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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Welcome to December, the time of the year that we are inundated with messages to shop, so here is one more, pick up a small gift (up to \$15) for a gift swap at the next meeting for those that bring a gift. The 20 Week Club raffle tickets are also available, which will be your last chance to enter before we draw the prizes at the December meeting.

Hope to see you at the meeting,
Stay safe and happy holidays.

Thank you,
Michael Spieth



EVENTS

RIPA's Annual Holiday Gala

Once again, we are inviting all members and friends to our Holiday Gala. This has been a popular event and this year we hope that more members will attend. There will be no speakers as the camaraderie, merriment and drawings keep everyone entertained. Tickets for the final drawing of the 20 Week Club will be available before the drawing. Bringing a present for the door prize drawings is optional. Please come and join us. Call for reservations.

New England Flying Gourmet Challenge sounds interesting and fun. See flyer below.

RIPA Mystery Fly-Out for brunch. Destination varies with weather. Plan to depart from North Central State Airport (SFZ) at 10 AM on Saturday or Sunday. Anyone is welcome to join.

Thursday Night Dinner Flyouts

VFR Flyouts to dinner at local airports. To be added to the notification list email graeme@graemejwsmith.com. Or check for details on the KUUU and KSFZ Facebook pages. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kuuupilots/>

Every Saturday Morning - KUUU Pilot's Breakfast

Tickets Bar and Restaurant, Middletown 08:15. If you fly in - check at the maintenance hangar for a ride no later than 08:00

On a busy day at my home airport LXT I was flying in the pattern with several other airplanes ahead of me ... Pilot on rollout ... "Traffic landing at Lee's Summit be advised - there is a turkey on the runway." ... Pilot taking off ... "Impossible, I'm already at 200 feet!" ... Gus Schlegel

From Short Final



This is the last Plane Paper of this year. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year. Hope to see you at the Gala.....
EDITOR

MEETING MINUTES

Dinner Meeting
October, 2016

Michael Spieth, President, called the dinner meeting to order at 7:05 pm at Chelo's in Warwick. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed for Fred Crudale. There were 29 members and friends present at the meeting. A dinner recess was called after introductions.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as written in the Plane Paper.

Dan Scanlon, treasurer, reported that there was \$1811.00 in the General Fund and \$4600.00 in the Scholarship Fund. He is still auditing the account and will have a more accurate accounting next month.

Announcements:

- ACONE will have its banquet Thursday
- Chili cook-off at SFZ, Saturday.
- RIAHF Banquet November 19th
- Graeme met Myron Mitchell at Triple Tree.

20-week club winners: November

Carol Amedeo, Joe Ludovici, Gene McKenna, Vinny Confreda.

Door Prize winners: Jan Crouse, Kim Ellin, Mike Gendreau, Kerry Smith, Dave Stukus, Roger Biagetti, Graeme Smith.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.
Marilyn Biagetti, Acting Recording Secretary

RIPA's businesses

AIR Ventures Flying School LLC

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Plane Share wanted- Responsible, Flexible, 3000 plus hour pilot looking to lease/share/purchase a 4 or 6 place. Have hangar, if you have a plane that isn't flying enough give me a call maybe we can work something out. Joe Crocker 401 603 7309

Plane Share Available South County Flying club has several openings. We operate a 1974 Grumman AA5 Traveler w/a 160 HP engine, IFR certified w/dual com. radios, dual nav. radios w/glide slope. The aircraft is very well maintained and hangared. We are based at Quonset State (KOQU); our flying rate is 65.00 per hr. wet. For more information call Jerry at 401-828-5092

Based at SFZ: 1969 Piper Arrow PA 28-200R, Factory Reman Lycoming, New Hartzell Prop, \$20,000 for 1/2 share Call Al for details 401-578-4494

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***Sigtronics Intercom**, SPA-400, w/installation manual. Asking \$100.

***ARC marker beacon receiver R-402A** (24V). Asking \$75.

*Cessna 172 **Service Manual**, 1969 - 1976, \$25.

*Cessna 172 **parts manual**, 1963 thru 1974, \$25

Call Frank...days 401-787-8668

FOR SALE: Ocean State Oil is offering current members a **discount on AEROSHELL** (cases & drums). 123 Ocean State Dr. North Kingstown, RI 02852 1800 554 4557

Free Classified ads of current members for aviation related items.

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NOTAMS

UUU under pressure again

November 22 at 8:51pm

Attention Newport Pilots: Middletown Planning Board is scheduled to hear Wednesday, December 14 @ 6:00pm @ the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 350 East Main Rd, a Special Use Permit for a proposed development of a 37-unit Senior Independent Living Facility at 1 Thelma Lane, Middletown. This would be DIRECTLY UNDER the APPROACH/DEPARTURE END OF RWY 16. Please come and show that you object to this proposed zoning change. public hearing notice 12-14-16.pdf

Welcoming Iftikhar Ahmad to T.F. Green

On September 29, the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) Board of Directors selected Iftikhar Ahmad as the new president and CEO. RIAC is responsible for the management and operation of T.F. Green Airport and five general aviation airports in Rhode Island.

Mr. Ahmad comes to T. F. Green with over 20 years of experience as an airport executive. He has held leadership positions at a number of airports, including Houston, Dayton, Nashville and most recently, as director of aviation at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, where he successfully increased revenue, nonstop routes and nearly doubled total passengers in just over five years. He also added a number of new domestic and international airlines at New Orleans.

Mr. Ahmad's message for the community:

"I am pleased to have joined the team at the Rhode Island Airport Corporation. In my short time here, I have had the opportunity to meet with many of the stakeholders who I believe will be integral to our collective success. It is my belief that much can be accomplished with a good strategic plan and a strong team, and I look forward to working shoulder to shoulder with civic and business leaders, tourism, and academic representatives toward a shared common goal of increasing the market share and bringing more service to T. F. Green."

Graeme John Wilson Smith

eMAILBAG

From: Deb

Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return. Leonardo daVinci

From: Graeme J W Smith

graeme@atlantictechgroup.com

Southbridge: Diner closed and shuttered. No plans to reopen at this time

HANGAR TALK

Hi Norm.

"That *bleeper* came about fifty feet from hitting us, and wasn't even using the radio, what the heck is his problem?". Said the agitated pilot as he burst into the lobby after securing his airplane. Clearly shaken he was looking around the room for some clarification on the course of events that had just transpired, a near miss in the traffic pattern that would have more than likely ended disastrously for everyone involved.

One of the pilots sitting on a couch weighed in, with a very matter o' fact tone and said "well, you don't have to use the radio – it's an uncontrolled field – so *he* never does".

"Well that's stupid". Responded the agitated pilot sitting down on another couch while stuffing his headset hastily into his flight bag.

"Still legal" said the other pilot.

"Hmmpffhh". Was the agitated pilots last response before trying to move on with light conversation about how nice the weather was for flying today.

This exchange got me thinking. Not because of the near miss, those happen – luckily no one was hurt. It got me thinking about the exchange with the pilot on the couch when the other pilot was seeking clarification as to what just happened. The second pilot seemed to be under the impression that you only needed to use the radio at towered airfields. I was sure that this wasn't the case, so I looked into it.

As it turns out, there are quite a few recommended radio procedures at uncontrolled fields, however it would appear that the pilot on the couch was right. There is nothing that says that you have to use the radio. Well that solves that then, right?

No.

I like to think that the current version of myself is better than the version of myself from five years ago. I think this, because I know that I have learned more and improved on everything from five years ago. The same should hold true for aviation, sadly were more often than not very slow on the uptake of new things in this industry.

Sure, we have traffic patterns and safety procedures and they generally do a decent job of keeping us safe, however it isn't 1960 anymore and nearly every single airplane that operates today is equipped with at least one VHF Radio.

If you have it – use it.

No one has even impressed anyone by showing them what they don't know how to do, or aren't any good at. I know, because almost every time I pick up a guitar – the room clears out.

If we have radios equipped in our aircraft, and you can bet that the Piper that was manufactured post 2000 that almost hit pilot number one did certainly have one installed and functioning. We should use them. Listening is important, but so is talking when it comes to aviation. Don't tell everyone what you had for lunch and your dinner plans for the next few days, but make concise position reports and you will certainly keep everyone more safe.

It is up to every pilot in a local community to work on establishing norms that are positive. We should never accept the phrase – he never does that, he legally doesn't have to, as ok. Because it means that we are OK with accepting the absolute bare minimum, and that isn't a recipe for success in anything

. Doug Auclair

NAFI Master Flight Instructor FAA Designated Pilot Examiner

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MEETING NOTICE

Please make your reservations today by calling 401 568 3497 or via email at RIPAemail@aol.com by December 11, 2016

Date: Tuesday December 13, 2016

Time: 6:30pm Cocktails

7:00pm Dinner

Place: **Chelo's** in Warwick

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

Buffet of: Cranberry Stuffed Chicken Breast

Baked Salmon

Penne with meatballs

Garden Salad

w/house dressing

Garden Vegetables,

Baby Carrots

Rice Pilaf

Roasted Garlic Mashed

Potatoes

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.

SPEAKER

December – No speaker this month, just fun and games. Bring a gift for the door prize table if you can. We would like to see everyone go home with a gift.

Stay posted, check our website at Ripilots.com.



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EVENTS SCHEDULE

December 13 - *Holiday Gala*
Reservations please

December 27- Board Meeting

January 7- Safety Seminar SFZ

January 10- Dinner Meeting

January 31 - Board Meeting

February 14 -Dinner Meeting Valentine's Day

February 28- Board Meeting

March 14- Dinner Meeting St Patrick's Day

March 28 - Board Meeting