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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

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Welcome back,

Summer is almost over and that means kids are back at school and we have RIPA meetings. It also means we have sent out our 20 Week Club tickets for the scholarship program. I thank everyone for purchasing tickets in the past that makes the scholarship possible. Due to reduced ticket sales in the past we decided to remove the \$1000 raffle prize. I know that some will be disappointed about that, but it was done to preserve the \$3000 in scholarship awards. If ticket sales increase then we can add that prize back.

Thank you,

Hope to see you at the meeting,  
Michael Spieth



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## HANGAR FLYING

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### Watercooler Talk - An instructor's perspective

Sitting around this week under the painful cover of a stationary front that is causing low ceilings, showers, and no flying, there has been a lot of hanger flying going on. Any pilot who has been around a flight school or FBO for any length of time knows what this is; seasoned aviators recanting their feats of daring, while the new pilots sit wide eyed in awe wondering if they will ever be able to land in a 100kt crosswind, in the middle of the night, at an unlit grass strip, on a beach, while delivering critical supplies of rum to a resort.

All is good and well with hanger flying, but it gave me a bit of a pause when one of the pilots started handing out advice about landing technique to a couple of the new pilots.

The pilot, who has been a private pilot for some time now started explaining a technique that he recommended be used any time the wind conditions were higher than calm. The fledgling aviators, still pie eyed and filled with wonderment, were absorbing the technique tips like a kid with a bag of skittles that their parents didn't know about. While the pilot's explanation was sincere, I was trying not to visibly grimace at the complete lack of aerodynamic evidence of what he was telling them they should do.

A bit later, when everyone's leashes had grown short and the actual responsibilities of life pulled everyone away from the airport, I got a phone call from one of the budding aviators. He had clearly been mulling over what the more senior pilot had explained to the group earlier, and he asked me "Can we go out the next time it is very windy and practice what he told us to do?", my answer, which was no – much to the pilots disappointment, was the no of a parent telling a child they couldn't have a cookie, but a no in the form of an explanation as to why it was a bad idea to employ any of the techniques he had just learned along with where to reference the appropriate information in a few publications.

I was glad that the student had called me, and even more so that he had accepted my explanation and gone to seek out the information I had referred him to, but at the same time I became worried. What about everyone else who had heard the pilots explanation? What were they going to do?

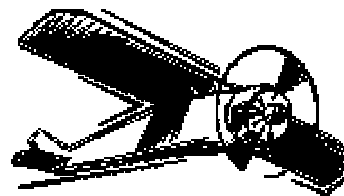
An important thing to remember in aviation is what you don't know can kill you, however what you think you know, can kill you even faster.

When you are hanging around the airport on a rainy day, be sure to take what you hear from anyone with a grain of salt. Make sure that you don't just go and apply some newly learned technique that you heard across the water cooler in bad conditions without doing some research and consulting an expert first.

**Doug Auclair**

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## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting  
June 12, 2016

Michael Spieth, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:05 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed. There were 29 members and friends present at the meeting. A dinner recess was called after introductions.

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

Treasurer, Fred Crudale, reported \$1814.24 in the General Fund and \$6861.57 in the Scholarship Fund.

Mike introduced our scholarship winners. Brett Pollina, Jacob Greenburg, and Erin Mathews. Mateo Efstathopulos, was unable to attend.

Door Prize winners: Jeff McGuire, Mike Kelly, Bill Williams, Ann Crudale, Jacob Greenberg, Kim Ellin, Jan Crouse, Fred Crudale, John Ferro, Myron Mitchell, Jim Burns and Maryann Lamothe.

Members reminisced about their flying adventures.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.  
Marilyn Biagetti, Acting Recording Secretary

## RIPA's businesses

### AIR Ventures Flying School LLC

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**FOR SALE: Slidedown Aircraft tiedowns** - Contact Sal Corio at. 401-737-5800 Email. info@slidedown.com <http://www.slidedown.com/>

**Plane Share wanted-** Responsible, Flexible, 3000 plus hour pilot looking to lease/share/purchase a 4 or 6 place. Have hangar, if you have a plane that isn't flying enough give me a call maybe we can work something out. Joe Crocker 401 603 7309

**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

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### CESSNA PARTS FOR SALE:

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

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

Call Frank...days 401-787-8668

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Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.

Marilyn: 568 3497, email [biagettim@aol.com](mailto:biagettim@aol.com)

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## NOTAMS



### **Newport's NEWEST CFI -**

Congratulations to Brett Pollina on making his CFI. One of RIPA's scholarship winners earned his new rating in June.

### **Ross McCurdy goes for a fuel efficiency World Record.**

The weather was good Tuesday July 12th and the aviation biofuel performed perfectly in the SMA engine. Thierry Saint Loup, Vice President of SMA Engines and I flew Paramus Flying Club's SMA Cessna 182 for 848 nautical miles over a nonstop triangular course for just over 9 hours to set a fuel efficiency World Record in the C 1-C class airplane, land, 1,000 - 1,750 kg.

We had an NAA official observer so this should be official once everything is processed.

Ross

**The Flight Deck** is a new restaurant at Dillant-Hopkins Airport, Keene, NH with an extensive menu. Hours of operation: Tuesday - Thursday 11 - 8, Friday 11 - 9, Saturday 8 - 9, Sunday 8 - 4, closed Mondays. There is an outside patio, with umbrellas, and parking in front of The Flight Deck with fuel available. A great place to add to your weekend lunch flights. Contact; THEFLTDECK.COM, [info@thefltdeck.com](mailto:info@thefltdeck.com), (603) FLT-DECK (353-3325). Fred Crudale

### **Board Meeting**

Mike, Fred and Marilyn met at Chelo's at 6:15 for our monthly board meeting. After picking out the menu we discussed upcoming speakers.

-Mike will verify the September speaker, Jim Ignasher, a RI historian that specializes in RI aviation, with Frank Oliveira.

-Upcoming speakers were suggested and will be contacted.

-The 20 week club mailing is progressing. Members will be reminded that the scholarship depends on their generosity.

-Our financial statement was reviewed. Suggestions for economizing will be looked into.

The summer was a topic of interest, and the heat seemed to be a particularly annoying problem, but did not completely ruin the summer. The most vexing was how quickly the season has passed.

## EVENTS

The **Gene Bielecki Aviation Camp for CFI's** on Sept 24, 2016 at SFZ has been posted on FaaSafety.gov. Be sure to register only 50 seats are available.

It's going to be great. We have three terrific speakers in the morning to help you show the next generation of pilots how to stay safe. Lunch is included. In the afternoon we have six slots to fly with the pros in tail wheel airplanes to actually hone your skills at absolutely no cost to you. There are only six flying slots available here are the rules:

-You must be an active CFI

-You must attend the seminar.

Be sure to register at FaaSafety.gov

Send an e-mail to us at [NEAEF@cox.net](mailto:NEAEF@cox.net) to request your flight.

Hope to see you there

Robert Berlyn

### **OPERATION TERMINAL DOSE**

Volunteer "VICTIMS" needed.

Where - TF Green Airport

When - Sept 15th, 2016. 18:30 -23:30 local time

To volunteer (must be 18 years of age and prepared to sign a photo and liability waiver) Contact - Jack Thomas [JThomas@pvdairport.com](mailto:JThomas@pvdairport.com)

**RIPA Mystery Fly-Out for brunch.** Destination varies with weather. Plan to depart from North Central State Airport (SFZ) at 10 AM on Saturday or Sunday. Anyone is welcome to join.

### **Thursday Night Dinner Flyouts**

VFR Flyouts to dinner at local airports. To be added to the notification list email [graeme@graemejwsmith.com](mailto:graeme@graemejwsmith.com). Or check for details on the KUUU and KSFZ Facebook pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/kuuupilots/>

### **Every Saturday Morning - KUUU Pilot's Breakfast**

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

**Tri City Departure:** Cessna 12345, squawk 4305

**Cessna 12345:** Tri City, um, we just noticed we are missing the knob for the last dial on the transponder.

**Tri City Departure:** What number is it on?

**Cessna 12345:** Zero

**Tri City Departure:** Standby, let me see if I can get you a code that ends in zero

Climbing out of my home airport with our friendly (and funny) tower controllers, I heard:

**Tower:** Cardinal XYZ, check transponder.

**XYZ:** Turning it on, sorry, guys, XYZ.

**Tower:** Cardinal XYZ, never admit your mistakes on frequency, just say it was warming up.

**XYZ:** All warmed up! XYZ.

**Tower:** That's the spirit.

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## MEETING NOTICE

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**Please make your reservations** today by calling 401 568 3497 or via email at [RIPAemail@aol.com](mailto:RIPAemail@aol.com) by September 11, 2016

Date: Tuesday September 13, 2016  
Time: 6:30pm Cocktails  
7:00pm Dinner  
Place: **Chelo's** in Warwick  
Airport exit off Rte.95 to Post Rd south,  
500 ft on right

Buffet of:

- Steak Tips
- Baked Salmon
- Penne with meatballs
- Garden Salad w/house dressing
- Garden Vegetables,  
Baby Carrots
- Rice Pilaf
- Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- 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.**

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## SPEAKER

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September- **Jim Ignasher**, a RI historian that specializes in RI aviation,

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## EVENTS SCHEDULE

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### **Skylark Airport (7B6) Events**

Saturday September 17 –Taildragger, Vintage & .....Experimental Safety Seminar  
Saturday October 8 –Young Eagles Flights at Skylark  
Saturday October 22 –Pancake Breakfast

**September 8/11-** Greenville International  
Seaplane Fly-In

**September 13 - Dinner Meeting**

**September 24 - Gene Bielecki Aviation Camp**  
.....for CFI's at SFZ 9:00am

**September 27- Board Meeting**

**October 11- Dinner Meeting**

**October 25- Board Meeting**

**November 8- Dinner Meeting**

**November 29- Board Meeting**

**December – Holiday Gala**