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Math Quiz:

Tickets sold (\$2980) –Prizes awarded
(\$1000+\$500+\$250+\$500=\$2250) –Postage and printing (\$?)
= money left over for SCHOLARSHIPS.

Now that you've done the math you know we can't afford to give out even one scholarship this year unless we do something. We need to sell more tickets in order to give out the prizes and award scholarships. See Mike's generous offer to match any ticket sales and get hold of Frank and buy some tickets. I already put in my order for two more tickets and I encourage you to do the same.

I know you're wondering what I'm talking about because Fred reports on the money. We have more than that in the scholarship fund but only because we have received donations in memory of past members. I don't think you want contributions made to the scholarship fund in your memory-----if you know what I mean!!!



I just got back from flying down to North Carolina for a work party at the house and hangar. Nice short sleeve weather down there. Visited my neighbor's hangar with his three Trikes and collection of vintage mopeds and checked out his apartment that is available for any overflow travelers at my house. Hopefully I'll be there soon and you can all stop by on your way south.

Stop by our next meeting and hear about **Graeme J.W.Smith's trip out west this summer.**

We'll see you at the meeting. Myron



HANGAR FLYING

RIPA's Holiday Raffle

Due to the rather poor ticket sales over the last few years, Michael Spieth, our VP, has offered to purchase 1 ticket (for himself) to match every new ticket sold from now until the December meeting, in order to spur ticket sales amongst our members. Joe Biden might not put his money into the Presidential race, but Mike will. Our ticket sales have been no better than 28% over the last three years. Please participate in this worthy cause as our scholarship funds count on these ticket sales. Remember, there is always a chance that you will win your \$\$\$ back!

You can always purchase tickets from me by simply calling 401-787-8668 or via e-mail.

[<mailto:franko177@verizon.net>](mailto:franko177@verizon.net)

Scholarship Fund Chairman, Frank Oliveira

a new \$20 "Facility Fee"

I am the AOPA Airport Support Network volunteer pilot advocate for the Block Island State Airport (BID). It has come to our attention that our FBO (Avports) who is providing FBO services at Block Island, and the four other RI outlying airports, (WST, SFZ, OQU and UUU) has decided to start charging our out-of-state visiting pilots a new \$20 "Facility Fee" in addition to the normal \$15 landing fee. All RI based aircraft are exempt from this fee. The new "Facility Fee" is actually the Avports former "Overnight Parking Fee" which they have renamed so that they can charge our out-of-state visiting pilots an extra fee, even if they do not spend the night! That is just wrong. . Like some other FBOs, Avports is offering to waive their new facilities if the pilot purchases a certain minimum amount of fuel. Unfortunately Block Island does not have any fuel service, so even that method of fee reduction, will not be available here. And it gets better... the new facility fee is assessed on a calendar day basis which means that if you decide to spend the night, your overnight tiedown fee doubles at midnight!

Under the new fee scheme a day visitor to Block Island will pay \$35 instead of the \$15 landing fee charged before and overnight visitors will pay \$40 instead of the \$20 tiedown fee charged before. Needless to say, this is much higher than any of our nearby shoreline airports, most of which have no landing fee and a \$10-\$15 overnight fee.

It should be no surprise that our pilot visitors to Block Island, Newport, and Rhode Island's other shore destination airports are an enormous driver for our local economies. A 2006 study found that visiting pilots provide the Block Island economy millions of dollars in revenue for Island businesses and sales tax to the State of Rhode Island.

It is therefore clear that this unwarranted fees, and its impact on our pilot visitors, will do much more harm than good to the local economy.

RIAC and Avports is meeting with the members of the Block Island aviation and business communities on November 2nd to discuss the new fee

Henry duPont, Volunteer Airport Advocate (KBID)
AOPA Airport Support Network

Happy
Thanksgiving

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
October 13, 2015

Myron Mitchell, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:05 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed. There were 36 members and friends present at the meeting. A dinner recess was called after table introductions.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as written in the Plane Paper.

Treasurer, Fred Crudale, reported \$2125.67 in the General Fund and \$6511.80 in the Scholarship Fund. Money for the Scholarship was received from Mike and Laura Kelley, and Ted Fuller. All bills are paid,

Announcements:

- November 21st RI Hall of Fame Banquet
- November 11- ACON awards
- Michael Spieth has accepted the nomination for President. Vice President and Recording Secretary are still open. Please contact the executive committee if you would participate or know someone interested.
- Airman of the Year nominations are open.

20 Week Club winners:

Steve Tilley, Barry Miller, Frank Sherman, Myron Mitchell
Keith Bailey, Graeme Smith, Dan Scanlon, Jerry Kempen.

Dinner winner: Ron Stewart

Door prize winners: John Ferro, Mike Kelly, Fred Crudale,
Myron Mitchell, Judy Gintz, Marianne Lamothe, Ann Herard,
Frank Olivero, Jack Crouse, Joe Herard, Paul Carroll..

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.
Marilyn Biagetti, Acting Recording Secretary

RIPA's businesses

AIR Ventures Flying School LLC

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401-828-5092

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install a Power Flow Exhaust System. Asking \$600

***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.

*Cessna 172 **parts manual**, 1963 thru 1974, \$25

Call Frank...days 401-787-8668

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, email biagettim@aol.com

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Isn't it interesting that a country
founded to allow freedom from
religious persecution
is now using
religion to
persecute freedoms?



ROTTEN CARDS USER CARD

NOTAMS

BOARD MEETING

Fred, Mike and Marilyn met once again at Myron's home for our monthly Board meeting. As usual the pizza was delicious. -After the regular reports about the treasurer's report and renewal mailings, the topic turned to the sale of 20 Week Club tickets. The discussion got quite lively. Myron would explain about the funds that are currently available and how they are assigned in the president's corner. Later on Mike offered to match ticket funds collected until December. -Increasing membership was also on the agenda. We will post a flyer at the local FBO's to let new students know about us. -We are still in a quandary about the vacant positions on the slate of officers, Vice President and Recording Secretary. Myron will talk to some members and try to solicit a response. -Our Airman of the Year was selected.

eMAIL BAG

To The Rhode Island Pilot's Association,

I would like to thank you all again for the scholarship awarded to me earlier this year. I am now about halfway through my instrument training as well as my first semester here at Embry-Riddle. I absolutely love it here, every student has 3-4 flight blocks per week which includes either simulator time or actual flight time. It's a lot of work for sure, but it is absolutely paying off and I can't wait to be a part of the aviation industry in a couple of years!

Best regards, Mia Hallgring

From: Ron Stewart [<mailto:rgstew@charter.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 23:54

The Diner at Southbridge (3B0) has been closed for two years.

The Worcester Telegram reported that it will open year round later this month.

Read about it Here:

<http://www.telegram.com/article/20151004/NEWS/151009664/0/SEARCH>

Tue, Oct 20, 2015 9:51 am

Fred just sent me a check.

Please tell him I won't be cashing it and to factor it back into the Scholarship fund. (Might not be so generous with the big draw!) Thanks **Graeme J.W.Smith**

Back in the '60s, at TEB, a student on a cross-country got lost over eastern Pennsylvania and managed to come up on a New York Center frequency asking for help.

When the controller asked for the pilot's name, he responded: "There is no pilot — just me: Carlos."

While monitoring traffic at KAPA, we overheard a Skyhawk pilot having a difficult day. Having gone around on his first attempt, he ended up safely on the ground on his second -- if a bit long and far from gracefully. ... Tower: "Skyhawk 123, you O.K. there?" ... Skyhawk 123: "Yeah. We took a bounce there. [pause] I hope it didn't look as bad as it felt." ... Tower: "It did." - Tom McDaniel

From Short Final

EVENTS

FOOD BASKET

We will be collecting nonperishable food for the annual RIPA food basket at the November dinner meeting. This is our way of saying thanks at this Thanksgiving time.

Holiday Gala

Make your plans for the Holiday Gala.

4th Annual Chilly Cook-off

Saturday, November 14th, 12:-3pm. At AirVentures Flying School SFZ. Bring your chili or just come to sample. Doug will have his hot cider. All are welcome.

The 13th annual Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame dinner and award ceremony is on November 21 at the Scottish Rite building at the Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. Martha McSally is one of the inductees. She is an A-10 "Warhog" pilot, first female to fly in combat, and is now a U.S. Representative for Arizona. For tickets please contact Michael Spieth at 401-487-6087 or mdspieth@yahoo.com.

SAFETY SEMINARS

The first Saturday of the month at SFZ. To find other seminars go to - <http://faasafety.gov/>

RIPA Mystery Fly-Out for brunch. Destination varies with weather. Plan to depart from North Central State Airport (SFZ) at 10 AM on Saturday or Sunday. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Thursday Night Dinner Flyouts

VFR Flyouts to dinner at local airports. To be added to the notification list email graeme@graemejwsmith.com. Or check for details on the KUUU and KSFZ Facebook pages. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kuuupilots/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/617195708355154/>

Every Saturday Morning - KUUU Pilot's Breakfast

Tickets Bar and Restaurant, Middletown 08:15. If you fly in - check at the maintenance hangar for a ride no later than 08:00



MEETING NOTICE

Please make your reservations today by calling 401 568 3497 (leave a message) or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by November 8, 2015

Date: Tuesday November 10, 2015
Time: 6:30pm Cocktails
7:00pm Dinner
Place: **Chelo's** in Warwick
Airport exit off Rte.95 to Post Rd south,
500 ft on right

Buffet of: Turkey Dinner with the fixings



Baked Salmon
Penne with meatballs
Garden Salad w/house dressing
Garden Vegetables, Baby Carrots
Rice Pilaf
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Bread
Assorted Cake Slices
Coffee and Tea.

food basket donations welcome

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.

SPEAKER

October - Graeme J W Smith
"Summer of 2015 – 6,750 miles at 80 knots and 3,000ft"

December – James Burns

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EVENTS SCHEDULE

November 7-Safety Seminar SFZ

November 10-Dinner Meeting

Collecting for our annual Thanksgiving food basket

November 14 –4th Annual Chili Cook-off

12:-3 AirVentures Flying School SFZ

November 21-Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame
dinner and award ceremony

November 24-Board Meeting

December 5-Safety Seminar SFZ

December 8-Holiday Gala

December 29-Board Meeting