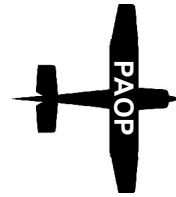


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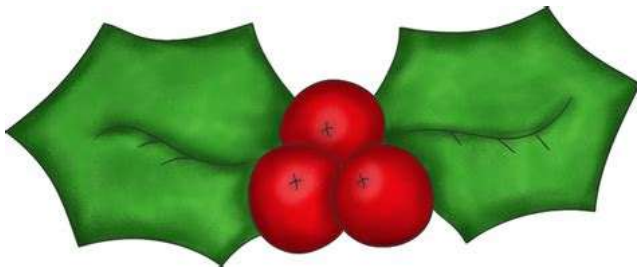
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Annual Meeting and Elections

This Annuals Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at the Copperfield Inn at Lakeside, 594 W Ridge Pike, Limerick. The program for the meeting will be the election of officers and directors for 2019.

Join us for cocktails and conversation starting at 1800, with dinner around 1830, or just for the presentation about 1930. Contact Gene Poppel (484-431-9660 or genepoppel@comcast.net) and let him know you're coming, by Tuesday, November 27.



Candidates for Election

Here is the current nomination slate for next year. These members were nominated at the last board meeting in November. As per prior convention in the last several decades, there may be other members who nominate themselves or nominate others for these positions. It will be voted upon at the January 31 meeting at Copperfields at 6PM for the dinner and 7:30PM to begin the vote. I encourage you to share in aviation fellowship and then vote for the future of PAOP.

CURRENT PAOP NOMINEES

President	Erik Forde
Vice President	Mike McNamara
Treasurer	Gene Poppel
Secretary	John Green
Director	Barry Kerchner

Director	Andy Landis
Director	Jeff Stouter
Director	Tom Kozel
Director	Laura Poppel
Ex-President	Tim Drager

If there are any comments, questions or concerns, please let me know.

Tim

Flyout

Hey Dude, Where's My Ranch?

In 1964, William Whitesell, a former Eastern Airlines pilot, and his brother, James, of Whitesell Construction fame, cofounded the Flying W Ranch (N14). It was conceived as a combination dude ranch, airport, and western-themed motel. Since then, it's gone through many iterations in services, quality, FBOs, and flight schools, and even runway configurations (a short "crosswind" runway at one time complemented the remaining runway 1-19). A constant has been the airplane-shaped pool, now the center of a swim club. The restaurants have gone from excellent white-tablecloth with \$20 Sunday brunch, to snack bar, and many forms in between, some good and some not so much.

On Sunday, December 16 (avoiding the pre-holiday weekends) we'll be flying for breakfast at the latest occupant of the restaurant space, the Patty Wagon Café. Although we'll miss the all you can eat buffet (only on the last Sunday of the month), their menu items are well regarded. It's a relatively short hop to N14, just 39 nm. Beware of the traffic at South Jersey Regional (KVAY), just a couple of miles northwest. The airports share a CTAF, 122.8. Flying W is distinguished by the north-south runway, vs. South Jersey's east-west. Of course, you'll see the pool.

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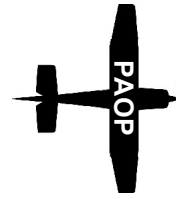
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We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0930 for 1000 takeoff. Bring a friend or bring a student pilot (or bring a friend who is a student pilot). Contact Gene Poppel at 610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net if you want a ride or have an available seat in your plane.

Make sure you have chocks for your plane. The parking ramp facing the runway slopes away from the runway, and more than one hapless pilot has seen his plane rolling backward.

By the way, for a great read, pick up a copy of *I'd Rather Be Flying*, by Frank Kingston Smith. Published in 1962, it's the story of a retired Philadelphia lawyer and his quest for instrument and multi-engine ratings, tutored by Bill Whitesell. It also gives more background of how Whitesell wound up in the airport-owning business, following a car crash that ended his airline career. It's available from Amazon. Smith's son, Frank Jr., is a popular air show announcer.



Holiday Donations

Penn Airways, Fly Elite and PAOP are co-sponsoring a Food Drive and Clothing Drive for the Holidays.

Cans (soups, sauces, vegetables), boxes of Dry Foods (cereal, rice, pasta etc) can be dropped off in the Lobby of KPTW Heritage Field or in the Office Lobby of N47 Pottstown Municipal through December 21st.

The Food is going to the Phoenixville Community Services (PACSPNX.ORG) and the clothing is going to the Phoenixville Area YMCA collection. Both organizations are collecting for free distribution to those in need, Call Mike Sehl (610) 996-7345 with any questions

Here's a full list of things needed by PACS:

- Baking mixes (w/ icing as needed), Canned Meat, Canned Pasta, Condiments (ketchup, mayo, etc), Jelly/Jam, Juice and Juice mixes, Macaroni and Cheese, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Pasta Sauce, Salt, Pepper and Seasonings, Snack Foods (crackers, cookies, nuts, fruit/granola bars, fruit snacks, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables (potatoes, carrots, olives, mushrooms, etc.), Cereal, Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate, Cooking Oil/Butter/Margarine, Dried Beans, Peanut Butter, Rice, Sugar/Artificial sweetener, Baby Diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6), Baby Wipes, Bar Soaps, Cleaning Supplies (small containers of dish soap/laundry detergent, etc), Deodorant, Feminine Products, Paper Towels, Pet food (cats and dogs), Shampoo, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste

From the Prez

Farewell
Tim Drager
14 December 2018

After four years as your President, I will be moving on to make room for the next generation of leaders to carry PAOP on through it's next phase. I have especially enjoyed getting to know

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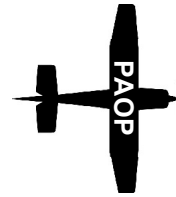
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you and sharing your stories and aspirations of aviation.

As Ex-President, I will still be hanging around KPTW, updating our website at <http://paop.org> and participating in meetings so feel free to reach out any time.

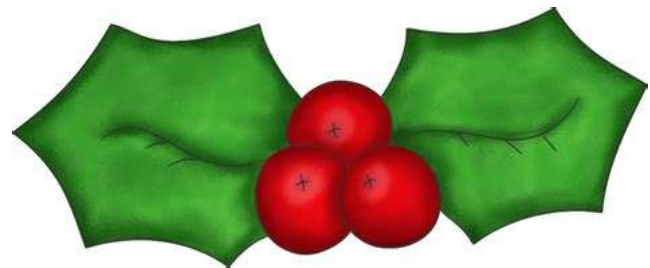
Our 2019 slate of leaders nominated by the Nominating Committee is listed in the Minutes part of this newsletter. Our January 31, 2019 regular meeting at Copperfields will feature the election of our leaders. You get to VOTE, and steer PAOP in the direction you want. We may have some competition for our executive committee positions, so come out and VOTE.

Look up, pursue those dreams of flying in the crystal blue sky, and smile.

Tim



There was no December Board of Directors meeting.



Board Minutes

PAOP Executive Board meeting

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From Mike

Here are some random thoughts of aviation to end my columns for 2018. From a site called Statista comes the number of certificated pilots in the USA in 2017 - 609,300. If all the states were equal that would be approximately 50,775 pilots per state. We can take note that it is not likely that Rhode Island nor Delaware have that many, and maybe New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan have even more. As you look at the national aviation traffic maps on any given day, you might think they are all flying. I think those numbers are reason for us to keep our eyes on the sky, on the ads-b display, and listening to the radios. So stay alert and be courteous.

ADS-B: We have all been told that all aircraft flying in the American airspace must have ads-b

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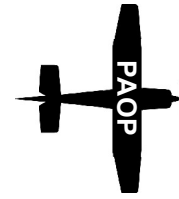
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installed by January first of 2020. Airplane pilots and owners have shelled out hundreds of thousands of dollars (maybe even millions of dollars) to comply. It's all in the name of safety, and nobody can complain about technology that makes use safer. But, sometime during the process, the Pentagon stated that there is not enough money in their budgets to add ads-b into all of the aircraft owned by the Pentagon, and that for that reason, and also the challenge of adding it to sophisticated military aircraft. In addition, the federal government civilian fleet does not intend to add ads-b to its planes because of cost. How many of those planes are flying everyday? If it is all about aviation safety, isn't there something wrong with this picture? Keep looking out of the cockpit.

Sehl family aviation secrets: It's sort of like when a kid or teenager asks: "How old are you?" My family is not famous in aviation, or anywhere else, but there have been three Sehl brother Pilots: Carl, Jim and myself – Sky-hawk (or Mike). Carl trained in the U.S. Army Air Corps and his flight squadron of young trainees was in Biloxi Mississippi to ship out to the pacific when the Japanese surrendered. I have it in family tradition that he did not fly after the war. My brother Jim and I argue over who flew first. Jim is seven years older than I am. When I was seventeen, I took two introductory lessons in a piper cub at the Vineland Airfield in New Jersey. My brother would have been twenty-four. Not long after that Jim took lessons in different places where he worked, and earned his certificate. He even bought an airplane. Later than this, I started flying lessons at the age of fifty on the very day when they were looking for the remains of John F. Kennedy Jr. off the coast of Massachusetts. I was awarded my certificate in 2002. Who wins? I flew first, he passed his check ride and was licensed first. Does it matter?

I was once told by a psychic in the Philadelphia area that I was a pilot during World War I. She said I was a better navigator than pilot. Was that true? Maybe, maybe not. She also said I wounded in the leg by a Yankee bullet at Gettysburg. I had a tennis injury that felt a lot like that when I tore a muscle one time, so, maybe I had muscle memory.

What's the tie-in? I love flying. The majority of the people I know or have met around the airport, around all the airports I have visited are there because of that love of aviation. All those people I have met or seen at Oshkosh are there because of their love of aviation. So, other than those who love the pure mechanical aspects of flying machines, almost all of us are involved because we love aviation and we are blessed by being able to have at some point in time been part of this amazing world. Fly Smart, Be safe, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mike 'Sky-hawk' Sehl
PAOP Member,
Private Pilot and
Attorney at Law



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Planned 2018 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
1/10/18	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/25/18	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
1/28/18	Flyout— Millville Executive Airport (KMIV)	
2/1/18	Board Meeting	
2/22/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
2/25/18	Flyout— Millville Executive Airport (KMIV)	
3/1/18	Board Meeting	
3/25/18	Flyout—Cambridge, MD (KCGE)	
3/29/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
4/5/18	Board Meeting	
4/28/18	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
4/26/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
4/29/18	Flyout—Cherry Ridge (N30)	Brunch
5/3/18	Board Meeting	
5/26/18 (Sat)	Flyout—Delaware Coastal Airport (KGED)	Brunch
5/31/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
6/7/18	Board Meeting	
6/24/18	Flyout— Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)	Crabs!
6/28/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Chicken*
7/5/18	Board Meeting	
7/26/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
7/29/18	Flyout— Ocean City, NJ (26N)	Brunch
8/2/18	Board Meeting	
8/26/18	Flyout—Tangier Island (KTGI)	Crab lunch and sightseeing
8/30/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
9/6/18	Board Meeting	
9/9/18*	Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast	
9/27/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Lobster (and optional steak)
9/29-30/18	99s Pennies a Pound	
9/30/18 (Sat)	Flyout—Gettysburg (W05)	Lunch and Tour the Battlefield
10/4/18	Board Meeting	
10/25/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
10/28/18	Flyout— Sky Acres (44N)	
11/1/18	Board Meeting	
11/25/18	Flyout— Sky Manor (N40)	Brunch
11/29/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield's, Limerick
12/6/18	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/8/18*	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party	Sunnybrook Ballroom, Pottstown
12/16/18	Flyout— Flying W (N14)	AYCE Pancake Breakfast
1/3/19	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/27/19	Flyout—Frederick, MD (KFDK)	Brunch
1/31/19	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside

* Steak is also available at these meeting

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