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Another year has come and gone. This time of the year, the holiday season, always reminds me of what I value most, friends and family. The lights on our trees, the candles in our windows and the fire in our hearth all represent the brightness and joy we find in our hearts.

Let's share our blessings, spread the glow, light up someone's life as there is always someone less fortunate than us.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year to All!

Beth



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. Please contact Dan Scanlon.

HANGAR FLYING

Weekend Flying

Hello again. The SFZ "Fly to Lunch Bunch" started November out with a good weather weekend. On Saturday, November 1st, three planes with six of us flew out to Orange, Ma (ORE) to have lunch at the White Cloud Restaurant, which is across the street from the terminal building. On Sunday, November 2nd, three different planes with eight of us flew out to Sky Acres, NY (44N) to have lunch at the Perfect Landing Café. The weather provided both flights with unlimited visibility, light NE winds and smooth air. The view of the near peak foliage gave us a picture post card appearance of the NY Hudson valley.

This last week end brought us back to Plymouth, MA (PYM) to Plane Jane's for a bite to eat. Again, we had three planes with seven hungry aviators. As always there was playful conversation and a good time had by all.

Fly Safe, Frank Oliveira



A few of us at Orange, MA in front of Gabe's Light SportCT . Tony, Buz, Frank, Gabe(at the controls) and Rene pix/FrankO

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MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
November 13, 2008

Beth Tetreault called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick, RI. There were 37 members and friends present, After the Pledge of Allegiance a moment of silence was observed asking us to remember all our Veterans on this Veterans Day., Introductions followed.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported that there was \$1529. in the General Fund and \$2263.42 in the Scholarship Fund. The report was accepted.

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

Upcoming events:

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

Adrien Dessillier was selected as RIPA's Airman of the Year. He will be honored at the Holiday Gala.

Airport report:

Terminals at BI and OQU have been completed. Bethany's, at Bi should open soon.

The Slate of officers was presented as Beth Tetreault, President; Bill Weedon, Vice President; Dan Scanlon, Treasurer and Marilyn Biagetti, Corresponding Secretary. The nominations were opened and closed as no one else was nominated. The Secretary voted to accept the officers on the slate.



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

Door prize winners: Pat Andraka, Jan Crouse, Alan Copp, Jack Crouse, Myron Mitchell, Kim Ellin, Domenico Sgambellone, and Dan Rabinovich.

20 Week Club winners: Jack Crouse, Steve Nelson, Norm Marshall and John Sullivan.

The Guest speaker was Ben Emeric an Advanced Training Instructor from Cindtronix Aviation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm

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. (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.
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ROGER BIAGETTI

EXCAVATING

THE TWELVE (Flying) DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my instructor gave to me...

Twelve-hundred squawking,

Eleven towers talking;

Ten minutes holding;

Nine charts a-folding;

Eight in-flight briefings;

Seven route re-thinkings;

Six flights computing;

FIVE FORCED LANDINGS!

Four short approaches;

Three full stalls;

Two-hour preflight;

And a regulation 91.3.

NOTAMS

RIPA'S AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

Adrien Desillier was selected as our Airman of the Year. He has been a flight instructor for 36 years.

He took his first flying lessons 50 years ago at Wilkins Airport on Kelly Boulevard in North Attleboro, MA, which has since closed.

He returned to flying with determination in 1968, taking lessons at Hopedale-Draper Airport in MA. He flew his first solo in 1969 in a Cessna 150, and went on to also solo in a Cessna 172 and then a Piper Cherokee 140. He got his Private Pilot certificate that same year with Katharine Hiller at Tanner-Hiller airport in Massachusetts, and trained for aerobatics in the Citabria with Mark Nathanson.

In 1970, he got his commercial rating with the legendary Sabatino "Sabbie" Ludovici.

Also in 1970, he obtained his instrument rating with Frank D. Comerford at Bedford, MA, and later in 1971 his multi-engine rating with Gene Bielecki as flight examiner.

In 1972, he received his instructor rating (CFI) as well as his instructor instrument (CFII) rating, training at Skylanes, Inc. He also has his multi-engine instructor rating (MEI).

In the 1970s he flew charters and cancelled checks on the "midnight shift" out of Skylanes, and flew skydivers out of Richmond Air Park in Rhode Island.

Adrien taught flying from 1972 through 1975 at Skylanes, Inc., as well as with Hopedale Air Service and out at Southbridge Airport.

In the year 2000, he received his single engine seaplane rating.

He has flown many different types and classes of aircraft.

Over the years he has been flight instructor to countless hundreds of students. He now teaches flying at Skylanes, Inc., including primary, instrument, tailwheel, and multiengine students as well as some spin training.

His total flying time is over 10,000 hours, and no student of his has ever failed a flight test or a written exam

THANK YOU

Frank Sherman, the 50/50 drawing winner and **John Sullivan**, a 20 Week Club winner, donated their winnings back to the Scholarship Fund. Thank you again.

BOARD MEETING

Beth Tetreault, Marilyn Biagetti, Rene Cardon, Dan and Dee Scanlon met at the office for the final meeting before our Holiday Gala.

Of course, the Gala was the main concern and all the preparations were checked. There were a couple of last minute glitches but they will be resolved by the deadline.

On a very somber note, I wish to express our condolences to Beth for the loss of a great man.

Ron Tetreault was one of those members that would be there to lend a hand, propose a solution to a problem and then carry it out. He was unassuming and a friend to everyone. Although he was only attended meetings occasionally, because of his work, he did manage to join us a few times a year.

The Civil Air Patrol invited the Board members to join them in a small memorial service that they were having on the evening of our meeting. Beth, you are an inspiration, and Ron, you will be missed.



Beth thanking the CAP for their tribute

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.

This is the final newsletter of the year. I want to wish you all a pleasant holiday season and a safe New Year. See you next year. **EDITOR**

MEETING NOTICE



Make your reservations for the Holiday Gala by calling Dan Scanlon at **885 1196** or via email at scanlondan@aol.com by December 10, 2008.

Reservations are needed.

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

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2007

Time: 6:00pm 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 Officer's Buffet: includes: Steamship Round of Beef, Chicken Picasa, Shrimp, Scallop & Crab Sauce, Penne Pasta, Salad, Dessert & Coffee, There will also be a bar, music, dancing, door prizes and the Twenty Week Club final drawing.

Price: \$32.50 per person

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



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

December 13 – Holiday Gala



JOIN US

December 30 - Board Meeting

January 13- Dinner Meeting

January 24 - Rhode Island Aviation
Hall of Fame Banquet

January 27 – Board Meeting

February 10 – Dinner Meeting

February – Valentine Party

February 24 – Board Meeting

March 10 - Dinner Meeting

March - St Patricks Day Dinner Dance

March – St Patrick's Day Brunch BID

March 24 – Board Meeting

April 14- Dinner Meeting

April 28 – Board Meeting

May 12–Dinner Meeting

Scholarship Awards

May 26 – Board Meeting

June 9– Dinner Meeting