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PRESIDENTS CORNER

What makes an airplane fly? Well I've always maintained the only things you really need are "Money and Airspeed" I know that money is not an essential component of the basic lift formula, but try to get an airplane off the ground without it.

Most people are content to pay the rental fees while they undergo the rigors of flight training. However, once you've mastered the basics of flight and obtain the prestigious Private Pilots Certificate, you realize that you're hooked.

If you decide to take the leap after exploring all of the associated cost of ownership, congratulations, you are now the proud owner of an airplane.

Maintaining your new or slightly used investment is sometimes inversely proportional to the amount of enjoyment you are receiving. If you're not flying a lot (Once or twice a week) you may start to notice new oil leaks, tires may need to be inflated prior to flight, birds and nest may have to be removed from flight control surfaces regularly. It can get expensive and you're not getting anything for your money.

I'm sure that most Southern New England owners will agree that the single largest maintenance problem they deal with is corrosion. Aircraft operating in a salt laden environment (within 80 miles of the ocean) is extremely costly for owners and operators. Hangaring and washing the aircraft regularly (after a flight) is the best thing you can do, even if it is just a "Fresh Water Rinse" If your airplane has to stay outside investing in a good quality cover will go a long way to help protect your baby. Extra attention needs to be paid to exposed components such as bearings, hinge-points and unprotected surfaces like the aluminum clamps that attach your anti-collision beacons. If you see evidence of corrosion it should be telling you that further investigation is warranted.

Many of the aircraft we fly are older than our kids and that's a testament to the care and maintenance they have received thru the years. Keep up the good work and as always....

"FLY SAFE" Tom Magnan



HANGAR FLYING

September always has a real nice event to go to which is The International Sea Plane Fly-In in Greenville, ME. There is always a bunch of Rhode Island pilots that attend by either flying or driving there every year. We have our traditional dinners and gatherings which makes it that much more fun. The weather Gods were good to us this year bring sunny days with mild temperatures for the whole weekend. We didn't even get the typical morning fog.

For the first time in many years I didn't take my aircraft. I acted as co-pilot for "The Hound" in his trusty Cardinal. It turned out VFR both ways which allowed me to just relax and enjoy the scenery. On the way home we stopped at Sanford, ME (SFM) for fuel and we got to see a Radio Control Jet event held at the south end of the airport. These are pure turbine powered R/C jets. They are really something to see, very fast and they sound awesome. Another fun weekend had by all except Rene ended up in the hospital! That was the only glitch but many of us pitched in to help him out and get him home so he could get local care. Rene is now on the mend. Get well soon Rene.

Fly Safe.....Frank Oliveira



Here are a bunch of us at Rene's house during the Sea Plane Fly-in. Looks like I caught Paul doing something wrong!

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This is a turbo-prop air tractor on amphibious floats used as a fire bomber for the State of Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources, very unique. Seen at 3B1

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MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
September 12, 2011

Tom Magnan, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. There were 35 members and friends present at the meeting. A dinner recess was called after table introductions.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as presented at the meeting.

Treasurer, Beth Tetreault, reports \$7285.85 in the general fund and \$4061.61 in the Scholarship Fund. The report was accepted.

Announcements:

Don Bousquet has agreed to speak at the October meeting.

The monthly Safety Seminars at North Central Airport will now be held on the first Saturday of the month.

Rene Cardon has been in the hospital and is now home recovering

Nominations for a slate of Officers were opened; Tom Magnon was nominated and seconded for President.

Nominations remain open.

There were no door prizes or Twenty Week Club names draw because Rene Cardon was not present. Double prizes will be drawn next month.

Barry Morgan, from PVD Tower, was introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted

Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

EMAIL BAG

Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame induction dinner

Due to a number of unfortunate circumstances, to include the sudden death of our caterer and the unavailability of our proposed speaker, we have postponed the event originally scheduled for October 29 until mid-January. As soon as we fix the new date we will let you know.
Frank Lennon 401-831-8696

EAA Chapter michael spieth Every year we have the Old Buzzards in October. Chapter members give rides in their aircraft. We have traditionally held it on a Sunday, so I'm planning for October 23 at North Central Airport 10am to 2 pm. Please email me if you are able to give a ride in your aircraft.

To join RIPA'S YAHOO Group go to
ripa-subscribe@yahoo.com.

Keep posted on our website at Rlpilots.com

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FOR SALE, 1975 Cessna 172M, at OQU, IFR panel with dual Narco digital radios and much more. Well maintained, sound airplane. Flies beautifully. 7gph. 4375 TT, 1640 SMOH. \$27,000. Call Gene at 401-808-9105 or Fred at 401-295-1927.

Exxon 20-50 W oil for sale. \$6 per quart. Have 18-20 quarts of oil due to the changing the type of oil. Call Phil at 524-1697.

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Drop cord is set up for standard audio and mike jacks. Includes case, new ear cushions and mike cover. \$400 Call Joe at 401-339-250

Comant XM Antenna CI-420-1:

This is a brand new Comant Industries XM Satellite Antenna Model CI-420-1. It is in its original box and has the 8130 form with it. This item sells for over \$520.00 on every aviation site. It is compatible with Garmin, Avidyne, and others. Asking: \$250.00. Larry 401-714-2220



Based at SFZ: **1969 Piper Arrow PA 28-200R**, Factory Reman Lycoming, New Hartzell Prop, IFR with Dual Narco Digital Radios & Glideslope CDI's, Panel Mounted GPS, Auto Pilot, Nice Cross Country Aircraft \$13,500 for 1/3 share or \$20,000 for 1/2 share Call Al for details 401-578-4494

USED 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. Asking \$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. *(NEW) **Rapco vacuum instrument filter: #RA 1J10-1**, \$10. *Seven Quarts of **Aeroshell W65**, asking \$30.

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). 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@cox.net

Social Security, Cheap gas and Beans

The Hound and his faithful companion Franko recently rediscovered a delightful little airport and ice cream stand in Montague Ma. The airport is Turners Falls and the ice cream stand is The Country Creemee. As much as I wanted to keep this place a secret word got out to the pirates at North Central one morning. They eagerly assembled a war plan, climbed aboard their rickety Boooooonnnnzaaas and other flying machines and descended on this pristine little town in Western Mass. Five planes and 12 pirates with Franko leading the charge, as it was rumored that they had cheap gas. It turns out fuel was "only" \$5.19 per gallon. My Cardinal will hold 60, but on that day it took 61. Franko's took 128!

After the much ballyhooed cheap gas ran out of the pumps, we walked over to the ice cream shack and ordered up an orgy of culinary delights not seen in these here parts for the last century. Number one on the menu was the home made beans, sold by the cup. Let me tell you, as the last to order and get to the table, I know how Slim Pickens felt in Blazing Saddles. Need I say more? Hey, more cheap gas! The beans were excellent I am told. I had a grinder which I split with my passenger Steve. He is 17 with a good appetite, as I have as well. Let me tell you, it was a struggle to finish my half. And then came the ice cream. Lots of flavors and combos. Soft serve, hard, even that yogurty stuff. All yummy. And priced right for those of us on a fixed income

While we were sitting at the table I began to list the cast of characters with me, just for the purpose of writing this article. Then it struck me. Of the 12 swashbucklers there, 5 are on Social Security, 3 are self employed, 2 worked for large companies and one is currently unemployed. Not a good ratio of workers to collectors. To make matters even more interesting, Hector (Breaker of Horses), has been collecting Social Security since two years before FDR was elected. That is when I did some quick math. Since I was the youngest of the old folks, I will retire in 17 years, six months and 2 days, that leaves only Steve, the youngster to work and pay for all of us. Imagine all that responsibility on his shoulders 20 years from now. I know what you are thinking and yes, Hector will still be collecting at the tender age of 108 years old.

Anyhow, we thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Turners Falls. The walk from parking to the shack is a short one, and well worth it for the treats, and beans.

"THE HOUND"

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Turbine powered Radio Control model jet seen at SFM!

[pix/FrankO](#)

NOTAMS

Harvest Hangar Party

Gary will once again host the annual Harvest Hangar Party. Bring a friend, bring some treats, or just join us for some serious hangar talk on October 28th starting at 6:30pm. See you there...

Airman of the Year BALLOT is included in this newsletter. We ask members to consider who they would like to see nominated for Airman of the Year. Please take the time to fill it out and return it. If you wish to submit your own name that is acceptable,

BOARD MEETING

Due to unavoidable circumstances this meeting was a telephone conference held on Thursday evening. No discussions, just verifying arrangements of the upcoming business and events.

SAFETY SEMINAR CHANGED

First Saturday of the month At SFZ

Sponsored by Landmark Aviation; John H. Sulyma Insurance Agency; & New England Aviation, Inc.

STEPHEN W. GROTA

Phone: (781) 357-4935 stephen.grota@faa.gov

To join the Fly to Lunch Bunch, contact Rene Cardon (651-3528) or appear at Landmark at SFZ around 9:30 on Saturday and/or Sunday. They would be happy to have you.

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MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by October 9, 2011

Date: Tuesday October 11, 2011

Time: 6:30pm Cocktails

7:00pm Dinner

Place: Chelo's in Warwick

Airport exit off Rte.95 to Post Rd south,
500ft on right

Buffet of: Oven Roasted Chicken Quarters,
Baked Salmon,
Meatballs & Penne Marinara,
Garden Salad w/assorted dressings, Garden
Vegetables,
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.

EVENTS SCHEDULE

October 11 – Dinner Meeting

October 23 – the Old Buzzards EAA Chapter

Give rides at SFZ 10:-2:

October 25 – Board Meeting

October 28– Harvest Hangar Party

PVD Hangar 1 at 6:30pm

November 5 – Safety Seminar at SFZ

November 14 – Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting

Food Basket donations

November 29– Board Meeting

December – Holiday Gala

Air Man of the Year Award

December 27– Board Meeting

January - Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame
induction dinner

RHODE ISLAND PILOTS ASSOCIATION

2011 Airman of the Year

I wish to nominate:

Members Name: _____

Return by September 20, 2010 to:

RIPA Ballot

c/o Marilyn Biagetti, 104 East Ironstone Road,
Harrisville, RI 0283:

Or Return to the September Dinner Meeting