



A newsletter for supporters of the Westerly State Airport published periodically by the Westerly Airport Association



Views from the President's Corner

by Bernie Stumpf



2013-2014 has been a great year for the Westerly Airport Association thanks to the energy and commitment of so many of our longtime members and the active involvement of several new ones.

On Aug 27 2013 we published the WAA Newsletter "Making WAAves! Summer/Fall 2013," edited by Carol Amedeo.

Sam & Karen Watrous and Stephanie Shawn did a great job organizing Wings Over Westerly 2013, which was held on Sep 7. During the WOW Young Eagle rally 123 kids got to fly, with 11 pilots participating. Weather was perfect. The total attendance was 732.

Wings Over Westerly 2014, also superbly organized by Sam & Karen Watrous and Stephanie Shawn was held on Sep 7 2014. We held the Young Eagle rally during WOW and 89 kids got to fly, with 7 pilots participating. Weather was excellent. Both 2013 and 2014 WOW events were a success for

WAA and the Scholarship Fund and provided a great opportunity for the community to enjoy the airport.

On Oct 18 2013 with Carol's able direction, we held our second fundraising event at the Ocean House "Celebrating Aviation in the 30's and 40's" where we dined and danced to the Johnny and the East Coast Rockers band. 90 people attended this elegant and singularly successful event.

At the October 2013 meeting Stephanie suggested that we have a hangar party under her capable direction on July 11, to be held in the Dooney hangar. She selected the popular band "Sugar", and then we decided to sell Tickets at \$20 per person with purchase available through the WAA website.

The Hangar Party was a lot of fun and a tremendous success with 189 people attending. We all congratulated Stephanie for leading and championing this event.

When I look at how the organization is doing this year there is good reason for optimism: our insurance problems are diminished, we are planning for a great Ocean House fundraising event on May 8

2015. This "Celebrating Aviation in the 50's" event should be fabulous, and will once again welcome our community to join us in appreciation of our airport and for the scholarships we provide to deserving students.

We continue to have an updated and maintainable website.

The strength of our organization is in you our members who unflinchingly step up to the plate in every instance. This has made it a privilege for me to work with all of you this year. Thank you.

Bernie



Congratulations to Our Scholarship Winners!

In June 2014 we honored 5 Scholarship recipients:

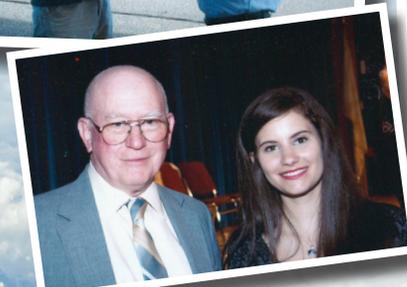
Westerly HS - Scott Liguori - \$1000 - presented by Jim Gueltzow.

Chariho HS - Sarah Winneg - \$1,000 - presented by Sandy Niles and Derek Ferris.

Old Saybrook HS - Benjamin Brennan - \$1,000 - presented by Derek Ferris (not pictured).

Stonington HS - Joel Nelson - \$1,000 - presented by Bernie Stumpf.

Stonington HS - Samuel Godfrey - \$1,000 - presented by Humphrey Amedeo.



Some thoughts on (Biennial) Flight Reviews

As the majority of pilots know, most are required to take a Flight Review every 24 calendar months (FAR 61.56). There are some exceptions, but for the most part this regulation applies to all Private and Commercial Pilots. The purpose of the Flight Review is to provide an evaluation of the pilot's skills and aeronautical knowledge and to ensure he/she is utilizing safe flying practices. Put another way; is the pilot aware of current rules and regulations, and has he/she picked up any bad habits?

The review must consist of a minimum of one hour of flight training and one hour of ground training. That's really not too much when you think about it. A local trip from KWST to KIJD then KBID and back to KWST can take longer than that. The specifics of the review are at the discretion of the person giving the review. That is to say, if you're a member of the "Breakfast Club" and fly regularly to some local restaurant, your review would be different from one who regularly flies into Boston or New York, or as one of our favorite Westerly locals does to Florida!

If you were to come to me for a Flight Review, I would look through your logbook to determine the nature of your flying. Then I would tailor your Review accordingly.

Let me tell you a few things I might ask you. First, looking at a current sectional (don't show up without one), tell me the ATIS/ASOS frequency at a particular airport. Tell me what an



ATIS/ASOS is. How can you be certain that there are no local TFR's? What is the best way to research TFR's along the route you intend to fly? When do you announce your position when approaching an uncontrolled airport? We might chat about B, C, and D airspaces. We would chat about your aircraft. What is the fuel burn rate on your aircraft? What is that aircraft's useful load? (Very few pilots can answer that question).

When it comes time for the flight portion of the review, I would read through your logbook to determine the nature of your flights. Which of the above categories do you fall into? (Breakfast club, New York – Boston type, or Florida regular)? Do you fly into controlled airports regularly? Are you simply a pilot who remains within 25 miles of Westerly? Once we settle that question I will

select local airports to simulate your normal route(s) and visit them. Our journey might include slow flight, stalls, etc.

We will go to these airports to evaluate your communications practices, pattern entry, airspeed, flap practices, etc. You'd be surprised how many pilots fail to look around while in a pattern and instead concentrate on looking at the runway while on downwind, base, and final. I keep reminding them

"the runway is not going to move!". I like to do short field landings. They're a great test of your skills.

The objective of the Flight Review is to make flying safe! That is how I approach the review.

One pilot recently asked me: if he flies solo does he still need a FR? YES!

One asked if he could fail a FR? NO, the person giving the review would simply not sign your logbook.

If one instructor does not sign off my FR, can I go to another instructor? Absolutely!

Another asked: if I completed my wIFR/IPC check ride do I also need a FR? YES!

Finally, I will tell you that my biggest gripe with pilots is that they fail to look around when in the traffic pattern and instead concentrate on looking at the runway. I stress that they should be searching for other aircraft which might be in the traffic pattern and might not be communicating. Or worse yet, be on the wrong leg. A while back I gave a FR to a pilot who reported downwind for runway 28 at Block Island when he was actually on downwind for runway 10. Another reported downwind for 25 at KWST when he was on downwind for 14! You have to keep your eyes open and your head pivoting.

Charlie Levandoski



WAA meetings are held

on the third Tuesday of the month at Dooney Aviation

7:00 P.M

Books for your reading pleasure:

A Higher Call by Adam Markos *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand *East To The Dawn* by Susan Butler

Thank You!



Left to right pictured: Karen Watrous, Joyce Amedeo, Sandy Niles and Dianne Morrone. An enormous "Thank You" to you all for helping to make the Harvest Pancake Breakfast a Success

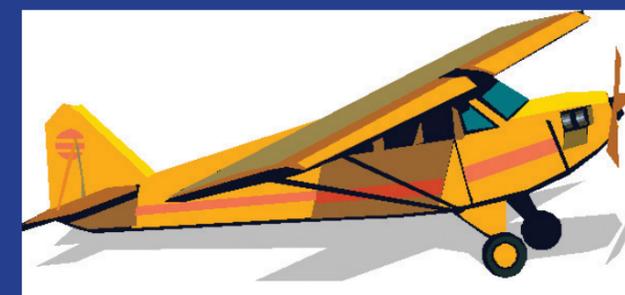
The Dooney Aviation Hangar was transformed into a delightful Fall themed venue for the WAA Harvest Pancake Breakfast, which was held in October. The breakfast was a success under the direction and organizing of Joyce Amedeo, of Joyce's Everyday Gourmet. Joyce prepared the Pumpkin, Apple and Plain Pancakes, Bacon and Sausages. Sandy Niles prepared the Gluten-Free Pancakes. Member volunteers helped continuing flipping pancakes and waiting on attendees, also helping to serve coffee, juice, and milk. All attending enjoyed a delicious breakfast! Proceeds helped fund the Scholarship Foundation.

A huge "Thank You" to Kevin Allen, General Manager at Dooney Aviation and his staff, Mike, Paul and Andy for preparing the Hangar and restoring it to its original state. We send our gratitude and appreciation to you all.



Christmas Celebration and Installation of Officers

December 16th 2014
6 p.m. Dinner
7 p.m. Meeting
The Pavillion



Congratulations to

Humphrey J. Amedeo, III who earned his Private Pilot VFR License in June following in his Dad's flight steps...
BRAVO HUMPHREY!

Welcome New Members:

Barbara and Fred Bartkiewicz
Carl and Dawn La Fleur

SAVE THE DATE

WAA's Signature Event of 2015

Celebrating Aviation In The Fabulous 50's

to be held at the magnificent

OCEAN HOUSE
Watch Hill, RI

Friday, May 8th, 2015, 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Please join us for an elegant evening of fine dining and fabulous entertainment!

Introducing *Nicolas King sings Sinatra*.
Featuring Jennifer Christina Holden.
Also appearing, Angela Bacari and Lisa Ferraro.



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Westerly Airport is really getting somewhere! Celebrate aviation and join the WAA today. Make WAAves!



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and Carol Amedeo

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