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HANGAR FLYING

HARVEST HANGAR PARTY

A cold and rainy evening brought out 40 of our intrepid members to Corporate Airs hangar. Once again we thank Gail and Gary St Germaine for all their contributions to a great evening.



Nice to see Bob Giacobone and Paul Santopietro. It's been too long...

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

If you missed the October Meeting, you missed a great one! Bob and Cindy Wolff did an incredible presentation describing their trip tracing The Lewis and Clark Expedition. Bob shared how the trip came about and many of the highlights of the flying experience.

November promises to be another great meeting. Jake from PVD Air Traffic Control (a Pilot Controller) along with a Pilot/Supervisor at the PVD Tower will come and share their profession and tips of flying in and around the Rhode Island Airspace. Come and enjoy their presentation from this unique flying perspective.

Please help us support our flying freedom. The FAA has sought to make the Washing ADIZ space permanent. If you think this doesn't apply to you--**YOU'RE WRONG!** The Rhode Island Pilots Association and AOPA encourage **YOU** to comment on proposed restrictions to airspace in the Washington DC area that threatens to expand to other parts of the country. For more on FAA Docket 2004-17005 and links to submit your comments, see www.aopa.org. Please contact Senator Chafee and Senator Reed's office. Let them know that this could affect the permanent freedom of many pilots.

AOPA has shared with me that if this is successful, that it is likely the same action could be taken in New York, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles and other major cities. This impact could be severe. Please make your comments today. **THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS NOVEMBER 2.**

Happy Flying. Paul Carroll



Rick Arnold, Sally Terry, Jan & Frank Sherman greeting a friend.



Gail cleaning up . Thank you once again....



Debbie Tocco with Debbie Carroll waiting in line at the buffet, behind Jim Terry & Paul.

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting

October 12, 2005

Paul Carroll, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM at Chelo's Restaurant on Post Road in Warwick, RI. We said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and we observed a moment of silence. After introductions of the RIPA members and guests, a motion to approve the minutes of the previous RIPA dinner meeting was seconded and passed.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported \$177.70 in the RIPA general fund and \$3,886 in the RIPA scholarship fund.

After dinner, Bob Wolff spoke about his trip along the Lewis and Clark Expedition Trail with his wife, Cindy.

The dinner meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Korrie LaBrie

Door Prize winners were Jerry Scanlon, Tony Palumbo, Laura Laurienzo, Dick Gould, Don Pillsbury, Susan Soules, and Gene Bielecki.

Twenty Week Club winners were Mark Larue, Frnk Constable, Charles Belshe and Danisa Gavlik.



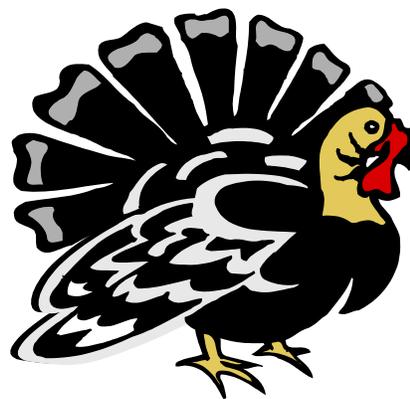
Jean & Jerry at the RI Aviation Historical Society induction dinner.

Rog & I, along with Jean & Jerry attended the induction ceremony of 4 more nominees into RI's Aviation Hall of Fame.

A cold rainy evening in an old hall, East Greenwich's Varnum Armory, was made pleasant by a tour of the facility and the company of friends. Jenny Murray, Providence native, helicopter pilot, record holder and an inductee last year, gave an interesting slide presentation on her flight to the South Pole.

Inductees must all have a significant attachment to RI. Nominations are open from the general public via a detailed resume submitted to the RI Aviation Hall of Fame.

The evening had an exciting twist when, as the buffet was beginning, the fire alarm went off. Thinking that a waiter had accidentally opened a fire door, we all ignored the noise until a frazzled waiter came in insisting we all evacuate because smoke had been detected in the building. Well, soon 200 formally attired guests were standing out in the rain, watching the flashing lights of the fire trucks. And since the coatroom was down stairs, there were many ruined hairdos and very damp jackets. As it turned out, a sterno had ignited a cloth napkin and the server, taking the burning napkin into the hall, had stomped it out directly beneath a smoke detector. Except for the slightly cool food and odor of damp clothes, a good time was had by all. EDITOR



NOTAMS

HOLIDAY GALA

It's time to start thinking about the coming Holiday season... Get in on the fun part by coming to **RIPA's Holiday Gala** at the Quonset "O" Club on December 10th. Camaraderie, good food, music are all-inclusive, Call Dan at 885 1196 go to RIPILOTS.com or email your reservations. Hope to see you all there!!!!!!

AEROSERVE

Jeff Soules invites members to attend his open house November 16, 6-9. Check out the new facility and enjoy dinner, open bar, and a raffle for a GPS. RSVP to 753 2121 or bob@aeroservexpress.com

THANK YOU

Frank Constable and an anonymous donor for their contributions to the Windsock Program.

BOARD MEETING

I can't believe I missed a meeting... well almost. A phone call at 7:20 inquired as to my condition and informed me that the meeting had started... The big problem was that someone had to record the minutes and since I was not stuffing envelopes Frank, Paul, Korrie, Dan & Dee decided that it should be me, via telephone??? It worked.

Over and above the routine, the renewal mailing was completed, music for the Holiday Gala was verified and final arrangements for the Harvest Hangar Party were straightened out. It was a very quick meeting since someone was paying for the phone call(or, it was harder to interact, thus keeping the rhetoric down),

St. Andrew Annual Christmas Bazaar

The annual Christmas Bazaar will take place at St. Andrew Parish Center on *Block Island*, Saturday, November 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. At the Bazaar you will find locally made **holiday craft** items; **silent auction certificates and gifts** from businesses and restaurants; **birdfeeders made by our children**; **NEW** items which will make suitable gifts for the holidays and a great selection of **home made baked goods**. As always, the bazaar offers a great place to have **lunch** and **shop** with friends.

Christmas Bazaar Raffle

1st Prize - \$500.00 2nd Prize - New England Airline Tickets 3rd Prize - Interstate Navigation Tickets Suggested Donations for tickets - \$2 each/12 for \$20

Your participation helps the Guild to financially support the Mary D. Fund, BI Fire & Rescue Squad, Little Sisters of the Poor, as well as many other non-profit charitable organizations.

Gratefully, Block Island Catholic Ladies Guild, Inc., POB 1893, Block Island, RI 02807

NOTAMS

THANKGIVING BASKET

Bring a donation of non-perishable food to the November dinner meeting for our annual Thanksgiving Basket,. If you have a special organization that you feel would use the donation, let us know.

If you wish to comment on the **ADIZ over Washington DC** you can use this AOPA link that has been set up for that purpose. They have comments, facts, updates, and links and can assist in constructing your statement. <http://www.aopa.org/adizalert/>

Construction Update

October 23, 2005

Here is another update on the construction.

WST

All substantial work has been completed on the ramp areas.

There are portions of the ramp that still have not been painted and caution should be used.

There is heavy construction in progress for runway 7-25, these construction vehicles utilize taxiway (F), TWY (A) and cross runway 14-32. **EXTREME** caution should be employed by all airport users. Everyone should be patient and expect delays. The runway should be completed by November 22nd and this should close out all work on airport.

There will be a new ramp/taxiway alpha [full length] parallel to runway 7-25 and the runway itself.

OQU

Ramp and tie-down areas are complete. This includes the old taxiway (W).

All surface markings are complete with a new painted travel roadway for vehicles. This has improved safety for all here at OQU.

Taxiway (W) is still under construction and is still closed to aircraft. A completion date of late November is still valid.

SFZ

All work has been completed for the ramp, including new surface markings.

Taxi lane centerline has been relocated, pilots should become familiar with this and use caution

RWY 5-23 and TWY (A) are scheduled for complete overhaul in our next fiscal year

Nate Pickel Training Manager Quonset Airport

FROM THE e-MAILBAG

AL Lamothe ...We won't be making the Hangar Party this weekend, I recently had Back surgery and am still recovering and not able to do very much yet.

Subject: [ripa] Fuel Prices Date: 10/26/05 From: pills@verizon.net

Hi list

With prices at SFZ hovering at \$4.75/gallon, our sport has taken on a new level of expense. If it stays at that level, I think it will have a long term chilling effect on GA. The fuel suppliers have been quick to raise the prices and probably like them at that level. I suspect they will be slow to come down as auto gas has. After all, we represent only 2% of the gasoline consumption which is probably more of a pain to the gas companies than it is a profit center.

Fuel sales are, however, a huge profit center for the FBO's, typically half of the price goes to the FBO's profits which overall are admittedly slim. The auto gas prices are declining because of competition. What I propose is that we try to introduce more competition into the avgas picture.

If we, as we fly around and land at SE New England airports, buy gas there and report back on this forum what they charge, we as a group can reward those who are more competitive. Also, if you use an AOPA Master Card, you can get a 5% rebate. Piedmont Hawthorne used to be in that program but has dropped out system wide. Most independent FBO's are in that program. That represents another 20 to 25 cents per gallon savings. What do you think? Thanks, Don

Subject: RE: [ripa] Fuel Prices Date: 10/26/05 From: bgudauskas@us.bnsmc.com

I unfortunately am no longer in your guys area (moved away), and have not admittedly been involved because of that, but I have a thought.

I think there are a few websites, that keep track of gas prices (maybe even an aviation one or two). Because they already have the infrastructure setup, and some information, you might want to take this idea, but supply the info to a specific site that you as a group decides is a good one.

I used to go to a site somewhere back when I flew more, but I cannot find it now.

Just a thought. Good luck. Brian

FROM THE e-MAILBAG

Subject: RE: [ripa] Fuel Prices Date: 10/26/05 From: rol.murrow@wolf-aviation.org
Hi RIPA folks,

Like Brian, I am now at E32, a far Western outpost for RIPA, but still follow events in New England - and still advise the Aero Club of New England. I agree with him that it might be best to participate in one of the established services.

I checked to see if AOPA still offered a service but couldn't find anything current. They used to be involved with "Fillup Flyer's" Fuel Finder service. Perhaps some of our RIPA members who use such a service could recommend one for us all to support.

For instance I note a nifty free service on AirNav at <http://www.airnav.com/fuel/> and the prices seem pretty current. Try running a search for 100LL on OQU and you will get a nice selection of airports and prices.

Such services are always looking for updated prices. Your participation would be a big help for both your RIPA associates and for all pilots.

Cheers, Rol

Subject: [ripa] Re: fuel prices Date: 10/27/05 From: marygrady@cox.net
Hi,

I would agree with Rol that AirNav is a good place to go to get this info, and also to contribute any updates. They have been tracking fuel prices for 8 years and seem to have a pretty good system going. They are the guys we talk to at AVweb when writing about this topic.

Mary

CLASSIFIED ADS

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 Road, Quonset 1800 554 4557

Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.

Marilyn Biagetti: 568 3497, Fax: 568 5392, email biagettim@cox.net

SAFETY SEMINARS

Gene Bielecki reminds you that RIPA Safety Seminars include coffee & donuts and door prizes.

Date: November 10, 2005

Time: Thursday, 7:00pm

Place: CCRI, Warwick, RI

Topic: **Flying the Hudson River VFR Corridor**

Have you ever wanted to fly down the Hudson River VFR at 1,000 feet, flying between Newark and Manhattan? If the answer is yes, then this informative seminar is for you. Learn the common pitfalls before you go. Learn how to traverse this VFR corridor safely and easily. After this seminar you will be prepared to make one of the most enjoyable and great scenic flights without fear or intimidation.

Speaker: Doug Stewart, Master CFI and President DSFI Inc.

Sponsor: Rhode Island Pilots Assoc, Greggs Restaurant, ASC Gene Bielecki

2006 Safety Seminar Schedule

Wednesday January 25th,

Thursday February 23rd,

Wednesday March 22nd

Thursday April 20th.

To receive your Safety Seminar schedules online subscribe by going to the following link: <https://www.faasafety.gov>
Call Gene Bielecki, Pilot Examiner, for information 231 6229

If the campus is closed because of weather or an emergency the Safety Seminars are cancelled. Listen for closings on your TV or radio.



Overheard during fleet week practice over the San Francisco Bay;

Nor Cal Approach: Bonanza 1-2-3-4, opposite direction traffic at your 1 o'clock, five miles, five hundred feet above you, Blue Angels flight of two.

Bonanza 1-2-3-4: Negative contact, say again type traffic.

Nor Cal: Two F-18s, blue and yellow. Currently at your one moving to two o'clock ... make that three o'clock ... um ... traffic no longer a factor. Caution, wake turbulence.

Winds 300 at 26...

On a particularly windy day, I was in a skyhawk on right base for 35.

Me: Wind check.

Controller: Winds 300 at 26 ...

(pause)

... We've got the trucks on standby.

When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane, you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash

Airspeed, altitude and brains --- two are always needed to successfully complete the flight.

A smooth landing is mostly luck: two in a row is all luck; and three in a row is pure prevarication.

I remember when sex was safe and flying was dangerous.

Mankind has a perfect record in aviation; we never left one up there!

Flashlights are tubular metal containers kept in a flight bag --- for the purpose of storing dead batteries.

Flying the airplane is more important than radioing your plight to a person on the ground --- who is totally incapable of understanding or doing anything about it.

A good landing is something you can walk away from...

A great landing is something you can walk away from and reuse the airplane...

A perfect landing is a landing made with no one around to see it...

(Be careful what you say, someone might be listening.)

Several months ago, whilst assigned to the Tracon, an incident occurred which still causes great laughter throughout our community.

It was a busy arrival session, the controller was working four VHF frequencies -- including approaches into a satellite airport and two UHF frequencies.

After sending numerous transmissions of, "Blocked!" (by some unknown aircraft chiming in at the wrong time) the controller finally screamed, "Damn it! Every time I key up, some idiot starts talking!"

The entire room busted out laughing and, surprisingly, the controller did not get the humor (which only made it that much more funny for the rest of us)!

MEETING NOTICE



104 East Ironstone Road
Harrisville, RI 02830

Call 782 4743 or email RIPAcMAIL@AOL.COM
by 4:00pm Friday November 4, 2005 to make
your reservations.

Date: Tuesday November 8, 2005
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
Menu: Buffet of a traditional turkey
dinner, with all the fixings
Mixed Desserts, Coffee and Tea.
Price: \$20 per person
\$5 just coffee and dessert

MAIL TO

PLEASE CALL TODAY!!!!!!

**Remember a donation for the Thanksgiving
food basket**

Feel free to join us by 8:00pm if you wish to attend
just the meeting. There is a \$5.00 charge for coffee
and dessert.

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

GUEST SPEAKER

November – John Crowley PVD Air Traffic
Controller/Pilot, will brief us on our mutual problems

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

- November 8 - **Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting**
Bring a donation for the food basket
10 - **Safety Seminar** CCRI Warwick 7:00pm
Flying the Hudson River VFR Corridor
16 – AeroServe Express Open House
6: - 9:pm SFZ RSVP 753 2121
19 - St. Andrew Annual Christmas Bazaar
BID 11:00am – 2:00pm
29 - **Board Meeting**, PVD
Hangar #1, 7:00pm



December 10 - **Holiday Gala**,
Quonset "O" Club
Airman of the Year presentation
Reservations needed

- 27 - **Board Meeting**, PVD
Hangar #1, 7:00pm
January 10 - **Dinner Meeting**
31 - **Board Meeting**, PVD
Hangar #1, 7:00pm