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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Holiday greetings to everyone. As 2010 comes to a close, I want to thank everyone for their participation in RIPA and participation in various events. It has been a great year filled with camaraderie sharing our love of flying. This year's Christmas party will once again be a low key event at Chello's on Dec 14. Santa may even make an appearance. If anyone has any small gifts they want to donate to the raffle table, it will help make the event more fun for everyone (Rene is running out of stuff to give away!).

Paul Carroll is our Airman of the Year. Everyone who gets this award thinks they are not worthy. But Paul as many of you know has been involved in RIPA and the RI aviation community for many years and has shared his aviation experiences with many of us from his participation in weekend fly-ins and trips to Alaska to his talks at RIPA meetings on subjects such as formation flying. Please come out and help cheer Paul on and help us thank him for his many years of enthusiasm and good flying times.

Bill Weedon

NOTAMS

BOARD MEETING

Our new Membership Chair Steve Nelson joined Bill, Dan, Marilyn and Rene at this meeting.

Our search for a Presidential candidate and Recording Secretary goes on.

The effort to make RIPA a nonprofit organization is nearing completion.

Arrangements for the Holiday Gala and Airman of the Year were finalized.

RIPA JACKETS

Jackets with the RIPA emblem are available from Rene Cardon. He can take your orders for the jacket or another article of clothing that can have the association emblem applied.

To join the Fly to Lunch Bunch, contact Rene Cardon (651-3528) or appear at Landmark at SFZ around 9:30 on Saturday and/or Sunday. They would be happy to have you.

HANGAR FLYING

Weekend Flying

Hello to the RIPA weekend flyers. The highlight of this month was taking our good friend Buz Sawyer for his first flight since his accident 6+ months ago. He is doing quite well considering his injuries. A small posse from the *SFZ Fly to Lunch Bunch* got together at Bethany's Restaurant on Block Island to have a late breakfast together. Paul Carroll was also instrumental in putting this together. I took Buz in my Cardinal because as most of you know it is one of the easiest GA aircraft to board. Thanks go out to Landmark Aviation at BID because they were very receptive to our request for preferred parking near the gate. The weather was perfect with light winds from the south east and unlimited visibility. I'm quite sure that this was the best outing that Buz has had in a very long time. It beats going to the doctor's office any day of the week. Everyone was please to see Buz and we all had a good time as usual.

Fly Safe.....Frank Oliveira



Buz Sawyer leaving Frank O's Cardinal on Block Island pix/FrankO

eMAIL BAG

Steve Dorazio Sunday, November 14,

Today's EAA Pancake Breakfast was terrific. There seemed to be no end to the great food and friendly faces. Attached are some photos. Even the cook got to eat breakfast! Hope to see everyone at the next event.

Steve, I also enjoyed a visit with our friends at 7B6. They are a great bunch of guys. Just as a reminder, attachments are not allowed on yahoo groups. FrankO

Frank is our website chairman EDITOR

To join RIPA'S YAHOO Group go to
www.RIPilots.com/join.



MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
November 9, 2010

Bill Weedon, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance we observed a moment of silence. There were 47 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.

Dan Scanlon, Treasurer, reported that there was \$1445.58 in the General Fund and \$2881.18 in the Scholarship Fund, The report was accepted.

Nominating Committee: The slate of offices is still missing a candidate for President. The committee will keep on seeking a volunteer.

Membership Committee: The renewal statements are being handed out and the rest will be mailed this week.

Events Committee: Rene Cardon reminded everyone that the new RIPA jackets would make a nice Christmas gift.

Legislative: Gene Bielecki would like to see the 3rd class medical for Private pilots eliminated.

Announcements:

- Ryan Farley has joined the RIANC
- Drew Stocker, Scholarship winner is preparing to get his Private License.
- A Safety Seminar will be held at Landmark SFZ, 9:00 am 11/20.
- Dan Scanlon moved his plane to OQU.
- Frank Sherman celebrated his birthday.

Twenty Week club winners are Fred James, Alan Smiley, Ted Fuller and Dan Scanlon, Sr.

Door Prize winners include: Roger Biagetti, Marianne Lamothe, Walter Anacko, George Howarth, Jack Crouse, Rick Jacks, Shirley Jacks, Steve Douglas, Fred Crudale and Jim Terry.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm
Respectfully Submitted
Marilyn Biagetti Acting Secretary

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Glenn Curtiss Seaplane Homecoming



Coming back to the ramp after giving a ride to benefit the Museum.
Pix/ MyronM

If you're not doing anything next year on the second weekend after Labor Day, why don't you join me at the Glenn Curtiss Seaplane Homecoming? Glenn Hammond Curtiss inspired men to pursue seaplane development. He was the first to fly off water and had ideas well ahead of the time that are still used today in every seaplane flying. That thing we call "the step" was one of Glenn Curtiss's ideas. Seems like everyone I told about the Homecoming Fly-In didn't know who Glenn Curtiss was, but a visit to the museum in Hammondsport will solve that problem for you.

The first time I went to the fly-in (2 years ago) I knew it would be a hit with my wife. Unlike most of the fly-ins we go to where there's not much to do if you're not into flying and water, the little town of Hammondsport can keep you busy.

Friday we left Providence (PVD) heading directly for Hammondsport. GPS's are great devices - until the bottom of the clouds meets the tops of the mountains on the other side of the Hudson into the Catskill Mountain range! That terrain feature came in handy, letting me know which pass led to lower terrain and a path around the few mountain tops that were in the clouds. Don't worry, I'm chicken, and there was always a safe exit going back to the Hudson. Seems like the weather going or coming from these fly-ins makes me glad I can fly IFR. We stopped in Binghamton, NY (CZG) for some gas and then continued onto Hammondsport with a higher ceiling than in the Catskills. There is no airport in Hammondsport, but the town closes the town boat ramp; and you can taxi right out of the water and park with all the other amphibians on the ramp. The floatplanes have plenty of dockspace so there's room for them too. Some of the early arrivals are giving rides to the local people who make a donation to the Museum for their effort.

Accommodations in town are mostly B&B's so call and make arrangements ahead of time. Our host drove down and picked up our luggage, but we were only two blocks from the ramp and one block from the center of town. The town square is just like a Currier and Ives postcard with an open space with a gazebo and shops around the perimeter.

On Friday night, the pilot's and passengers all seem to congregate at the local watering hole off the square after they've had something to eat at one of the local restaurants. It's a good place to meet old acquaintances or make new ones and even meet some of the local "historians". Everyone has their own tolerance for merrymaking, and it's just a short walk to wherever you might be staying.

Saturday morning the festivities at the waterfront really kick in. The local organizations are running food concessions and everyone comes to watch the seaplanes. The Museum has a big tent set up, and they sell the typical clothes and keepsakes. About one third of the planes give rides to benefit the Museum. The passengers give a donation to the museum in exchange for the pilots' time, flying expertise and fuel. The rides are about 15-20 minutes long, with spectacular views of Keuka Lake and surrounding wineries.

The Widgeon is the star of the show; and Barry, it's owner, has more fun giving rides than anybody. I enjoy giving rides so I'm usually up for a couple of hours and seeing what the Max Gross is all about. I try to get the ones with one adult and one child - but I've surprised myself with a couple of lifts. At One o'clock, the custom is to get all the planes in the water for a single file flight around the lake---from one end to the other---and then back around town and over the gravesite of Glenn Curtiss ending up back at the ramp and docks. I think this is what everybody comes to see. I don't know how many were in the flight this year, but you can look at the video and count the planes. Only one didn't make it into the flight.

After the flight around the lake and getting all the planes either docked or parked on shore, the Museum takes one of its antique seaplanes out of moth balls and actually flies it off the water. It's quite a sight!

There's more flying if you're up to it in the evening and then the annual dinner in the Museum. Yes, that is correct, dinner IN the Museum. I won't spoil it for you, but I get there early so I can browse around the museum and find some unusual piece or story. Glenn Curtiss was quite a guy. Starting out in bicycles--then motorcycles---then airplanes---then seaplanes. He was the fastest man alive in 1907 and had his company build school busses out of aluminum after the war and even helped develop the travel trailer. The dinner usually honors someone with a short presentation, and all the pilots who fly in get an exclusive bottle of Champagne and their dinner is free. Since it's in the middle of wine country, there is plenty of local variety to choose from; and, it's my favorite kind of wine - free. Sunday morning things are pretty much winding down. Those who have to leave early are checking the weather and heading down the line. If there are any riders left, there is usually someone who will give them a ride. Some years the pilots fly out to another local lake for a safety seminar before heading home. This year most of us hung out and waited for the fog to lift. The local pilots are very hospitable and gave several of us (about 12) a ride up to Bully Hill Vineyards for lunch and a look into their museum. The food was excellent, and the weather managed to lift enough to get us all on our way after lunch.

We went up to Penn Yan and topped off the tanks and then filed IFR back to Providence.

If you're looking for a fly-in that will interest the other half of your flight crew, this is one to put on your calendar.

Here is the video I took at Hammondsport.

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For more information about the Homecoming you can contact the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum at

<http://www.glennhcurtissmuseum.org/> or by phone at (607) 569-2160.

Myron Mitchell

I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday season. Be safe. See you again next year. EDITOR



MEETING NOTICE

Make your reservations today by calling 568 3497 or via email at RIPAEmail@aol.com by December 12, 2010.

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Time: 6:30pm Cocktails

7:00pm Dinner

Place: Chelo's in Warwick

Airport exit off Rte.95 to Post Rd south,
500ft on right

Buffet of:

Maple Glazed Virginia ham
Baked Salmon

Meatballs & Penne Marinara

Garden Salad w/assorted dressings

Garden Vegetables

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Rice Pilaf

Fresh Bread

Assorted Cake Slices

Coffee and Tea.



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.



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SPECIAL REQUEST

Do you have something hanging around the house that might make an interesting gift for an aviator? A book, an unused item, something Christmassy, or even a gag gift. Wrap it up and bring it along for our door prize table. We are hoping to have a prize for all who attend our Holiday Gala. Participation is not a requirement but would be appreciated.

EVENTS SCHEDULE

December 14 – Holiday Gala
Chelo's in Warwick
Air Man of the Year Award

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