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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well ... we've reached the end of the line. It's been a great year, and I really enjoyed serving as the leader of this great organization – RIPA. Not to fret, I'll still be around next year, helping out Beth Tetreault as she takes over the reins as President. I can confidently say that RIPA is in excellent shape. We are a very active organization between the monthly dinner meetings, weekend flyouts (flyins?), scholarships, special events, etc. We have a very healthy bank account thanks in part to our diligent Treasurer Dan Scanlon, a brand new website thanks to Frank Oliveira. Thanks to Rene Cardon for organizing the weekend flyouts and for bringing the “goodies” for the monthly raffles (sometimes out of his own pocket)! I especially want to thank Marilyn Biagetti for putting together the monthly newsletter, and who really brings this organization together.

We like to say that RIPA is the loudest voice in GA in Rhode Island, but I want to make sure that the surrounding states hear us when we “roar”. There are many issues that impact us as pilots, and recent events have shown that we need to work hard to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. The best way to do that is to join together, increase our membership, and unite as fellow pilots. Next year promises to be another great season of events. We are working on getting Phil Boyer for a Pilot Town Meeting, hopefully sometime in the spring. And don't forget the AOPA Expo is in Hartford, CT next November.



The final event this year is the Holiday Gala (can't we say Christmas Party?), to be held at the Quonset “O” Club this Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. It's an evening not to be missed, including a buffet of Prime Rib, Chicken Tuscany and Fillet of Sole. We are deliberately “taking a hit” on this event, as a gesture of goodwill towards our members – so come and enjoy! Mr. Ryan the DJ man will play a selection of holiday music, not too loud so you can enjoy one another's company. We will also be presenting the Airman of the Year award to this year's winner – Norm Bishop. So come one, come all, and have a great time this Friday night. Contact Dan Scanlon ([scanlondan@aol.com](mailto:scanlondan@aol.com)) for last minute reservations.

Thanks, Bill Weedon

## HANGAR FLYING

The SFZ “*Fly to Lunch Bunch*” has been active throughout the month of November. The weather gods have been good to us lately. We have flown to different airport restaurants just about every weekend. We have had our usual good times with a variety of nice people. Should you be inclined to join us, feel free to call Rene Cardon or myself for a last minute destination.

The picture below shows a group of us at the Midfield Café, on Boire Field (ASH) in Nashua, NH. Dave Czerwonka volunteered to take this photo while our food order was being prepared.

Frank Oliveira



*From left to right: Buz Sawyer, Phil Sargent was hiding, Rene Cardon, Paul Carroll being shy, Frank Sherman, Jan Mowry and myself. Dave Czerwonka (empty seat) volunteered to take this picture.*

**The Holiday Gala on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Quonset “O” Club will require reservations. Call Dee or Dan Scanlon 885 1196 for details. We hope to see you there in your Holiday finery. Please call today.**

## MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2006

Bill Weedon, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed for the military and their departed members. Table introductions were followed by an announcement of Charles Shields 89<sup>th</sup> birthday last week. A recess was called for dinner.

A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes of the October meeting as printed in the Plane Paper.

There was no Treasurers report.

Membership Chair, Janice Crouse, was introduced.

A Safety Seminar will be held November 16 the VFW in Lincoln.

The Scholarship applications will be in the mail and available on line by the end of the week.

Announcements:

Block Island airport is closed for repair and work is ahead of schedule. Landing on the turf runway is with permission only.

The Holiday Gala, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Quonset 'O' Club, is being finalized.

Bill Sheridan spoke to the group concerning the Aviation Hall of Fame induction ceremony on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Rene Cardon will arrange for delivery of our Thanksgiving basket, collected at these meetings, to a food kitchen.

Bill Weedon presented the slate of officers, Beth Tetreault, President; Bill Weedon, Vice President; Dan Scanlon, Treasurer; and Marilyn Biagetti, Corresponding Secretary. There was no Recording Secretary. Nomination from the floor for each position was opened. No other nominations were presented.

Acting Secretary, Marilyn Biagetti, accepted the slate as proposed.

Twenty Week Club winners included Robert Biagetti, Sandra McDonough, Mario Fernandes and Andy Andersen.

Door Prize winners included Lowell Cornell, Charles Shields, Fred Crudale, John Hayes, Tony Correia, Jack Rappa, Jack Crouse and Bill Sheridan.

John McCarthy from AeroServ at SFZ spoke on corrosion prevention.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm

Respectfully Submitted Marilyn Biagetti



## EVENTS

### New England Aviation Expo - March 31, 2007

This event will be held at the Eaton-Richmond Center, Daniel Webster College, adjacent to Boire Field (KASH). The event is FREE and open to the public. It will feature exhibits and classes for all aviation enthusiasts, but is designed specifically to educate and promote the safety of general aviation pilots and aircraft technicians throughout New England. All seminars qualify for credit towards the Wings Program (Pilot Proficiency Award Program)!!! Selected seminars will qualify for AMT Awards. You may pre-register on-line at the website below. If you do not have access to the web contact Karen Goff at (603) 879-6807.

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[http://www.faa.gov/news/conferences\\_events/aviation\\_expo](http://www.faa.gov/news/conferences_events/aviation_expo)

### John Romano to Headline Aviator Series Dec. 13th

The Quonset Air Museum is pleased to announce that Capt. John Romano, U.S. Navy (Ret.) will be the December speaker as part of the QAM's monthly Aviator Series. The former Navy pilot will speak at the QAM on Wednesday, December 13th at 7pm. Captain Romano's lecture is open to the public at no charge.

Captain John Romano has a very unique relationship with the old Quonset Point Naval Air Station in North Kingstown. It was Romano's family that owned the farm and vineyard in Davisville that the military base was built on.

The Romano family owned the property in Davisville until 1939 when it was taken by eminent domain by the United States Government to establish the Quonset Naval Air Station. The base at Quonset was one of the top training sites for Navy pilots in World War II.

Captain Romano is a graduate of La Salle Academy and the University of Rhode Island (then called Rhode Island State College). In 1945, Romano became a pilot in the U.S. Navy.

Captain Romano later served in the Korean War and was one of the first American pilots to make a flight over Vietnam prior to the escalation of hostilities in Southeast Asia. During his career as a pilot, Capt. Romano logged 3,500 hours of flight time, nearly half of them in jets. Captain Romano later served as Executive Officer of the Quonset Point Naval Air Station.

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## NOTAMS

### Board Meeting

Bill, Rene, Frank, Beth and I welcomed Jan Crouse into the group with a bag of essentials needed for her new position as Membership Chair. Coordinating membership information will be an important goal.

Most of the evening was spent checking that arrangements for the Holiday Gala were in place. The menu, centerpieces, Airman of the Year award, door prizes, music and attendance were reviewed.

Other topics included the web page and next years guest speakers.

The meeting ran along quickly and the regular after meeting rendezvous was made up of only 3 since Xmas is near and family matters are pressing.



### Join RIPA'S YAHOO Group

Go to Yahoo, select groups in column on left. Enter Rhode Island Pilots into the search. You can join once you've logged in.

Remember if you change your email address you have to change it at Yahoo Groups, also.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**For Sale:** Garmin 195, Carrying case, antenna, charger, yoke mount fittings, computer cable, manual. \$200. Bob McCollough, 884-5214 after 6:30 p.m. Please.

### Used Headset For Sale

TELEX ANR 4000 in good condition. Gel cushions. Uses 6 AA batteries or can be hot wired (12V). Make an offer Call Frank, 401-787-2338 weekdays.

**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 Rd, Quonset 1800 554 4557

Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.  
Marilyn:568 3497,Fax:568 5392, email [biagettim@cox.net](mailto:biagettim@cox.net)

## RI AVIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

The ceremony was well attended by people of many different interests, Aviation being the main theme. Ray Andraka and wife, Roger Biagetti and Marilyn and Paul Tocco occupied a table representing RIPA and enjoyed the evening.

The pomp and ceremony from the color guard to the inductions was tempered by old and new friends coming together to honor this states great aviation heritage.

Jack Lennon and Bill Sheridan, hosts, pointed out that the list of Rhode Island aviators eligible for induction into their Museum is growing each year. As more people are nominated, and their stories researched, the scope of this tiny states involvement in aviation has impressed them. There will be no lack of nominees for many years to come.



Frank Lennon introducing LTC Joseph Zinno, USAF (Ret)

## from the Email bag

**From:** [mclifton@hoodrichaviation.org](mailto:mclifton@hoodrichaviation.org)

We are pleased to introduce the HoodRich Flight Foundation, a newly incorporated non-profit dedicated to providing aviation education and training to economically disadvantaged youth in the Providence area. Concerned about the lack of resources available to young people interested in aviation careers, founding members and pilots – Hon. William Clifton, Thomas Duffy and Michael Clifton – established the Foundation in November 2005.

Our focus is to provide the initial education and experiences that will lead towards career opportunities in aviation, a private pilot's license being one of the milestones. Our expectations of the students include an interest in aviation and a willingness to work diligently to meet established academic goals. A bi-product of participation is that students will gain future oriented life planning skills. Although this program requires extensive time and commitment on the part of the students, it is designed to be at no financial cost to them.

An initial collaboration has been established with The Rhode Island Children's Crusade, Times2 Academy and Horizon Aviation. Additionally, officials at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University have offered a commitment that our students will be eligible for partial scholarships from this highly regarded aviation university. We are fortunate to have an active and committed Board of Directors and look forward to a successful upcoming initial phase with students.

HoodRich has been presented with a challenge grant and we hope that we can count on your support to help us take advantage of this opportunity. We look forward to sharing more details regarding how you can make a difference in expanding opportunities for young people in our community.

Thomas H. Duffy Michael C. Clifton President Director/Vice-President

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## MEETING NOTICE

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**Make your reservations for the Holiday Gala by calling Dan Scanlon at 885 1196 or via email at [scanlondan@aol.com](mailto:scanlondan@aol.com) by Wednesday, December 6, 2006.**

Date: Friday, December 8, 2006  
Time: 6:30pm Cocktails  
7:00pm Dinner

Place: Quonset 'O' Club  
(On Route 4 take Exit 7. Bear left on the exit ramp following Route 403 East about 4 miles. Make a left onto Commerce Park Road. Follow Commerce Park Road to the first intersection and make a right onto Callahan Road. Follow Callahan Road to the very end, and make a left onto Lt. James Brown Road, and continue to the Quonset 'O' Club.)

Buffet of:  
The buffet includes Italian Wedding soup, salad, Prime Rib, Chicken Tuscany and Fillet of sole stuffed with crab meat, with green beans almandine, glazed baby carrots and red skinned potatoes. There will be Mud Pie with chocolate sauce with coffee/tea for dessert.

Price: \$32.50 per person

**PLEASE CALL TODAY!!!!!!**

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

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## GUEST SPEAKERS

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January – Bob Berlyn, Fuel Management  
February – RIAC,  
Recent Changes at the RI Airports  
March – Avionics  
April – Gus Guzzler  
May – Rene Cardon / Bill Weedon, IFR Planning  
June - Props



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## EVENTS SCHEDULE

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**December 8- Holiday Gala**  
Quonset "O" Club  
Airman of the Year presentation  
**Reservations needed**

13- QAM's Aviator Series  
Capt. John Romano, U.S. Navy (Ret.)  
26 – Board Meeting

January 9 – Dinner Meeting  
30 - Board Meeting

March 31 - New England Aviation Expo

