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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Henry Wordsworth Longfellow said, "Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think." As we approach the holidays, and especially Thanksgiving we need to remember that there are a great many people less fortunate than us. So, give what you can to those in need and you will both feel better.

This month we have elections and unfortunately we received no nominations or volunteers for office. We will present a slate for elections and once again we still need volunteers for committees and for Corresponding Secretary.

The Board has a selection for Airman of The Year,. Congratulations to Adrian for the well deserved recognition of his peers.

This will be our last monthly meeting for 2008. I hope to see you at one of the many Holiday gatherings. Please join us at the RIPA Holiday Party December 13th where all who attend always have a good time.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Beth



HANGAR FLYING

Harvest Hanger Party

The party was a success! Our hosts Gary and Gayle St. Germaine put together a fun October party again this year at the Corporate Air Hangar. All that attended seemed to have plenty to eat and a festive time. There were numerous food and snack donations from appetizers to desserts and plenty of liquid refreshments.

There was a threat of bad weather for that evening but the rain held off for the arriving and departing attendees. We all stayed comfortable in Gary's hanger while the wind was rather gusty outside. All in all it was another fun party.



Carlos with our hosts Gary & Gail

pix/FrankO

RIPA wants to thank Gail and Gary St Germaine for hosting our annual Harvest Hangar Party. Once again, the preparation and decorations were greatly appreciated, thank you. .



The crowd

pix/FrankO



Walter, Andy and Dan really enjoying themselves. pix/FrankO

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
October 14, 2008

Beth Tetreault called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. There were 35 members and friends present, After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed, Introductions followed.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported that there was \$1885.81 in the General Fund and \$2243.42 in the Scholarship Fund. The report was accepted.

The Secretaries report was accepted as published in the Plane Papers.

Upcoming events:

Safety Seminar on Saturday in Landmarks Hangar at North Central.

Harvest Hangar party at Corporate Air, Providence Airport.

The Holiday Gala, December 13th at the Quonset "O" Club. Contact Dan Scanlon for reservations.

Airport report::

Work at PVD is scheduled to be completed by 11/1.

Terminals at BI and OQU should be completed by years end.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Tony Rappa. He donated his winnings back to the club.

Door prize winners: Tony Palumbo, Jim Terry, Ken Mac Donald, Debbie Rowland, Gabe Laurienzo, Mike Falcone, Pat Andraka, Toy Rappa, and Tony Fontana,

20 Week Club winners: Larry Levin, Vince Confreda, Pete Belinski, and Adrian Desillier

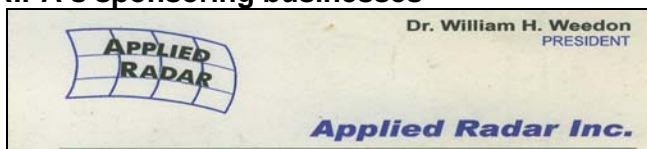
The Guest speaker was Ken MacDonald.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm

Respectfully Submitted

Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

RIPA's sponsoring businesses



ROGER BIAGETTI
EXCAVATING

Weekend Flying

The "Fly to Lunch Bunch" is still flying on VFR weekends and Thursday evenings. Dave Czerwonka and myself have been flying on Thursday evenings for a couple of years now and have recently been joined by Phil Sargent and Paul Tocco, which adds two more aircraft to fly in. We buddy up and take turns flying to some local airport diners for food and more conversation. When the time changes to EST and the weather gets colder the evening flights will subside until next spring.

Last Sunday, seven of us met at Campy's Country Kettle at Keene, NH (EEN). Three aircraft made the journey in absolutely perfect weather. Visibility was unlimited and the winds were light with no turbulence. It doesn't get much better for flying than that! Our motto seems to hold... "we fly for food". Fly safe. Frank Oliveira



CLASSIFIED ADS

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. (check details at www.RIPilots.com/classified)

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

Flying into New Orleans Lakefront, and approach had switched us over to tower. One controller worked both ground and tower frequencies. There was minimal radio chatter with other aircraft but what was there was worth hearing:

Tower:"Cessna XXX, for future reference, the one with the yellow line down the center is a taxiway, and the one with the white line is a runway."

SAFETY SEMINAR

John Adams, Eastern Region FAAST Team Project Manager, Introduced himself to the 70+ attendees and opened a question and answer session. The main concern is the reworked FAAST website. John explained that pilots must register as airman to receive credit for online tests. WINGS phase testing has been updated to test your ability rating and promote proficiency.



John Adams presented a Certificate of Appreciation to John Keenan for his years as FAAST Team Program Manager for this region
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If you are having a problem with your password, it was suggested that you email Kevin.Clover@FAA.GOV with a CC to James.Pyles@FAA,GOV.



Just some of the group Pix/Beth Tetreault



Doug Stewart spoke on your "Personal Minimums Checklist"

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eMAIL BAG

Bill Weedon [whw@appliedradar.com] 11/2 FYI, Avgas fuel prices are dropping big-time. Hanscom Aero Club is selling 100LL for \$4.25. New Bedford (Sandpiper) is \$4.49. In the Chicago area, it is \$4.10. In North Carolina, it's \$3.65!!! Hopefully, the prices in RI will start coming down soon. Maybe we'll see \$2.00/gallon again by the summer? It's not out of the question. Regards, Bill

EVENTS



RIPA's Holiday Gala will be held on December 13th at the "O"Club, Quonset Point. Festivities begin at 6:00pm for Cocktails and 7:00pm Dinner.

The Officer's Buffet: include: Steamship Round of Beef, Chicken Picasa, Shrimp, Scallop & Crab Sauce, Penne Pasta, Salad, Dessert & Coffee, There will also be music, door prizes and bar at \$32.50 per person.

Reservations are needed. Remit check payable to RIPA to: Dan Scanlon, 1199 South Road, East Greenwich, RI 02818

NOTAMS

The **Nominating** Committee will present the slate of officers: Beth Tetreault, President; Bill Weedon, Vice President; Dan Scanlon. Treasurer; Marilyn Biagetti, Corresponding Secretary. The position of Recording Secretary has not been taken. Let us know if you could help.

BOARD MEETING

Beth Tetreault, Marilyn Biagetti, Dan Scanlon and Dee Scanlon met at the office. We were a little short handed but since there were no pressing issues we could proceed.

Preparations for the Holiday Gala are proceeding on schedule. Dan is awaiting member's reservations

Members may wonder what is accomplished at these meetings. For the most part it is routine. We select the menu, suggest and arrange for the speaker (including arranging any special equipment), get a detailed Treasurers report, review committee reports that are presented in person by email or phone. New and upcoming events are reviewed. Items for the news letter are suggested. We also, review member's comments and complaints and act on them. Pertinent information is presented at the dinner meeting. All this is to keep the dinner meetings organized and simple. Members are welcome to attend and some do drop in.

The meeting is informal and can cause the Recording Secretary headaches trying to keep the business separate from the stories.

STAY IN TOUCH Join RIPA'S YAHOO Group. To join go to www.RIPilots.com/join. Remember if you have changed your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.

MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAEmail@aol.com by November 9, 2008.

Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2008

Time: 6:30pm Cocktails

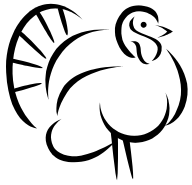
7:00pm Dinner

8:00pm Meeting and Speaker

Place: Chelo's in Warwick

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

Thanksgiving Buffet of:



Chef Carved Turkey & Gravy
with Corn Bread Stuffing Baked
Scrod, Mashed Potatoes,
Butternut Squash, Green
Beans. Cranberry Sauce,
Pumpkin, Apple,

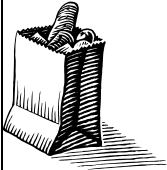
Blueberry pies

Coffee and Tea.

Price: \$20 per person

\$5 just coffee and dessert

PLEASE CALL TODAY!!!!!!



This is RIPA's Thanksgiving dinner meeting. Please bring a nonperishable food item for our food basket.

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

November – To be announced

President Beth Tetreault – 447 5048, ETETREULT@cox.net

V President: Bill Weedon - 474 8082, WHW@appliedradar.com

Treasurer: Daniel Scanlon - 885 1196, F1212@aol.com,

Corresponding Secretary & newsletter editor:

Marilyn Biagetti – 568 3497, biagettim@cox.net

Membership Chair: Janice Crouse

Events Chair: Rene Cardon - 651-3528 Rcardon182@aol.com

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

November 11 – Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting



Bring a non perishable food donation

November 25 - Board Meeting

December 13 – Holiday Gala



Quonset "O" Club 6:00pm

Make your reservations by contacting

Dan Scanlon

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December 30 - Board Meeting