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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 2009 there were an average eight reported accidents/incidents.

1. 18 Apr – North Central – Aircraft Ground Loop
2. 13 May – Quonset – Aircraft Nose Gear Collapse
3. 14 May – Quonset – Aircraft Blown Over by C130
4. 14 May – Cumberland- Glider Off-Site Landing
5. 02 July - TF Green – Aircraft Landed Gear Up
6. 04 July – Westerly – Forced Landing 2 Miles West of Airport
7. 08 Aug – Westerly- Hard Landing and Nose Wheel Collapse
8. 08 Aug – Aircraft damaged as a Result of Careless Taxiing

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.

I'll see you at the meeting *Beth*



HANGAR FLYING



Caught this 11.2 pound lobster diving on Cape Cod (Outer Cape area), where there is no "upper limit" on the lobster size. He wouldn't fit in the pot, so I had to steam it in a turkey-roasting pan with two burners. The lobster bands were too small, I had to use tie wraps to hold the claws. Hope you are enjoying your summer!

Bill

MASTER PILOTS AWARD



Mike Falcone (above) and Boris Rotman (below) were honored with the Master Pilots Award at the June Meeting. Steven Grota and Jim Adams, FAA Program Manager presented the certificates.



MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
June 9, 2009

Beth Tetreault, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance we observed a moment of silence for Bob Danis and Bret Smith. There were 49 members and friends present. A dinner recess was called after table introductions.

The Treasurers Report was accepted as written in the Plane Paper.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, Reported that there was \$2379.44 in the General Fund and \$5011.38 in the Scholarship Fund.

Beth reviewed the summer's events.

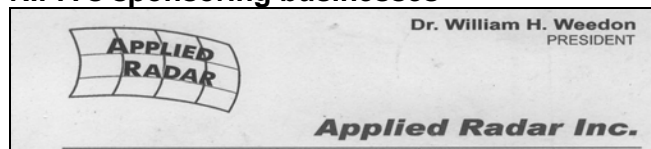
Door Prize winners were Walter Andraka, Ken Brown, Rick Jacks, Lisa Falcone, Hogbert, Linda Jackson, & Kim Ellin..

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted
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CLASSIFIED ADS

Hanger available at Quonset - it would hold a small twin or smaller airplane. Price depends on size please call Steve at 401-338-9747

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)

USED C172 PARTS FOR SALE:

-Complete original **exhaust system** for a Cessna 172M, (O320 engine) in good condition. This system was removed so as to install a Power Flow Exhaust System. Asking \$800

-Two sets of **McCauley main wheels and brake calipers** from a Cessna 172M. All in good condition. They were replaced with Cleveland wheels. Asking \$125 and \$75 per set.

-Sigtronics **Intercom**, SPA-400, w/ installation manual. Asking \$100

-II Morrow **Loran**, Apollo 618C, with antenna and all manuals. Best Offer

-ARC **Nav/Com** RT-385A with IN-385 indicator and tray. (24V). asking \$500

-ARC **audio panel**, with tray (24V). Asking \$150

-ARC **marker beacon receiver** R-402A (24V). asking \$75

-**(NEW)** Rapco **vacuum instrument filter**: #RA 1J10-1, \$10 Call Frank...days 401-787-2338 or evenings 401-727-2580

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

PLANE PAPER BY EMAIL

Beth is collecting members preferred email address so you can go green and receive the newsletter in living color. Send a note to Beth at ETETREULT@cox.net to get on the list.

NOTAMS

"A Raider-Pilot Looks Back"

Bill Guenon, was an air commando pilot who flew the lead C-130 on the night, secret & dangerous, rescue mission to Son Tay Prison, North Vietnam in 1970. Bill will share his eyewitness account of the Raid to free American P.O.Ws being held in the shadows of Hanoi.

Using the call sign "Cherry-One," they flew low and slow...20 knots below landing speed ... in radio-silence, leading the unlikely formation of six "Jolly Green" helicopters carrying 56 Green Berets to Son Tay and back – all while slipping under the radar through a maze of SAM, MiG, and Triple-A defenses around Hanoi.

Enjoy the high-anxiety details of his 1994 daytime return to Son Tay 24 years after the raid...including his arrest and interrogation by North Viet police. Bill's story is up close and personal with behind-the-scenes anecdotes that tell the rest of this once highly-classified mission. Even the History Channel has covered their raid.

Bill has written the first definitive book by a raider – **SECRET And DANGEROUS**, -- it includes 70 pictures --an insider's view of the raid. Bill will be bringing copies of his book for autograph and sale at the meeting.

NOMINATIONS

We will be accepting nomination for the Associations officer's positions. There is 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 21st.

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.

QUONSET AIR SHOW

The air show at the end of June was a big success. Over three hundred people attended the Friday RIPA sponsored cookout

EVENTS

36th Annual International Seaplane Fly-In

Moosehead Lake , Maine

September 10-13, 2009----

Thursday, September 10

From 12:00- Shuttle Van will be running
1:00-5:00 PM Registration 6:00-9:00 PM
Buffet/Sunset Cruise aboard the Katahdin,

Friday, September 11

8:00-all day Registration
Free Day of Flying and Exploring the area
Participate in the Poker Run
Visit the unique shops in Greenville
6:00PM- Lobster and Steak Cook-Out at
Telford's Hangar at the Greenville Airport

Saturday, September 12

7:00-9:00 AM Public Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge,
9:30 AM Pilot's Meeting (Sign Up for Contests
10AM-all day Organized Fly-Bys, Exhibits at
Stobie Seaplane Base, Craft Fair-Downtown
Greenville Aircraft Arrivals
1:00-5:00PM Seaplane Contests – Take-Offs,
Landings, Accuracy Bomb Drops, Spot
Landings, 2 Man (or woman) Bush Pilot Canoe
Race Organized Fly Bys
5:30-6:30PM Social Hour at Telford's Hangar
6:30-8:30PM Buffet Dinner at Telford's Hangar
8:30-9:00PM Awards, Special Presentations,
Special Presenter will be Astronaut Michael
Lopez-Algeria, USN Ret.

Sunday, September 13

7:00-9:00 AM Breakfast at the American Legion Hall
8:00-10:00 AM Seaplane Pilots' Association
Member Breakfast/Meeting
10:00AM to finish Completion of Contests Taxi
Slaloms, Demonstrations, Fly-Bys and aircraft
departures
This schedule is subject to change due to
weather and time constraints.

A Family Event Celebrating Aviation

Featuring "Young Eagles" FREE airplane rides for kids ages 8-17*

• static aircraft displays • classic and antique autos • RC model aircraft • flight simulator • amusements • food court • fun and educational activities • and more! •

Westerly State Airport Airport Road, Westerly, RI

Saturday, September 12, 2009 10am-4pm

Rain Date Sunday September 13

Proceeds from sponsorships will support the WAA Scholarship Fund. For more information, please e-mail: amelia.noseheart@cox.net (include WOW in the subject line) www.wstaa.net

*Young Eagles airplane rides for eligible youths available on a first-come, first-served basis, weather permitting.

MEETING NOTICE

Come and join us. **Make your reservations today** by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by September 6, 2009.

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2009

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 Haddock, Meatballs with Penne Marinara, Garden Salad, Two Garden Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Baked Bread.

Mixed deserts,
Coffee and Tea.

Price: \$20 per person

\$5 just coffee and dessert

Bring someone special

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 meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER

Bill Guenon Author of **"A Raider-Pilot Looks Back"**

To join RIPA'S YAHOO Group go to www.RIPilots.com/join. Remember if you have changed your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.



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Harrisville, RI 02830

EVENTS SCHEDULE

**September 8- Dinner Meeting
Safety Seminar**

September 10-13 - Greenville Sea Plane Fly-In.

September 12 - WOW Celebrates Aviation
at WST10am-4pm

September 29 – Board Meeting

October 13 - Dinner Meeting

Nominations for AOTY

Nominations for Office

We will start our Thanksgiving basket

October 17 - Sport Plane Expo at SFZ

rain date the 23rd. With a FAA led safety seminar, breakfast and lunch.

October – Harvest Hangar Party

October 27 - Board Meeting

November 10 - Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting

Bring a donation for the food basket

November - RI Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet

November 24 - Board Meeting

December 12 –Holiday Gala

Quonset "O" Club

Reservations needed