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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings Fellow Pilots and Friends.

The November dinner meeting was very well attended. Thank you all who came out to support the organization. We had a wonderful speaker, Laurie Cullen, Executive Vice president of RIAC. She filled us in on plans at TF Green, and the five GA airports that Hawthorne services. For those of you who want hangars it looks like now is the time to strike. If you have a proposal, call Mr. Cloutier or Mr. Mini at RIAC. They are willing to work with private developers to get some of the hangar projects going. Taxiways and ramps are also getting revamped at many of the airports. In particular, taxiway Whiskey was mentioned at Quonset for a complete overhaul. Laurie Cullen is a strong advocate for GA and she is a great asset to RIAC on our behalf.

Please do not forget to sign up for the Xmas party at the Quonset O'Club. The party is on December 11 and will start at 6:00 PM with cocktails. I look forward to seeing a lot of you there.

Lastly, I have enjoyed being your president for the past twelve months. The support and effort put in by so many of you to grow RIPA has made me proud to serve you. The new leadership team will continue to put forth our interests in aviation and strive to make Rhode Island a GA friendly environment. Best wishes to them and again thank you all whom have stepped forward to lead and assist the organization. FLY WELL.

See you at dinner.

Paul J. Tocco

President RI Pilot's Association

HANGAR FLYING



Iris Dewhurst, RIPA's long time treasurer, made a special effort to join us at the Thanksgiving dinner meeting. Family obligations necessitated her resignation and have kept her away from most meetings. She was instrumental in computerizing the accounting, making it understandable and easily transferred. Dan Scanlon and Paul Tocco presented a plaque of appreciation and a gift certificate. Thank you Iris for your years of dedication and may we see you and Peter often.



The Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting was well attended. It was wonderful to see so many new and old friends.

Happy
Holidays

RHODE ISLAND PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Dinner Meeting
November 9, 2004

Paul Tocco, President, called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm at Chelo's in Warwick with 55 members and friends present. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence for the troops and Paul Douglas. Dinner followed the table introductions. The hosts were Dee Scanlon and Marilyn Biagetti.

Under new ratings, etc. Sue Pillsbury has a new plane, Iris Dewhurst has a new paint job and Jeff Soules has a new roof.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as written in the Plane Paper.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported \$5009.24 in the General Fund and \$1825.39 in the Scholarship Fund.

The Events Committee announced that the Holiday Gala preparations, on December 11 at the Quonset "O" Club, is in final stages and the committee is accepting reservations. (\$30/person). We thank Gary St Germaine and Gail, of Corporate Air Charter for the successful Harvest Hangar Party.

Marilyn Biagetti, Scholarship Chair, announced that application material would be ready for mailing and on the Web page in November.

Marilyn Biagetti, Secretary, cast the ballot to accept the new officers. Paul Carroll, President; Bill Weeden, Vice President; Dan Scanlon, Treasurer; Korrie LaBrie, Recording Secretary and Marilyn Biagetti, Corresponding Secretary.

Iris Dewhurst was presented with a plaque and a gift certificate for her many years of service to the association.

Gene Bielecki, Safety Seminar Chair, explained the Transportation Security Administration's new flight school/training regulations. The Safety Seminar on December 2nd at CCRI in Lincoln will explain changes.

Door prizes were won by Jan Crouse, cookies; Jan Mellor, Spray paint; Stan Barbas, wine; Kathy Kelly, car wash; Karen Cornell, wine; Mike Kelly, cap; John Hayes, cap; Susan Soules, travel cup; Laurie Cullen; travel john. The Twenty Week Club winners were Mary DeMarco, Joe Ludovici and Bob Wolf.

Laurie Cullen, the Senior Vice President for Planning, Engineering and Environment for RIAC, spoke about improvements, past and future, at the states General Aviation airports. Also present were Mike Mini, Planning; Dave Cloutier, Business Development and Steve Tibbets General Manager of Hawthorne.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm
Respectfully Submitted Marilyn Biagetti Secretary

EVENTS

Saturday, December 11, is the evening of RIPA's annual Holiday Gala at the Quonset "O" Club. There will be music for listening and/or dancing by DTech Entertainment, a bar, a Grand "Officer's Buffet", an assortment of raffle prizes, and of course the camaraderie of your fellow pilots.

Make your reservations as soon as possible by calling Dan Scanlon at 885-1196. Then get out your glad rags and come to the best holiday party of the season. See you there....

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: Polo Shirts w/ RIPA logo (\$26) can be personalized. RIPA pins(\$4) and decals(\$1). At meetings, events.

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

Classified ads are free to all current members for aviation related items. Call Marilyn Biagetti at 568 3497, Fax to 568 5392 or email biagettim@aol.com

On an a typical IFR day on the East coast of Florida, I heard a Piper Cherokee check in with Miami Center... *Cherokee N123:* Miami Center, Cherokee N123 at 4000, ATIS for Palm Beach.

Miami Center: Cherokee N123, maintian 4000.
Cherokee: Center, I'll need to get lower to land at Palm Beach. *Center:* Cherokee N123, let me see what I can do.

(Short pause)
Center: Cherokee N123, I've got good news. Apparently you'll be landing at 4000 feet today

NOTAMS

The November dinner meeting speaker, Laurie Cullen, has been an Executive VP at RIAC for 5 months, a resident of RI for 17 years, and worked for Massport for 15 years. With her were Michael Mini, Manager of Planning, David Cloutier AVP Commercial Programs and Steve Tibbetts, General Manager with Hawthorne. RIAC's new CEO is Mark Brewer and new CFO is Brian Schattle.

Laurie stated that it is an exciting time at RIAC and they have great plans for the GA airports. GA is the "future of aviation growth" and the "crown jewel" and that RI's GA airports are RI's best kept secret.

A synopsis of upcoming projects in 2005-06 include fencing and lighting at all airports;

SFZ- deicing, apron resurfacing, RNWY5-23 w/RSAs, obstruction removal, 12 & 23 PAPI & REIL

OQU- Deicing, Txwy W, Apron resurfacing, LPH1 renovation, silos demolition. 5-23 PAPI & REIL

UUU- obstruction removal, 34 PAPI, 16 REIL replace, 22 PAPI & REIL replace

WST- Rnwy 7-25, Txwy ABC, apron resurfacing, obstruction removal, 14-32 PAPI & REIL, 7 MALSF replaced

BID- Master plan, Txwy to Rnwy10, added tie downs, new terminal, rehab 10-28,10 REIL replace

The list goes on in time, dependant on completion of the system plan.

She asked members to unite in their quest for T hangars and begin making their appeals.

Laurie stated that she has always wanted a pilots license and hopes to realize that dream once the kids are off to college.

Aviation Tax in RI to be Dropped January 1st

Just one more month until the sales tax on aircraft purchases, parts and service goes away in RI, hopefully for good! This will put Rhode Island in line with surrounding states such as MA, CT and NH that have no aviation tax. If your plane is coming due, putting off that annual for another month could save you money\$ If you expect a big tax return this year, now would be a good time to start thinking of buying that aircraft you've been dreaming about. That would also be a good way of showing the powers that be that dropping the sales tax is the right thing to do to revive the aviation industry in RI, and will increase aviation-related revenues all around, similar to what has occurred in the RI boating industry.

Bill Weedon whw@appliedradar.com

This is the final edition of the Plane Paper for the year. I think the association can be proud of it's accomplishments. We had a full summer of flying a nice schedule of events. I want to thank all that helped and participated. Have a wonderful holiday season and join us for the next exciting years.

EDITOR

BOARD MEETING

The meeting started of a little short of attendees but a group of 6 finally managed to accumulate and a 7th was consulted by phone. Dee Scanlon and Frank Oliviera assembled envelopes for the scholarship mailing

The preparations for the Holiday Gala were finalized. Door prizes will be solicited, Upcoming events include the Nantucket Stroll, Dee Scanlon agreed to arrange a Valentines Day get-together.

Membership renewal has been very good. Thank you Murray Danforth, Joseph Catelli and Peter Hull for your donations to the RIPA Scholarship Fund.

Paul Carroll, incoming President, discussed ideas for meeting speakers, events, and goals.

We will have a secret ballot for the two nominees for Airman of the Year. Members will be asked to vote as they enter the hall at the Gala. Nominated were Joe Ludovici and Rene Cardon.

Help ACONe Find Great Candidates for the 3rd Annual 2005 State Awards!

Send YOUR Nominations" Applications by January 1, 2005 to Gary P. Kearney, 319 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115). Or submit nominations via e-mail: gpk@tiac.net or a300@aol.com

These Aero Club of New England awards are for outstanding contributions and lifetime achievements in the aviation community. Submit your nomination for individuals or organizations working to foster aviation. Please feel free to nominate more than one candidate. Your prompt response means that someone's hard work for the aviation community will receive the support and encouragement that it richly deserves.

FROM THE e-MAILBAG

Subject: No Memory Jogger in November 11/19 fjbsherman@juno.com

Hello Memory Jogger Fans

At last months Memory Jogger I told you there would be a November meeting. Since then I have run into some back problems which must be taken care of before I'm up and around again.....

Hopefully I'll be back in circulation by January or February. Harpy Holidays to all, Frank



HOLIDAY GALA



Come one come all to RIPA's Holiday Gala. Reservations are needed. Call Dan Scanlon at 885-1196 as soon as possible.

Date: Saturday December 11, 2004
Time: 6:00pm Cocktails
7:00pm Dinner

Place: Quonset "O" Club
Follow signs from the light at beginning of access road.

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

Price: \$30 per person reservation necessary

PLEASE CALL TODAY!!!!!!

SAFETY SEMINARS

Gene Bielicki suggests all attend, especially CFI's, as this affects your retraining

Date: Thursday, December 2, 2004
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: C C R I Flanagan Campus
Room 2706
Lincoln, RI 02865

Topic: "Flight Training for Aliens and Other Individuals"
New TSA Rule Mandates for ALL Flight Instructors and Students. Join us for this fact filled presentation on the mandatory requirements affecting ALL Certified Flight Instructors and All flight students.

Speaker: Jack Keenan, FAA Safety Program Manager, Boston FSDO

To see your Safety Seminar schedules please go to the following link: <http://faasafety.gov/> and log in.

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

EVENTS SCHEDULE

12/2 – Safety Seminar, CCRI Lincoln
12/04 – Christmas Stroll on Nantucket
12/11 – Holiday Gala Quonset "O" Club
6:00pm Cocktails
7:00pm Dinner
12/18 – Xmas Party at SFZ 12:00 to ??
12/28 – Board Meeting Hangar 1, 6:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

January – Airman of the Year Presentation
February – Valentines Day dinner
March – St Patrick's Day Breakfast

Dinner Meetings are on the second Tuesday from January to June and September to November.

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