYING

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For a change the summer weather cooperated to make at least parts of most weekends flyable.

The Quonset Air show had good weather with some overcast .

The Yellowstone Flyout got off as scheduled despite a few last minutes changes. Members that I spoke to had a great time and I will await pictures and reports.

Regretfully the Campout at Gaddabout Gaddis was weathered out with Zero/ Zero visibility on Friday and rain the rest of the weekend.

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## EVENTS

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### GREENVILLE

Many members will be migrating north to the Seaplane flyin this weekend.

### OQU BEACH PARTY

Beth has arranged a beach party at Quonset on September 16 starting at 11:00am until ??????. She has been down to the water and found a very nice beach area. There will be food and drinks available. Bring a blanket and sunscreen and either fly or drive in.

We will post instructions for getting to the beach on the RIPILOTS.COM web site or you will need to check with Landmark in the lobby to get instructions

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## NEW RATINGS

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**Dennis Angelone** – WINGS XI.6/ 29, w/Frank Sherman at SkyLANES.

**Jack Skiffington** –WINGS XIV, 6/ 30, w/Frank Sherman at SkyLANES.

## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting  
June 12, 2007

Beth Tetreault called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. There were 54 members and friends present, After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed for departed members and our troops overseas. Table introductions were followed by a recess for dinner.

The Secretaries Report was approved as published in the Plane Paper.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported \$3920.00 in the General Fund and \$1549.00 in the Scholarship Fund.

Rene Cardon, Events Chairman, outlined the summer's events and invited members to join him, Paul Carroll and John Sulyma on a flying tour of Yellowstone at the end of June.

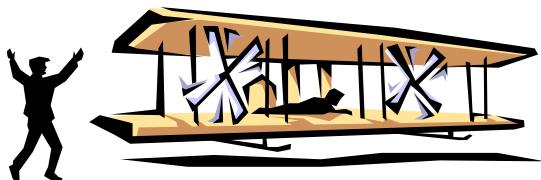
20 Week Club tickets are available from any board member, Rene Cardon (401)651-3528 or at the dinner meetings.

Door Prize winners were: Dan Scanlon, Marilyn Biagetti, Tony Fontana, Dick Bunker, Dick Gould, Andy Andersen, Sheila Gabrielsen, Bob Berlyn, Mike Kelly and Frank Sherman.

Guest Speaker, Dick Bunker, FAASTeam Representative presented "Analysis of a Fatal Accident"

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm  
Respectfully Submitted  
Marilyn Biagetti  
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## Marthas Vineyard "Restructures" Their Landing/Ramp Fees

Doing lunch on the Vineyard is one of those summer rites of passage for many pilots. For so many years, we pilots have been able to taxi up to the tower, enjoy a nice burger or fish sandwich at the Plane View Café, and be on our way with little hassle. In the past, there were no landing or ramp fees for lunch at the Plane View. I learned last week that the MVY Airport powers that be have decided to "restructure" their landing and ramp fees. For what they call a "light twin," they now want \$15 landing fee plus a \$15 ramp fee. For a larger twin (400-series Cessna), they want \$17 plus a \$35 ramp fee. So that's a \$30 or \$52 fee just to drop in for lunch? Isn't this getting to be a bit ridiculous? Oh, I forgot you're a pilot, you must be rich (actually, quite the opposite)!

It doesn't seem to be a matter of airports covering costs anymore, but more a matter of "what we think you should pay". For many airports in "non-resort" locations operate just fine without such exorbitant fees. They figure people are going to come anyway, so why not tax them to death with fees. How much does it really cost to wave a baton and chock the wheels, if that is the only service an aircraft requires for a short lunch visit? The argument "you have a big airplane, you should pay more" is a bunch of hogwash. For many modern high-performance singles (Cirrus, Lancair, etc.) cost more than a '60s or '70s vintage twin. A piston twin takes up about the same amount of ramp space than a single, and actually takes up less airspace because it is faster and can fit into the airspace more efficiently. So why do the ramp fees need to be astronomically more expensive than a single?

What ever happened to the good old "Public Use" airport, where you could taxi up to the GA terminal and shut down without any hassles? Is it possible that some airports are profiteering from the post-911 increases in airport security? It sure seems like it their fee structure and the way they control access out onto the ramp.  
*Bill Weedon*

*Bill took the lead and contacted the FAA and AOPA asking if the charged were warranted and justified.*

AOPA members with twin engine aircraft ought to be warned as to what it will cost them to visit MVY for breakfast or lunch.....Barry Miller

Unfortunately, the only recourse is to complain to the FAA Airports District Office that the Fees are "unreasonable" under Grant Assurance 24... AOPA

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**For Sale: Garmin GPS 196** with all attachments for Aircraft and Automobile and Carrying case. \$400.00 Call Al at (401)523-2647

**For Sale:** 4hp Power Tow (\$350) with external storage box (\$200) for sale. I used it to move my Piper Lance, which I sold. The folks at Power Tow will sell you all the upgrades to a new system for about \$300, selling you everything but the engine and transmission. Its located at Nashua. Call me days 978-437-1835 or garykznh@comcast.net. Gary

### Used Headset For Sale

TELEX ANR 4000 in good condition. Gel cushions. Uses 6 AA batteries or can be hard wired (12V). Make an offer Call Frank, 401-787-2338 weekdays.

**FOR SALE:** Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL(cases & drums). SHELL Flight Jacket, plane care products are now available at 123 Ocean State Dr. No. Kingston, 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)

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**Piper 123:** "They keep extending my route. If they keep extending my route I'm going to be low on fuel. Why can't I go direct?"

**Potomac Approach:** "Piper One Two Three, unable direct. Direct will take you over P-40. Proceed direct Hagerstown, Victor 501, Martinsburg, then as previously cleared."

**Piper 123:** "But if they didn't keep extending me I wouldn't get low on fuel."

**Approach:** "Piper One Two Three, if you feel you are low on fuel I advise you to stop somewhere and get fuel."

After two more exchanges:

**Approach:** "Piper One Two Three, I'm not doing this to you. You cannot fly over P-40. Are you familiar with P-40? It's Camp David."

**Piper 123:** "I know about Camp David, but I didn't see any TFRs. This is making me get low on fuel."

**Approach:** "Piper One Two Three, if you fly over P-40 you're not going to be worried about fuel."

**Portland Approach:** November One Two Charlie, traffic ten o'clock, southbound at 9,000, a Navajo.

**12C:** We're looking.

**Approach:** Correction, it's a Malibu.

**12C:** Still looking.

**Approach:** Sorry, it's really a Navajo. Oh well, what the heck, it's dark.

## SAFETY SEMINAR

RIPA's Safety Seminar Chairman, Frank Sherman, has been in contact with Jack Keenan to see if it is possible to schedule "Memory Jogger Sessions" under the new system. He will let us know what is happening.

To receive your Safety Seminar schedules online please subscribe by going to the following link: <http://faasafety.gov/>

## NOTAMS

### NOMINATIONS

We will be accepting nomination for the Associations officer's positions. There is still a vacancy in the Recording Secretary position. If you would be able to occupy this or any other position or have a possible candidate, please submit their name.

### AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

The newsletter also has a ballot to nominate this year's RIPA Airman of the Year. We want to honor a person who has contributed to General Aviation in Rhode Island. Please return your nomination by September 21<sup>st</sup>.

### 20 WEEK CLUB RAFFLE

The first drawings of the 20 Week Club will commence at the September dinner meeting. There we will draw for August and September.

Tickets for the 20 Week Club drawings will be available at the meeting or by contacting Rene Cardon (401)651-3528, 20 Week Club Chair or any board member. Thank you for your support of our Scholarship Fund.

### SPEAKER NEEDED

The Board is asking for suggestions for dinner meeting speakers, specifically, a speaker for the November dinner meeting. But we would like to get ideas for the coming year. If you have a suggestion, please let a board member know.

**STAY IN TOUCH** Join RIPA'S YAHOO Group. Go to [www.Yahoo.com](http://www.Yahoo.com), select groups in column on left. Enter Rhode Island Pilots into the search. You can join once you've logged in.

Remember if you have changed your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.

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## MEETING NOTICE

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**Make your reservations** by calling 568 3497 or email [RIPAE@mail@aol.com](mailto:RIPAE@mail@aol.com) by Sunday September 9, 2007.

Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2007

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:

Chicken Florentine, Baked Scrod,  
vegetables, potato, rice pilaf, and fresh  
baked bread.

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 if you would like coffee and dessert.

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

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## GUEST SPEAKERS

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September - **Gregg Marley** from Avidyne

October – FAA Safety Seminar with Jack Keenan



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## EVENTS SCHEDULE

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**September 6-9 – Greenville Seaplane Flyin**

**September 11 – Dinner Meeting**

**September 16- Beach Party OQU**

**September 25 – Board Meeting**

October 4-6 - AOPA Expo 2007 - Hartford, CT

**October 9 – Dinner Meeting**

**October 30 – Board Meeting**

**October – Harvest Hangar Party**

**November 13 – Dinner Meeting**

**November 27 – Board Meeting**

**December 8 – RIPA Holiday**