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PRESIDENTS CORNER

The seminar we are offering in October, "**Spatial Disorientation and Synthetic Vision - What's Ahead?**" has a value of one credit in the Knowledge, Elective, and Basic areas. So register, update your profile, and join us for what looks like an informative and fun program. If you don't want to join us for dinner \$5.00 buys a great dessert, coffee and a good time learning about what we love!

Beth



HANGAR FLYING



The crowd at the sea plane base. Pix/Frank O

GREENVILLE September 7th – 9th

Hi folks, many RIPA / SFZ pilots made their way to the 34th annual Greenville Seaplane Fly-In, in Maine again this year. I departed SFZ on Friday just before noon, into a beautiful, sunny day with a light quartering tail wind. This year Mike Spieth accompanied me, flying right seat. Visibility could have been better, but it was still VFR. After a short stop for lunch at Auburn / Lewiston (LEW), onto 3B1 where the weather was rather hot and sunny both Friday and Saturday. All the activities at the Fly-In went on as scheduled. It seemed like there were less sea planes there than usual, but still plenty of participants for all the fun. The hanger buffet and movie, on Friday evening was enjoyed by many. Saturday evening, twelve RI pilots gathered at "The Birches" for a nice dinner and conversation. This has been a long standing tradition. The weather cooled off Saturday night and Sunday morning was just great in Central Maine. Unfortunately the weather south of Lewiston was looking rather poor. With a head wind and on an IFR flight plan we headed home. The air was smooth with light rain, IMC most of the way back. The trip came to an end with a localizer approach into SFZ, breaking out around 1200 feet MSL. All went as planned. Frank O



These are two float planes competing in the shortest take off event. Pix/Frank O



Our group at The Birches Lodge, minus Paul Tocco
Pix/Frank O

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
September 12, 2007

Beth Tetreault called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. There were 30 members and friends present, After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed for the 9/11 families and our troops overseas.

Beth announced that ballots for nomination of officers and Airman of the Year are available at the door.

The Board of Director is asking for suggestions for speakers, especially one for November, and events.

RIPA would like to submit pilots for FAA's Master Pilots Award this coming year. RIPA will have applications available and provide any assistance we can.

A new member present, Bill Williams, flew helos for 38 years for RI Guard.

Table introductions were followed by a recess for dinner.

The Secretaries Report was approved as published in the Plane Paper.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported \$3363.77 in the General Fund and \$1989.91 in the Scholarship Fund.

Rene Cardon, Events Chairman, reminded us about AOPA flyin at Hartford 10/4-6, Members must call to Rene to attend the Quonset beach party flyin 9/16 and instructions to the site can be obtained in the lobby. 20 Week Club tickets are available from any board member, Rene Cardon (401)651-3528 or at the dinner meetings.

Door Prize winners were: Fred Crudale, Barry Miller, Bill Weedon, Andy Andersen, Kim Elin, Paul Tocco. Bud Elin, Jan Sherman, Bill Williams, Roger Biagetti, John Hayes and Dan Scanlon.

20 Week club winners were Marianne Lamothe for August and Mike Kelly for September.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm
Respectfully Submitted
Marilyn Biagetti
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EVENTS

FAA Safety Seminar at this month's dinner meeting will feature Jack Keenan reviewing vertigo, a leading killer of pilots. Then look into the near future of synthetic vision in the cockpit.

Join us in a review of the causal factors of spatial disorientation, one of the prime causes of pilot fatalities. Try your hand and head in the Vertigo Chair.

Then sit back and enjoy an information filled presentation on synthetic vision for pilots. Chuck Burkhead, V.P. of Sales and Marketing for VistaNav of Mercury Computer Systems, can show you what's outside while flying IFR by using VistaNav. It's the latest development in synthetic vision for pilots.

RIPA's Annual Harvest Hangar Party will again be hosted by Gary St Germaine of Corporate Air on October 26th at their hangar on Airport Road in Warwick. Gary and their crew always go the extra mile to make us welcome so bring your friends and family and show them how much we appreciate their hospitality.

HOLIDAY GALA

The holidays are just around the corner and it's again time to start making plans to attend RIPA's Holiday Gala.

Music, good food and the holiday spirit add to the normal camaraderie of pilots to make this a grand occasion.

Reservations are needed. Send in the enclosed form or contact Dan Scanlon. Please join us.

WAA Harvest Breakfast

October 7th from 7AM to 12 noon.

Menu: Apple pancakes (plain also available) with real maple syrup, Sausage or bacon, Coffee and juice

\$6 per adult, \$4 for kids under 12.

At the "Green Hangar," Westerly State Airport
Proceeds benefit WAA Scholarship Fund.

Come hungry! Come to volunteer! Fly in or drive in - but DO come, to enjoy food and friendship.

Rain or shine Best regards, Sandy Niles



Members meet at Rene's place. Pix/ReneC

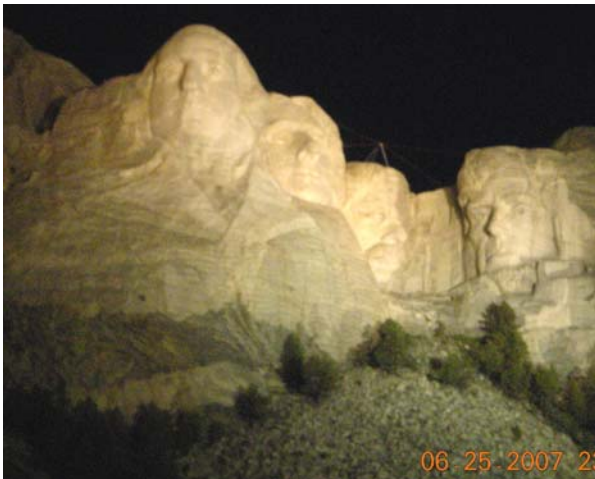
YELLOWSTONE TOUR

Three planes and six members toured several National Parks and sites this summer. Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Mount Rushmore, the Bad Lands and Deadwood were some of the highlights.

Rene supplied a disc of pictures but that included the wide variety of Flora and Fauna and spectacular views.



Rene Cardon, Hector Girouard, Paula & John Sulyma, Debra & Paul Carroll at Grand Tetons National Park.



Just one of the sites

CLASSIFIED ADS

Step up to a twin! Cruise safely and comfortably 8000 feet doing 175 knots, economically at 26 gph. Great IFR platform.

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.

For Sale: Garmin GPS 196 with all attachments for Aircraft and Automobile and Carrying case. \$400.00 Call Al at (401)523-2647

For Sale: 4hp Power Tow (\$350) with external storage box (\$200) for sale. I used it to move my Piper Lance, which I sold. The folks at Power Tow will sell you all the upgrades to a new system for about \$300, selling you everything but the engine and transmission. Its located at Nashua. Call me days 978-437-1835 or garykoznh@comcast.net. Gary

Used Headset For Sale

TELEX ANR 4000 in good condition. Gel cushions. Uses 6 AA batteries or can be hard wired (12V). Make an offer Call Frank, 401-787-2338 weekdays.

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

NEW RATINGS

Robert K Berlyn recently renewed his Master CFI accreditation. Bob is the operations director and chief CFI for Horizon Aviation, a Part 141 flight school at Providence Airport (PVD). He also serves in the CAP's Rhode Island Wing and is a FAAsteam representative for the FAA's Boston FSDO.

Of 91,000 CFI's in the United States, fewer than 600 of them have Master CFI accreditation thus far.

FAA NEWS

The WINGS – Pilot Proficiency Program is designed to help each pilot construct an educational curriculum suitable for their unique flight requirements. It encourages pilots to continue their aviation educational pursuits and requires education, review, and flight proficiency in the Areas of Operation found in current Practical Test Standards (PTS), that correspond with the leading accident causal factors.

The FAA WINGS Program has changed and it is important that you comply with the new requirements in order to receive the proper credit for those educational opportunities in which you participate.

To comply with the new requirements you must be registered with the FAA at www.faa.gov. From the home page select Wings - Pilot Proficiency Program and then either login or register, update your profile, and register on-line for all seminars you attend.

Pilots participating in the WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program to at least the Basic Phase need not accomplish the flight review requirements of 14 CFR part 61, if since the beginning of the 24th calendar month before the month in which that pilot acts as pilot in command, he or she has satisfactorily completed or currently holds the Basic or higher WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program phase in an aircraft (reference 61.56(e)).pilots who participate in the program throughout each year so as to maintain at least the Basic phase will always have a current flight review as the date for your Basic phase and corresponding flight FAASafety.gov WINGS Pilot Proficiency Program 6 review will move as you continue your safety education by participation in accredited FAASafety.gov activities and courses. All WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program activity and dates can be conveniently tracked on FAASafety.gov. There are three phases – Basic, Advanced, and Master as follows:

Basic Phase

This phase is designed for those pilots who want to establish a recurrent training program that will provide them a higher level of proficiency than merely preparing for a normal Flight Review as required by 14 CFR 61.56. To obtain the Basic phase, each pilot must complete three knowledge credits of instruction and when required, demonstrate proficiency as required in the respective PTS, as outlined in each course description. One or more of these credits are designed to cover current subject matter that the FAASafety.gov has determined to be critical areas of operation, which in the preceding months have been found to be major causal factors in aircraft accidents. The remaining subject matter credits are left to the discretion of the pilot and may be picked from any elective course or

syllabi as deemed appropriate by his/her Authorized Instructor. FAASafety.gov WINGS Pilot Proficiency Program 7 This phase requires the use of the Practical Test Standard (PTS) for the pilot certificate held or the Private Pilot PTS, whichever is lower, for the category and class of aircraft used. A pilot must also complete three credits of flight. Completion of a credit of flight for this or any phase of flight requires demonstration of proficiency in the Area of Operation(s) required for the credit sought, as stated in the appropriate Practical Test Standards.

Advanced Phase

This phase is designed for those pilots who want to design a program that will take them a step above Basic. It affords the opportunity for a pilot, in concert with his/her instructor, to tailor a portion of the training to fit more specific needs of the individual while maintaining the requirement to demonstrate proficiency. To obtain the Advanced phase, each pilot must complete or hold the Basic phase as outlined previously. The Advanced phase requires an additional three flight credits and three knowledge credits using the Commercial PTS for the category and class of aircraft used, or the Private PTS when there is not a Commercial PTS, or if completion of the Basic phase used the Sport or Recreational PTS, the Private PTS will be used for this phase.

Master Phase.

This phase is designed to give even more flexibility to a pilot's need for specialized training. While most often this phase will require the use of higher PTS standards it will also allow for the addition of specialized equipment and flight environment training scenarios. To obtain the Master phase, each pilot must complete or hold the Advanced phase as outlined previously. The Master phase requires an additional three flight credits and three knowledge credits using the Commercial or ATP PTS for the category and class of aircraft used and the Instrument Rating PTS, if one is available for the category and class of aircraft used. A Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) may not be used at this phase.

A current listing of course material, subject matter, FAASafety.gov events, activities, flight requirements and credit values can be found by going to your "My WINGS" when you are registered on FAASafety.gov and signed up for the WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program. This list may change periodically, reflecting the dynamic nature of aircraft accident causal factors and FAASafety.gov emphasis areas.

THE eMAIL BAG

From: Fred Crudale
Date: Sun, 9 Sep 2007 10:08 pm

Unlike Bill Weedon, I had a good experience flying into BAF (Westfield/Springfield). As John Holmander taxied into the parking area a lineman came out to chock the tires, and he literally rolled out a red carpet for us. He informed us that the nice restaurant we sometimes go to was closed, but we could use their courtesy car to go for breakfast.

The lineman escorted us into the brand new Terminal Building where we were greeted by a pleasant young lady who gave us a list of restaurants with directions. When we returned from having a good breakfast, we talked to George Munson, who gave John and I the Grand Tour of the new terminal.

On the first floor is a large lounge, a good pilots flight planning room, car rentals, and other rooms and offices.

George has a part of the second floor where he runs AD UP Aviation flight school. Also on the second floor a new restaurant is being installed with some tables out on the big Observation deck.

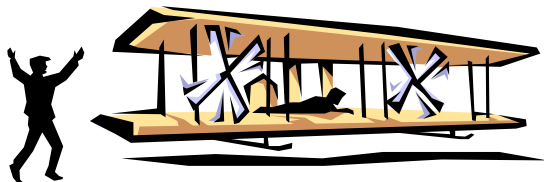
PLUS, the FBO, AIR FLYTE Inc, sells 100LL for \$3.91 per gallon. Needless to say John topped off all four tanks.

So, don't give up Bill, there still are some good and accommodating places to go to for that \$100.00 Hamburg.
Fred Crudale

Dear Fellow Aircraft Owners & Pilots:

The United States Senate is considering a bill that will impose a \$25 per-flight air traffic control user fee that would harm general aviation. This is unacceptable and may well be the beginning of a down hill slide toward more and more user fees. This Senate bill, #S. 1300, is called "Aviation Investment and Modernization Act of 2007." The House version of the bill, which they should support, is: H.R. 2881

Your action to help stop user fees for General Aviation is needed immediately. Please contact your U.S. Senators today. This is vitally important to the future of General Aviation.
Greg Herrick Publisher



NOTAMS

The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

RIPA will once again solicit members to be honored with FAA's Master pilot Award. Applications will be available at meetings and applicants will be aided, if necessary, in completing these forms.

About the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

FAA recognizes pilots who have contributed and maintained safe flight operations for 50 or more consecutive years of piloting aircraft. The recipient will receive a certificate and lapel pin and an FAA award certificate.

20 WEEK CLUB RAFFLE

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.

SPEAKER NEEDED

The Board is asking for suggestions for dinner meeting speakers, specifically, a speaker for the November dinner meeting. But we would like to get ideas for the coming year. If you have a suggestion, please let a board member know.

STAY IN TOUCH Join RIPA'S YAHOO Group. Go to www.Yahoo.com, select groups in column on left. Enter Rhode Island Pilots into the search. You can join once you've logged in.

Remember if you have changed your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.

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

Flying our Bonanza from Cape Cod, Massachusetts to Morristown, New Jersey at 6,000 feet with a big thunderstorm to the west, we were handed off to New York approach:

Me: Approach, Bonanza Eight Zero Lima level 6,000, heading 270.

Approach: Bonanza Eight Zero Lima, descend and maintain 5,000.

Me: Okay to stay at 6,000 for a better view of the weather ahead?

Approach: Whaddever, sure, stay at 6,000.

Later, we were close to some buildups when approach turned us right to 280 degrees.

Me: Eighty Lima, would really rather turn left about 10 degrees to stay out of the buildups ahead.

Approach (Exasperated Tone): Okay, do whatever you want to do. Just let me know when you're done.

MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations by calling 568 3497 or email RIPAE@AOL.COM by Sunday October 6, 2007.

Date: Tuesday, October 9, 2007

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:

Meatballs & Ziti, Scrod Au Gratin,
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.

GUEST SPEAKERS

October – Jack Keenan will review causal factors of vertigo, a leading killer of pilots.

Chuck Burkhead, V.P. of Sales and Marketing for VistaNav of Mercury Computer Systems will demonstrate the near future of synthetic vision in the cockpit.

EVENTS SCHEDULE

October 4-6 - AOPA Expo 2007 - Hartford, CT

October 7 - WAA Harvest Breakfast

7AM to 12 noon.

October 9 – Dinner Meeting

October 30 – Board Meeting

October 26 – Harvest Hangar Party

November 13 – Dinner Meeting

November 16 - Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame dinner and induction

November 27 – Board Meeting

December 8 – RIPA Holiday Gala



Holiday Gala

December 8, 2007 at "O" Club, Quonset Point

6:00pm Cocktails

7:00pm Dinner

Officer's Buffet: Steamship Round of Beef, Chicken Piccata, Shrimp, Scallop & Crab Sauce, Penne Pasta, Salad, Dessert & Coffee, Music, door prizes, bar

\$32.50 per person

Number Attending: _____

Name(s): _____

Remit check payable to RIPA, mail to: **Dan Scanlon, 1199 South Road, East Greenwich, RI 02818**