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PRESIDENTS CORNER

.I'm trying to get back in to the cycle of RIPA things - like board meetings and finding speakers and moving the agendas along after a great summer of flying events---but it's not easy. The highlight of my summer was a two week trip out west starting in Rockton, IL to visit an old Navy buddy then onto Oshkosh to hang out with my brothers at the AirVenture fly-in (three Mitchell brothers and three different airplanes). After a week camping in a tent, it was a welcome change to head back to civilization and spend time with family - down to KC to visit my uncle and then onto Carthage, MO to visit my parents and do a couple of projects on their house. I then headed down to Arkansas for some Lake flying with my brother and back home. I was in the airplane on all but three of those days, and it was a blast; but the real highlight of the trip was the characters I met along the way.

- There were two guys from Jersey in an overloaded 172 when I stopped to let a thunderstorm pass in Indiana. They ended up following me up past Chicago under the low overcast till we parted ways in clearer weather.
- Then there was Jack, Dale, Kristina and Corbin who went for a ride to the seaplane base on Lake Winnebago. Seaplanes get special handling when coming and going from Oshkosh to the seaplane base, so I make it a habit of introducing new people to the seaplane experience.
- All the Pirates at the Pirates Cove where the nightly Grog is one of the favorites. (at least my favorite)
- The Perras brothers from Vermont by way of California with the most gorgeous Lockheed Electra and the even better stories of their restoration projects.
- Kiman Kingsley – the farmer, sprayer, restaurateur from the middle of nowhere (Miller, MO), who played around on Stockton Lake in my Lake, and

- thinks he might need one to add to his nine other airplanes.
- Boyd's Adventure Center – another place in the middle of nowhere on the Mulberry River in Arkansas where rock crawling is a main event. (I didn't even know what "rock crawling" was till I went there), and they have a great little grass strip.



I wanted to be at Gene Bielecki's event, but I was at a family reunion in the Rocky Mountains. I've heard from several that were in attendance and I missed a great tribute to one of our own.

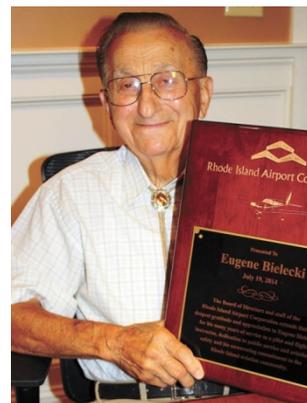
Now that I've retired, I have finally given up on PVD and moved my plane to North Central. After flying all over the country this summer, I just don't need the extra hassle that seems to get worse instead of better. We are forming a new committee to work with RIAC on all GA issues so maybe we can make some progress.

I'll see you in September at our next meeting

Myron Mitchell



HANGAR FLYING



Smithfield resident Eugene Bielecki was honored by the Rhode Island Airport Corporation on July 19, with a ceremony at North Central State Airport. Bielecki, who first flew solo in 1946, has acquired some 30,000 flight hours in his career between flying and instructing. (Valley Breeze & Observer photo by Meghan Kavanaugh)

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
June 10, 2014

Myron Mitchell, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:10 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed for members of the armed forces. There were 46 members and friends present at the meeting. A dinner recess was called after table introductions.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as written in the Plane Paper.

Treasurer, Fred Crudale, reported \$4063,76 in the General Fund and \$4105,49 in the Scholarship Fund. All bills are paid,

Mike Spieth, Vice President, spoke about the Young Eagles flights.

Myron Mitchell, President, reported on the meeting with Kelly Fredricks and RIAC and their tour of all the RI airports.

Announcements:

-June 22 – RIPA Poker Run.

-Rene Cardon has jackets and shirts for sale.

Free dinner was won by Myron Mitchell

Door prize winners: Graeme Smith, Alex Paiva, Fred Crudale Mike Kelly, Myron Mitchell, DaveLachapelle, Dee Scanlon,.

Graeme Smith gave a presentation on his flying obsession.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

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Respectfully Submitted

Marilyn Biagetti

Acting Secretary

eMAIL BAG

Marilyn, good morning!! Erin is very excited to receive the scholarship award.

She will not be home from college for May because she is spending a few extra weeks for more flight training.

Thanks again for your support of Erin..

It's Mauricio Agudelo, this year's scholarship winner. I just completed Basic Cadet Training at the Air Force Academy. Unfortunately, I have not used any of the scholarship fund as you may know. Would it be possible to use it here in Colorado, at the Academy specifically?

Response: That is possible as long as it's not used for partying

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: RIPA Jackets, Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Pens.
Contact Rene Cardon at (651-3528) or meetings.

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info@slidedown.com<http://www.slidedown.com/>

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Plane Share available South County Flying club has several openings. We operate a 1974 Grumman AA5 Traveler w/a 160 HP engine, IFR certified w/dual com. radios, dual nav. radios w/glide slope. The aircraft is very well maintained and hangared. We are based at Quonset State (KOQU); our flying rate is 65.00 per hr. wet. For more information call Jerry at 401-828-5092

Based at SFZ: 1969 Piper Arrow PA 28-200R, Factory Reman Lycoming, New Hartzell Prop, \$20,000 for 1/2 share

Call Al for details 401-578-4494

CESSNA PARTS FOR SALE:

*Complete **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 \$600

*One complete set of **McCauley main wheels and brake calipers** from a Cessna 172M. All in good condition. Removed for upgrade with Cleveland wheels. \$150

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

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

*Cessna 172 **Service Manual**, 1969 - 1976, \$25.

*Cessna 172 **parts manual**, 1963 thru 1974, \$25

Call Frank...days 401-787-8668

FOR SALE: Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL(cases & drums). 123 Ocean State Dr. North Kingstown, RI 02852 1800 554 4557

Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.

Marilyn: 568 3497, Fax: 568 5392, email biagettim@aol.com

EVENTS

POKER RUN

The first annual RIPA Poker Run was a great success. The weather could not have been better. The participants were enthusiastic and the food was great. About \$2400 was raised for the RI Children's Cancer Fund. At a guess there were 25 planes and 100 hands sold. Among the prizes was an IPAD and a headset donated by David Clark. All in all, a success, and many thanks to the hard working committee.

Note from RICCF: Thanks to the generosity of friends like you, parents find comfort, care, and support in the Ronald McDonald Family Room.

SAFETY SEMINARS

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT SFZ
To view further details and registration information go to - <http://faasafety.gov/>

JOIN THE FLY TO LUNCH BUNCH.

Contact Rene Cardon (or appear at AVPorts at SFZ) around 9:30 on Saturday and/or Sunday. Don't forget, if you want to get a text message about where and when the **Fly to Lunch Bunch** will be going, email your cell phone number to RCARDON182@aol.com. They would be happy to have you join them.

Every Saturday Morning - KUUU Pilot's Breakfast

Tickets Bar and Restaurant, Middleton 08:15
If you fly in - check at the maintenance hangar for a ride no later than 08:00

RIPA's businesses

AIR Ventures Flying School LLC

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NOTAMS

Nominations for officers will be on the agenda. Please think about ways you can help. Also, an Airman of the Year can be nominated, Please let a member of the board know if you have any ideas.

Eugene Bielecki honored

By MEGHAN KAVANAUGH, Valley Breeze Staff Writer
SMITHFIELD - After nearly seven decades of flight, a Smithfield pilot has been immortalized at North Central State Airport.

Eugene Bielecki has been flying planes since 1946, was honored in a July 19 ceremony with a plaque in his name that now hangs on the wall of one of the hangars.

The Rhode Island Airport Corporation event, held at the airport where Bielecki became part-owner, vice president and chief flight instructor in 1959, was attended by many pilots who earned their wings thanks to Bielecki's instruction over the years.

Bielecki said he has taught more than 1,000 people how to fly in his lifetime, and has granted licenses to most pilots in Rhode Island. Calming the nerves of these aeronautical newcomers is one of his specialties, he said. "I learned quite a bit about how to make them at ease," Bielecki said, noting that he always has coffee and donuts or muffins ready at the start of the pilot's exam, and keeps a slip of paper with the word "relax" on the dashboard.

"Believe it or not, it works," he said.

Tricks like these were learned over the course of his 68-year-long career, which is still going as he continues work as a flight instructor and Federal Aviation Administration-designated pilot examiner.

It's a job he had dreamt of ever since he was a little boy, who at the age of 7, saw a two-winger biplane with engine problems land in a field.

The whole neighborhood came running to check out the plane, he said, and someone lifted him up to see the cockpit.

"From that day, I was fascinated with these flying machines," he said. Ten years later, while serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, Bielecki learned to fly at an airport in Georgia. The war ended, and two years later, he earned his commercial pilots licence in 1948 with the G.I. Bill. His flight instructor certificate came the next year.

Over the course of his 30,000-hour career - which adds up to almost three-and-a-half years of his life spent airborne - Bielecki has earned numerous awards, including the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award in 2005 for 50 years of accident-free flying. He was inducted to the Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame in 2009.

But it was this latest accolade that made him emotional, he said, for being recognized with such fanfare.

"I was kind of surprised that they went that far," Bielecki said. "It brought tears to me and many in the audience."

Gene is one of the founding members of RIPA and still an active member.
EDITOR

MEETING NOTICE

Please make your reservations today by calling 401 568 3497 (leave a message) or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by September 7, 2014

Date: Tuesday September 9, 2014

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

Place: Place: **Chelo's** in Warwick
Airport exit off Rte.95 to Post Rd south,
500 ft on right

Buffet of: Baked Salmon and
Oven Roasted Chicken Quarters
Meatballs & Penne Marinara
Garden Salad
w/house dressing
Garden Vegetables,
Baby Carrots
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Fresh Bread
Assorted Cake Slices
Coffee and Tea.

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

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

SPEAKER

Scott Martin re Haiti Relief Flights-
local pilot Scott Martin and local minister Dennis Baril flew mercy missions to Haiti following a devastating earthquake.

Stay posted - check our website at
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EVENTS SCHEDULE

September 9 - Dinner Meeting
September 30 - Board Meeting
October 4 - Safety Seminar SFZ 9:00am
October 14 - Dinner Meeting
October 28 - Board Meeting
November 1 - Safety Seminar SFZ 9:00am
November 11- Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting
November 25 - Board Meeting
December 6 - Safety Seminar SFZ 9:00am
December 9 - Holiday Gala
December 30 - Board Meeting