

# THE PLANE PAPER

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

As the year end approaches the Christmas season fills our hearts with joy. Bright, happy days bring special kinds of pleasure. We're wrapped in the excitement of it all as the sights, the sounds, the smells, the tastes we treasure surround us and our loved ones. Yet when we have some quiet time to think we focus on our family and our friends and appreciate the gift of each other!

So in appreciation the RIPA Board wishes you all the best and may your holidays be a delight, filled with family, happiness and cheer.

Happy Holiday! Happy New Year! Beth



## HOLIDAY GALA

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.

Remit a check payable to RIPA to: Dan Scanlon, 1199 South Road, East Greenwich, RI 02818 or contact Dan Scanlon at 885 1196 or email [F1212@aol.com](mailto:F1212@aol.com).

Music, good food and the holiday spirit add to the normal camaraderie of pilots to make this a grand occasion. Join us.

## HANGAR FLYING

### Week End Flying

Hi folks. Here are some of the regulars that participate on a regular basis with our "Fly to Lunch Bunch." As you can see, we always have a good time. Give us a call if you would like to join us. Contact Rene 401-651-3528 or Frank 401-474-7687 for information.



Just one of three tables at the "White Cloud Restaurant", Orange, Ma (ORE) Sunday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. Pix/FrankO



A few of us at Plymouth, MA (PYM) Saturday. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> pix/FrankO

*Seasons  
Greetings*



## MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting  
November 13, 2007

Beth Tetreault called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. There were 30 members and friends present, After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed for our troops the world over and their families. Table introductions were followed by an adjournment for dinner.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported that there was \$2549.00 in the General Fund and \$2015.97 in the Scholarship Fund. The report was approved.

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

-Membership renewals are being handed out and mailed.

-Scholarship applications are available,  
-Applications for the Master Pilots Award are available. Members are reminded that the Board will assist with these.

The Slate of officers was presented: Beth Tetreault; President, William Weedon, Vice President, Daniel Scanlon, Treasurer and Marilyn Biagetti, Corresponding Secretary. The office of Recording Secretary remained open as there were no further nominations from the floor. The slate was approved.

Robert Danis will receive RIPA's annual Airman of the Year award at this year's Holiday Gala.

- A Certificate of Appreciation was received from the Civil Air Patrol.

Door prize winners were Jim Terry, Dom Sgambellone, Kim Ellin, Richard Ciolfi, Pat Andraka, Ray Andraka, Bud Ellin, Bill Williams, Tony Palombo and Jack Crouse. A special door prize of Ron Machado was won by Dan Scanlon.

20 Week Club drawing was won by Jim Taglione, Catherine Onysko Joe Ludovici and John Dwyer.

Ron Porciello of New England Propeller Service spoke to the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

## 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.

**For Sale: Garmin GPS 196** with all attachments for Aircraft and Automobile and Carrying case. \$400.00 Call Al at (401)523-2647

**For Sale:** 4hp Power Tow (\$350) with external storage box (\$200) for sale. I used it to move my Piper Lance, which I sold. The folks at Power Tow will sell you all the upgrades to a new system for about \$300, selling you everything but the engine and transmission. Its located at Nashua. Call me days 978-437-1835 or garykozh@comcast.net. Gary

### Used Headset For Sale

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

**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.**  
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## NOTAMS

### BOARD MEETING

Beth, Marilyn, Dan, and Rene met at the office to make sure that all the necessary preparations were in place for the annual Holiday Gala.

Dan reported that members have been contacting him for their reservations and he will be contacting a few of the regular attendees and others that have expressed an interest and not responded yet.

Frank Oliveira sent along a message that the quandary with the Webpage has been resolved and he managed to procure an excellent rate for the Web page.

- Jan Crouse has mailed the renewals.
- The Scholarship applications have been mailed with the help of Jan and Frank Sherman.

- 20Week club tickets will be on sale at the Gala.
- All preparations for the Airman of the Year Award are in process or completed.

- The FAA will be presenting a Safety Seminar at the January meeting. The topic is undecided at this time.

- The Civil Air Patrol has asked for our support with their fund raising Golf Tournament.

Maryanne Lamothe stopped by and once again provided us with an invaluable opinion.

The evening ended at Greg's as usual.

### The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

RIPA will once again solicit members to be honored with FAA's Master pilot Award. Applications will be available at meetings and applicants will be aided, if necessary, in completing these forms.

**STAY IN TOUCH** Join RIPA'S YAHOO Group. Go to [www.Yahoo.com](http://www.Yahoo.com), select groups in column on left. Enter Rhode Island Pilots into the search. You can join once you've logged in.

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

### 20 WEEK CLUB RAFFLE

Tickets for the 20 Week Club drawings will be available at the Holiday Gala or by contacting Rene Cardon (401)651-3528, 20 Week Club Chair or any board member. Thank you for your support of our Scholarship Fund.

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Another year is coming to an end and once again I would like to wish all our members and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I wish to thank you all for your contributions to this newsletter and hope to hear more of your exploits in the coming year.

I especially want to thank Frank Oliveira for his support and editing skills and to apologize for any inconveniencies that I know I have inflicted upon him.

See you at the Gala.

EDITOR

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*During a recent departure from Essex County Airport in Caldwell, New Jersey, the tower controller must have been frazzled with intensive student training in the pattern:*

Tower: Bonanza Seven Zero Mike Romeo, contact New York departure and have a good flight.

Bonanza: Bonanza Zero Mike Romeo. Have a nice day.

Tower: It's too late for that.

*Returning home from the West Coast a few years ago, we landed in Flint, Mich. The Midwest had had weeks of rain and overcast skies that summer, and I got this on departure:*

"Bonanza Five Four Seven Zero Victor, when you get on top, would you look out to the southeast and tell me if you see a big bright light?"

When I was learning to fly in 1967 in Merced, Calif., we had no control tower. We were taught that after engine start-up, we should pretend to call the tower for taxi clearance.

Another pilot trainee started his engine, then immediately started to taxi. The instructor stopped him and advised that he had forgotten to call for clearance.

The trainee thought for a second, opened the pilot air vent, and, over the roar of the engine, yelled, "Clear!"

## AVIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

### Rhode Island Pilots Association

The Rhode Island Pilots Association is offering an aviation related scholarship to residents of Rhode Island.

Applicants must satisfy all of the requirements listed below.

- Scholarship application must be completed in full, as instructed, to be considered.
- Applicant must be at least 16 years of age on or before December 31, 2007.
- Applicant must be a resident of Rhode Island. Applications must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2008.
- Applicant for flight training must be able to pass Class III physical before the funds are offered.
- Applicant under 18 years of age must have letter of consent from parent/guardian.
- Money awarded must be used for purpose for which applied.
- Award must be used within 12 months or the remainder will return to the Rhode Island Pilots Association Scholarship Fund

A copy can be obtain on the Rhode Island Pilots' web page at <http://www.RIPilots.com/> or for more information call the Scholarship Chairman: Marilyn Biagetti at 401 568 3494

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**The Aero Club of New England** has established a scholarship program to encourage and help support careers within aviation. All scholarships are awarded annually and recipients are selected on the basis of merit and need. ACONE's growing scholarship program provides a wonderful way for the Club and donors to assist deserving young people and to forge lasting relationships that can provide inspiration and support.

ACONE has awarded fourteen scholarships annually in the past years.

Scholarship descriptions, criteria and application download can be obtained at <http://www.acone.org>.

### NEW ENGLAND NINETY NINES SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Eastern New England chapter of The Ninety Nines (International Organization of Women Pilots) announces three 2008 scholarships available for men and women studying for a career in aviation, or seeking to earn further ratings.

ENE scholarships for 2008 are: 1) the Marie Lepore Honorary Scholarship for \$1,000, 2) the Karla Carroll Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000 (both of these are open to men and women), and 3) the William Bridge Scholarship for \$1,000 (open to women with at least their private pilot rating). For criteria and applications, send a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope to: Dr. Olga Mitchell, 10 Glory Lane, East Falmouth MA 02536. Or e-mail us at [ene99s@hotmail.com](mailto:ene99s@hotmail.com).

The New England Section of the Ninety Nines also offers a scholarship memorializing New Hampshire aviatrix Shirley Mahn, who died in 1975 at the controls of her Piper Aztec. Details and applications for this \$1,000 scholarship are also available from Olga Mitchell.

All scholarships require a New England connection — either a resident of one of the 6 N.E. states, or studying in one.

Applications for all four scholarships must be postmarked no later than **January 31, 2008**.



A thank you note that was received for our Thanksgiving food basket.



**St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church**  
**35 Dion Drive**  
**Harrisville, RI 02830**  
**401-568-8280**

November 8, 2007

Mr. Rene Cardon  
Rhode Island Pilots Association  
P. O. Box 638  
Glendale, RI 02826

Dear Friends:

*On behalf of the parishioners of St. Theresa's Church, and those who come to our Food Pantry for assistance, I wish to thank you for your generous donation of 50 nonperishable food items which helps us feed the needy of our community this holiday season.*

*Because of your donations, our Food Pantry has been able to keep our shelves well stocked and provide nutrition to distressed families who come to us when their cupboards are empty. The Rhode Island Pilots Association has helped us fill those needs and for that, we are most grateful.*

*Families from the community are blessed by your thoughtfulness. Thank you again for your generosity and support to our food pantry.*

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Fr. Gerard J. Caron

Fr. Gerard J. Caron  
Pastor

Rhode Island Civil Air Patrol Golf Tournament :

**RHODE ISLAND WING CIVIL AIR PATROL**  
**FIRST ANNUAL**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008  
CRANSTON COUNTRY CLUB  
69 Burlingame Road, Cranston, RI 02921  
\*Metal spikes are not allowed on the course\*  
07:30 AM SHOTGUN START

\$100.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES DINNER, GREEN FEES, CARTS, DONATIONS, PRIZES

- \* HOLE IN ONE PRIZES \*
- \* CLOSEST TO THE PIN PRIZES \*
- \* MANY, MANY OTHER PRIZES AND GIVE AWAYS \*
- \* SCRAMBLE FORMAT \*
- \* MALE, FEMALE AND MIXED DIVISIONS \*

AWARDS DINNER AT CRANSTON COUNTRY CLUB 1:00 PM  
STEAMSHIP ROUND BUFFET

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (401) 737-8490  
PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE BY MAILING THIS FORM TO:

GOLF TOURNAMENT  
ATTN: DARLENE HOAG  
R.I. CIVIL AIR PATROL  
644 AIRPORT ROAD  
SUITE D  
WARWICK, RI 02886

Courtesy of response is requested by May 1, 2008 to guarantee placement

## MEETING NOTICE



**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 December 6, 2006.

Date: Saturday, December 8, 2007

Time: 6:30pm Cocktails

7:00pm Dinner

Place: The 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.)

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.

There will also be a bar, music, dancing, door prizes and the Twenty Week Club final drawing.

Price: \$32.50 per person

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

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

## GUEST SPEAKERS

January – Safety Seminar



104 East Ironstone Road  
Harrisville, RI 02830

## EVENTS SCHEDULE

**December 8 – RIPA Holiday Gala**  
Reservation needed ASAP

**December 18 – Board Meeting**

**January 8- Dinner Meeting**

**January 29 – Board Meeting**

**February 12 – Dinner Meeting**

Tower Tour & Snow Removal at PVD

**February – Valentine Party**

**February 26 – Board Meeting**

**March 11 - Dinner Meeting**

**March 15 - St Patricks Day Dinner Dance**

**March – St Patrick's Day Brunch BID**

**March 25 – Board Meeting**

**April 8- Dinner Meeting**

**April 29 – Board Meeting**

**May 13–Dinner Meeting**

Scholarship Awards

**May 27 – Board Meeting**

**June 10– Dinner Meeting**

Master Pilots Awards

**August 12 – Beach Party Flyin**

**August – Gaddabout Gaddis Campin**

**September 9– Dinner Meeting**

**September– Greenville Seaplane Flyin**