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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Last month, Dr. James Ross (AME from Bristol, RI) gave an informal talk on aviation medical issues. His claim was that just about anyone can get a medical (with few exceptions) was sort of shocking. Many of the ailments and medications that prevented people from getting a medical in the past are now looked on by the FAA as not being as big a deal. So go see Dr. Ross if you need a medical – he seems like a descent guy who knows what the FAA is looking for and wants to help GA pilots. If you are in doubt as to whether you will be able to get a medical certificate, don't fill out the FAA 8500 medical application form, because once you do so the doctor is required to file the paperwork whether you pass or not. If you just go initially for a routine physical, the doctor can give you an idea whether you would be a good candidate for a medical certificate, or whether you have a condition that would not allow you to pass.

We have an exciting lineup of fall activities. At the October 10 dinner meeting, the Mysterious Harvest Flyer will speak, and the Nov 14 meeting will have a talk on Corrosion Prevention given by John from AeroServ Express. As always, there are weekend flyin's to various destinations of interest. Contact Rene Cardon if you would like to go – even if you don't have an airplane you could likely tag along with someone else. The weather has been great so far, so get out there and fly!

October 10 – The Mysterious Harvest Flyer  
November 14 – Corrosion Prevention (AeroServ Express)

Bill Weedon



## HANGAR FLYING

### Greenville, ME

After packing luggage for three, Paul Tocco, his daughter Janice and myself, we left for Greenville, ME around 11:00 am on Friday morning with sunny skies and a quartering tail wind. I'm glad Paul packed light to make up for the heavy suitcases belonging to his daughter; you know how girls can be.  $\frac{3}{4}$  tanks and we are still kind of heavy, but my trusty Hawk was still climbing at 700 feet per min. We stopped at Sanford for a bite to eat, and then continued direct to 3B1. It was a nice VFR day for flying. We all had a nice time at the steak & lobster cookout at the airport, with a safety seminar to end the day, given by Ken McDonald.

Saturday started out sunny but a rain line move through midday for a couple of hours, and the sun returned. It was still a full day of activities. Saturday evening the Rhode Islanders gathered at the Birches for dinner and conversation. We didn't see any moose this year but I almost ran over a raccoon.

Sunday morning was another nice day for flying. After checking out the last minute activities, we departed 3B1 around noon direct to LEW for fuel and food. From there, direct to SFZ with smooth air and another quartering tail wind. How often does that happen? This was another picture perfect weekend of flying activities.

Frank Oliveira



Fly by, three RC-3 Seabee's      pix/FrankO



1931, S-39 Sikorsky Flying Boat "Spirit of Igor"      pix/FrankO

## MEETING MINUTES

Bill Weedon, President, called the September 12, 2006 meeting to order at 7:10 pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence for the troops over seas. Les and Pat Corey from the Fall River Pilots Association were introduced. Table introductions were followed by a recess for dinner.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting as published in the newsletter was seconded and approved.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer reported that there was \$3507.84 in the General Fund and \$3793.08 in the Scholarship Fund. The Treasurers report was seconded and approved.

Bill Weedon reported that Paul Tocco, former President, wrote to Textron requesting donations.

Bill forwarded a letter to Phil Boyer of AOPA asking if they could present a Safety Seminar.

Work at Quonset Airport is moving along.

Ballots for nominations for Airman of the Year and Officers of the Association are available at the door.

A Harvest Hangar Party is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> at Corporate Air at Providence Airport.

Marilyn Biagetti, Scholarship Chair, reported that the material for a mailing is being prepared and should be mailed in October.

Rene Cardon, Windsock Chair, has secured a supply of windsocks and replaced one at SFZ.

Door Prize winners include, Rick Jacks, Frank Sherman, Bill Weedon, Dee Scanlon, Beth Tetreault, Karen Cornell, Paul Carrol, Ron Tetreault, Jack Crouse and Les Carey.

Twenty Week Club winners for August were Barry Miller, Gabe Laurenzo, Katherine Obesco and Katherine Obsco. For September - Rick Demaine, Ken MacDonald, Jean Biagetti, and Dee Scanlon.

Dr Ross spoken on medical issues and the FAA.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.  
Respectfully Submitted Marilyn Biagetti



## NOTAMS

**Donations** of non-perishable food, for our annual Thanksgiving Basket, will be accepted at the October and November dinner meetings. If you have a special organization that you feel would use the donation, let us know. Remember those less fortunate

## SAFETY SEMINARS

*This editor had been desperately searching for the Safety Seminar schedules for this area and did not realize the problem until Frank Sherman, RIPA's Safety Seminar Chairman, sent this reply.*

In case you're not aware, the FAA safety program is being changed as of October 1st. Up to now it has been just that a safety program with a "Program Manager" at each FSDO and people like myself have been called "Safety Counselors". As of October 1st there will be only one "Program Manager" for each Region, which is a substantial decrease in FAA inspectors dedicated to aviation safety. The new name for the program will be "FAAST" which stands for "FAA Safety Team" and people like myself will be "FAAST Team Members" not safety councilors.

Jack Keenan is the manager for the New England Region and he has been in contact with me about setting dates but Bob Berlin the chief instructor at Horizon will be the Rhode Island FAAST Team Leader.

As I understand it, things will have to go through Bob Berlin so there will not be conflicting seminar dates. It's a new program and of course it would be nice if things go smoothly but there will probably be some hang-ups.

To be honest I wish I could go back to having "Memory Joggers" but if I am to be a member of the team I must play with the team.

As soon as there are any dates, subjects and locations I will let you know. I will also be posting that information on the old "Memory Jogger" email list.

Frank Sherman fjbsherman@cox.net

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

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Departing out of Edmonton AB, CYXD, I was talking to departure.  
**City Center:** Grumman RGG, I see you over [pause] I forgot the name of the town.

**RGG:** Morinville

**City center:** Right. Cleared enroute, radar service is terminated.  
[pause]

**City Center:** Everybody on frequency pretend they didn't hear that.

**Unknown:** Roger

**RGG:** Wilco.

## EVENTS

**RIPA's Annual Harvest Hangar Party** will again be hosted by Gary St Germaine of Corporate Air on October 28th at their hangar on Airport Road in Warwick. Bring your friends and family.

**The Quonset Air Museum** is proud to announce that retired Navy pilot and Anti-Submarine Specialist John Gordon Bradley, Jr. will lecture on Wednesday, October 11th at 7pm as part of the museum's monthly Aviator Series. The Navy pilot was one of the first to spot a German U-Boat off Block Island in the final days of WWII. The German submarine would sink the SS Black Point off Pt. Judith killing twelve. It was Germany's last sub attack, but the story doesn't end there. Bradley's talk at the Quonset Air Museum in North Kingstown and is open to the public at no charge. For information Contact Quonset Air Museum, John Shepard, Executive Director email: [jshepard@theqam.org](mailto:jshepard@theqam.org) phone: 401.556.0928

4th Annual Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame induction and dinner will take place on Saturday evening, November 18th at the historic Varnum Armory in East Greenwich. Tickets will be \$50 per person and \$90 per couple. Tables of ten are available at \$400., Call Frank Lennon at 831-8696 for reservations

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**For Sale:** Garmin 195, Carrying case, antenna, charger, yoke mount fittings, computer cable, manual. \$200. Bob McCollough, 884-5214 after 6:30 p.m. Please.

### Used Headset For Sale

TELEX ANR 4000 in good condition. Gel cushions. Uses 6 AA batteries or can be hot wired (12V).\$175.00 Call Frank, 401-787-2338 weekdays.

**Wanted: Aircraft Mechanic Trainees.** Up to an **\$8,000.00 cash bonus, the Montgomery GI Bill and Kicker, plus a Student Loan Repayment Program, limited time only, don't miss this opportunity.** The RI Air National Guard has several openings for C-130 Crew Chiefs, Aerospace Propulsion Technicians, Avionics Technicians, Fuel Systems specialists, plus more. Paid technical training, travel, college education, and retirement benefits. - For more information contact Col Matt Dzialo or Capt Ron Cloutier at (401) 886-3549

**FOR SALE:** Ocean State Oil is offering current members a discount on AEROSHELL(cases & drums). SHELL Flight Jacket, plane care products are now available. 1339 Davisville Rd, Quonset 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)

## FROM THE e-MAILBAG

From: howard.rowland@verizon.net

Subject:[ripa] My airplane in EAA Sport Aviation magazine

Date:Fri, 8 Sep 06

Hi everyone, I was very surprised to see my C-172 in the Oshkosh 2006 pictures in the September issue of EAA Sport Aviation magazine. It is on page 27, the second plane from the bottom in the right side picture.

Howard

Howard, you should have scanned it and emailed it to everyone...Best Regards, Paul Wyrstek

*Bill is trying to arrange a AOPA Safety Seminar*

Talked to Twyla Perkins, Phil Boyer's secretary.....Phil is booked for the remainder of 2006, but he is definitely interested in hosting a Pilot Town Meeting in RI, and feels we are long overdue. He would like to do it before AOPA Expo in Hartford in October 2007. I suggested March or April 07 as possible dates, since RIPA doesn't meet in the summer.

Thanks, Bill Weedon

Greetings,

This is just for those who care.

I was admitted into Memorial Hospital Thursday evening on September 21 for six days because of a loss of hearing in one ear and I was also having trouble focusing. Preliminary blood tests showed border line positive for Lyme Dieses. So they started treatment for that. Fortunately it wasn't Lyme. After numerous tests and visits by a few specialists, it turned out to be viral Labyrinthitis, which is an inflammatory of the inner ear. I'm told that it will go away in about 6 weeks and I should be fully recovered.

Hope to see you all soon.

Grounded for now.....FrankO



pix/FrankO

Bob Danis and Ken MacDonald enjoying Saturday evening at the Birches with the rest of the gang.

## MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations by calling 568 3497 or email [RIPaEMail@AOL.COM](mailto:RIPaEMail@AOL.COM) by Sunday, October 8, 2006.

Date: Tuesday October 10, 2006

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: Boneless, Cajun Pork Chops and Scrod au gratin, potatoes, rice pilaf and vegetables,

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.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

October - **the Mysterious Harvest Flyer**

November - John McCarthy from Aeroserv Express to speak on Corrosion Prevention

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## EVENTS SCHEDULE

### October 10 – Dinner Meeting

Nominations for AOTY

Nominations for Office

We will start our Thanksgiving basket

11 - Quonset Air Museum lecture by retired Navy pilot and Anti-Submarine Specialist John Gordon Bradley, Jr

12 - Aero Club of New England dinner meeting at the Sheraton-Lexington

### 28 -Harvest Hangar Party

6:30 Hangar 1, PVD

### 31 – Board Meeting

November – 14

### Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting

Bring a donation for the basket

18 – RI Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet

### 28 - Board Meeting

### December 8- Holiday Gala

Quonset "O" Club

Airman of the Year presentation

Reservations needed