

# THE PLANE PAPER

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a summer filled with as much air-time as weather and fuel costs would allow. General Aviation is facing a challenging time. User fees, fuel costs, training costs, noise and land use issues, and FAA regulation changes have created a stormy environment that can sometime be difficult to navigate.

We as aviators need to be the best that we can be so as not to add fuel to the fires of those who would claim that general aviation is unsafe and that the lands our airports occupy could be put to better use. In the summer of 2008 there were eleven reported accidents/incidents and I'm told that this is an average year.

- 1) 10 May 08 Cessna 182 Substantially damaged after loss of control on landing. Minor injuries. UUU
- 2) 02 June 08 Grumman American damaged after taxiing into a parked a/c. No injuries. BID
- 3) 06 June 08 Twin Comanche, Bonanza substantially damaged after intersection collision. Minor injuries. SFZ
- 4) 08 June 08 Beech C24R experienced sudden stoppage after hitting runway light. No injuries. BID
- 5) 21 June 08 Grumman American damaged after taxiing into a fence post. No injuries. OQU
- 6) 29 June 08 P51D substantially damaged after hard landing. No injuries. PVD
- 7) 03 July 08 Piper Warrior destroyed after impacting trees following Touch & Go. 2 Fatal injuries, 1 serious injury. UUU
- 8) 17 July 08 Balloon experiences hard landing in Jamestown. Minor injury.
- 9) 02 Aug 08 Cessna 182 ditched in the Pawcatuck River after an engine failure. Minor injuries. WST
- 10) 02 Aug 08 Piper Arrow forced to land in a turf farm after experiencing engine problems. No injuries. 08R
- 11) 14 Aug 08 Cessna 172 discovered to have a bent firewall during a 100 hr inspection. No injuries. SFZ

These incidents highlight the need to focus on training, cockpit resource management, maintaining a sterile

cockpit, aircraft maintenance and proper pre-flight procedures.

RIPA will be sponsoring safety seminars this year and I encourage all members to attend. Let's make this year and every year better than average.

Beth

## HANGAR FLYING

### OSHKOSH

Airventure is an exciting event indeed. I departed with some friends in N9465X on Thur morning headed to the 1st planned stop, Buffalo. Weather was initially fine, but we ran into thunderstorms near our destination and ATC suggested we divert to Warsaw, NY. After refueling and lunch we proceeded on our 2nd leg, to Mt. Pleasant, MI. Weather was good again, except for the Buffalo area where it was just light rain. We arrived at Mt. Pleasant around 5 PM and refueled. Decided to stay overnight in a motel nearby, out of fear that OSH tie-downs may be full or the field closed during the airshow, and did not want to divert to another airport. We figured, Arriving there around 7 AM, when airport opens for inbound traffic, guarantees space [because outbound traffic starts at 6, an hour earlier].

We took off 6:15 AM EDT [=5:15 AM in OSH, Central time] next day [Fri], in beautiful weather, and proceeded to cross the lake. After doing the ritual pattern via Ripon & Fiske, we had an eventless landing Rwy27, at 7:20 AM. Seeing from the air those thousands of aircraft parked on the ground is a unique view indeed.

Stayed with some friends at the Univ. of Wis. dorms which are about a mile away from the grounds, an easy commute with the city shuttle buses.

Enjoyed much the airshows [which I religiously attended every day], as well as the lectures I chose. Visited the seaplane base 1 morning. Also, we stayed 1 night for the "Theater in the Woods" show, to watch a John Travolta [aviation related] movie [Broken Arrow], introduced live by Captain Travolta himself. A nice man indeed.

Departing back on Sunday, 9:30 AM, we had an eventless flight with good weather, except a few isolated thunderstorms here in N. England.

I hope to go again next year. Dan Rabinovich



## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting  
May 13, 2008

Beth Tetreault called the meeting to order at 7:10pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. There were 45 members and friends present, After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed service men everywhere. Introductions followed.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported that there was \$3185.41 in the General Fund and \$3673.42 in the Scholarship Fund. The report was accepted.

The Secretaries report was accepted as published in the Plane Papers.

Membership is reported at 167.

Upcoming events:

Quonset Airshow open house – 6/27  
Quonset Airshow – 6/28-29  
SFZ cookout – 5/17  
Mansfield AirRace  
Oshkosh

Check NOTAM's for summer construction projects.

Marilyn Biagetti, Scholarship Chair, introduced the 2008 Scholarship winners, Liam Doyle, And Jeff Marques.

Door Prize winners included: Kim Elin, Jan Crouse, Andy Andersen, Patricia Andraka, Barry Miller, Maryanne Lamothe, Jack Crouse, Tony Fontana, Jeff Marques, Dee Scanlon, Linda Demaine, Mrs. Miller, Walter Anecleo, Alma Fontana, Mr. Doyle, John Hayes and Don Pillsbury.

Beth Tetreault introduces the evening's speaker Kevin Dillon, President and CEO of RIAC

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

### RIPA's sponsoring businesses



**ROGER BIAGETTI**  
Excavating

## HANGAR FLYING

**Greetings and welcome back** from our summer vacations. I hope you all had a wonderful summer. The SFZ *Fly to Lunch Bunch* had many gatherings during the last few months. We flew to the many favorite field restaurants in the New England area when ever the rainy weather would allow. We tried our best to keep the saying alive, "We fly for food". To our disappointment, The Airport Grill at New Bedford and Demarins Family Italian restaurant at Groton have closed. There are still approximately 30 restaurants within reach for us to enjoy, so feel free to join us any weekend. Just give me or Skylanes Flight School a call for last minute destinations. Frank Oliveira

It was only fitting to attend the Cardinal Fly-In this year during the month of June which was held in Lancaster, PA. As some of you know, I purchased a Cardinal Classic at the beginning of this year and sold my precious Skyhawk. I did like my Hawk but it was time for a change. Paul Tocco came along in the right seat as he too has a Cessna Cardinal. After launching with an IFR flight plan I almost immediately canceled IFR and continued VFR due to ATC's very indirect scenic routing. Fortunately the weather was very nice, round trip. There were about 42 Cessna Cardinals that attended. It's always a treat to see that many of one type of aircraft all in one place. They hosted a very nice buffet, safety seminar and we made new friends with a common interest. All in all it turned out to be a fun day.

Frank Oliveira



Cardinal Flyin was held in Lancaster, PA. in 08 pix/FrankO

## EVENTS

**Harvest Hangar Party** will once again be hosted by Gary and Gayle St Germaine in the Corporate Air hangar on Airport Road in Warwick at 6:30 Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>. Bring a friend and/or something for the pot luck buffet if you wish, but please come.

**RIPA's Holiday Gala** will be held On December 13<sup>th</sup> at The "O" Club at Quonset Point. Mark your calendar and join the festivities. A menu and reservation slip will be in the next newsletter.

## NOTAMS

The **Nominating Committee** will be looking for new people to fill the vacant Recording Secretary's position and/or Treasurer, President, Vice President, and Corresponding Secretary positions in that order. If you would be interested or have the time, please consider helping. A ballot is included in this newsletter

RIPA's **Airman of the Year** committee is looking for candidates who have contributed time and effort to general aviation in RI. A ballot is included.

### BOARD MEETING

Marilyn Biagetti and Dan Scanlon met for an early meeting after the long summer hiatus to assure continuity in the associations operation. (*Doesn't this sound political?*)

Dan had an interesting comparative financial report that showed consistency in that department.

The dates for upcoming events will be checked and confirmed, 10/25 for Gary St Germaine's Corporate Air. **Harvest Hangar party** and 12/13 for the Holiday Gala.

The meetings agenda was discussed. including The **Nominating Committee** and RIPA's **Airman of the Year** committee. Ballots will be included in the newsletter.

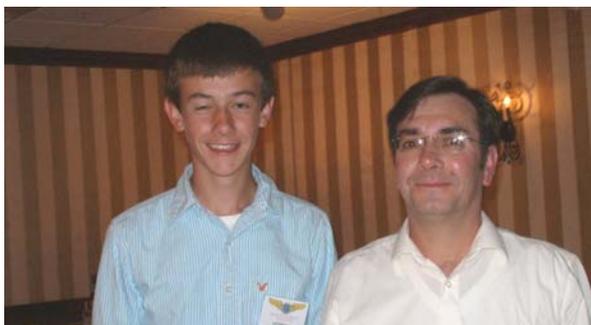
Beth will be trying out a 50/50 drawing at the dinner meeting for contributions to the Scholarship coffers.

A new supply of window decals should be available at the next dinner meeting thanks to Paul Carroll and Jan Miele.

### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Liam Doyle, 17, from East Greenwich



Jeffrey Marques, 16, from Lincoln RI.

## SOME NOTES

R.I. Pilots Association  
Thank you so much for Masses  
and Prayers by the Passionist  
Community in my Wife's name,  
Cindy Sawyer. I really  
appreciate your compassion.  
Sincerely  
Walter (Bugs) Sawyer  
PVT. Pilot / SFZ

Dear Scholarship Committee Members,

I would like to sincerely thank you for choosing me to receive the RIOP scholarship for 2008. I realize that there were many qualified applicants for the scholarship and I am honored that you selected me. Receiving the scholarship has been a great privilege that I will always cherish and remember. I will certainly keep you updated on my flying progress in the future.

Sincerely,

*Liam*

Liam Doyle

**STAY IN TOUCH** Join RIPA'S YAHOO Group. To join go to [www.RIPilots.com/join](http://www.RIPilots.com/join). Remember if you have changed your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**Beech BE-55 Baron for sale.** 9869 TT, 202 SMOH/760 SNEW. GAMI injectors, Air Wolf remote oil filters, leather seats, 136 gallons fuel, century III AP, KLN-94 GPS, HSI w/slave compass, 70 A alternators, deice boots, Whelan strobes, EZ-heat engine preheaters, NU-lite panel lights, speedslope windscreen, plumbed for oxygen, complete logs, fresh annual, more. Asking \$94,995. Listed with Tsunami Aircraft Sales, Westerly. Contact Bill Weedon 401-474-8082. (check details at [www.RIPilots.com/classified](http://www.RIPilots.com/classified))

**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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## MEETING NOTICE

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**Make your reservations today** by calling 568 3497 or via email at [RIPAEmail@aol.com](mailto:RIPAEmail@aol.com) by September 7, 2008.

Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2008

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:

Baked Scrod and Yankee Pot Roast  
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 – Myron Mitchell FLYING A LAKE**  
**Myron** will have a presentation on his adventures in his LAKE aircraft.



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## EVENTS SCHEDULE

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**September 9– Dinner Meeting**

**September 4-7 – Greenville Seaplane FlyIn**

**September 30 - Board Meeting**

**October 14 – Dinner Meeting**

**October 25 –Harvest Hanger Party**

**October 28 - Board Meeting**

**November 11 – Thanksgiving Dinner  
Meeting**

**November 25 - Board Meeting**

**December 13 – Holiday Gala**

**December 23 - Board Meeting**