

POTTSTOWN AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS

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April 2021 News, enticing articles, and more...

Dear members,

The Roost is now officially open. The water is turned on and the fridge is stocked with beer and sodas. We should have sent a reminder email, but 6 of us did make it for cleanup day. Laura and Gene used a carpet cleaner in the Roost and what a difference! Tom, Mike John and I raked the driveway stones, cleaned up the pavilion and pressure washed the building. Barry is working on the service bar in the pavilion, so it looks like we are ready for another year of activities.

It seems like it was not meant to be to fly to Fredrick Maryland. Every time the weather was against us. It does look like we have a shot at Cherry Ridge on Sunday, and we have another fly out to RVL May 8 for breakfast. I can't say I have ever been there, but Tom McCaa seems to know it well and knows some people there. We may be able to get into the shop there and see a nice Stinson gull wing. Call Gene if you are coming or need a ride.

We have had some interest from members in flying the Cub, so you may see the J-3 parked around the Roost from time to time this year. Definitely a fun experience!

On April 29 we will have our last dining out dinner meeting at Cutillo's before resuming our Roost dinner meetings so come join us. Call Laura and let her know you are coming, she makes reservations.

May will start dinner meetings under our pavilion, looks like steaks on the grill at this point.

See you for the fly out!

Your Prez Erik Forde

A quick note on the Saturday Flyout to KRVL. If you've never been, be sure to go! They put on a great breakfast, well organized and lots of planes to look at. We are planning to meet at PTW at 8 AM for wheels up at 8:30. As usual contact Gene if you want a ride or have a seat! Here's a pic of the Gull wing that's hangered there and often displayed at these Fly-ins.



Attendees: John Green, Erik Forde, Andy Landis, Gene Poppel, Laura Poppel, Mike McNamara, Tom McCaa

Secretary Report: The minutes from the last meeting were read. Motion made and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Report: Jan. 2021

Starting Balance	\$4,804.36
Income	\$2,426.00
Expenses	\$2,645.65
Outstanding Payments	<u>\$ 975.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$4,584.71 - \$235.23 for Youth Education Fund
Gain (Loss)	\$ (219.65)

Motion made and carried to accept the Treasurer's report.

Old Business:

- Discussion on replacing the two windows in kitchen area. We decided to pursue a fund raiser to pay for this improvement as the annual budget will not support purchasing at this time. There is an option on the PAOP.org webpage to donate to this fund. **IN PROGRESS**
- Shed improvements: dig down the floor area and add a stone base. Will follow up with a concrete floor in the future. **OPEN**
- Discussion on T-shirts and golf shirts with PAOP logo to sell. **TABLED**
- Discussion on use of electronic cards for The Flyer's Roost given to members with door access annual fee. This will allow more members to utilize The Flyer's Roost during off hours. **This item was approved at the March dinner meeting. Cards on order, cost for a card is \$40/year.**
- Discussion held on how to honor members for significant contributions to our facilities in the past. **TABLED**
- Discussion on setting up an investment fund to create an endowment for future development. Money would be re-invested for some minimum of time, say 5 or 10 years, before the quarterly dividends would be available for use. We will make a notice in the monthly newsletter about making a legacy donation. **OPEN**
- Discussion on creating annual membership cards. **Gene will begin working on these with the 2021 membership list.**

New Business:

- Gene is going to work on a new membership directory. Erik is working on getting advertising sponsors.
- Next Fly-out scheduled for April 25th to Cherry Ridge, NY - N30 with wheels up from KPTW at 8:30.
- May Fly-out will be to Reedsville, PA - KRVL on May 8th for a pancake breakfast with wheels up from KPTW at 08:30.
- June 27th Fly-out to Kentmorr, MD - 3W3 for lunch with wheels up at 11:00
- Clean up day is April 10th, starting at 8 AM. Donuts and coffee provided.
- Erik will call Chris Jordan about getting our well water tested.
- 1st 2021 outdoor monthly dinner will be May 27th starting at 6 PM.
- Discussion on Roost rental to outside organizations. We will be setting a price at \$65/day.
- New Heritage owner, Dave Pitcairn, will be at EAA hangar on April 24th in the morning. He's looking to organize a Vintage Airplanes Fly-In Weekend possibly in May, at KPTW. We are being offered the opportunity to host a Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast using our pavilion.
- We are planning four Saturday lunches from 12PM – 2PM for May 15th, June, July, and August as fund-raisers. We will advertise on East Coast Private Pilots to try and increase our draw.
- Discussion on other means of fund raising.
- Next dinner meeting is April 29th at Cutillo's starting at 6 PM.
- Next Business Meeting will be held May 6th at The Flyer's Roost beginning at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted, John Green

WELCOME SPRING IN THE POCONOS

The woods are just starting to take on that bright green spring shade. On April 25, we'll take the 78 nm jaunt over some of our state's most beautiful areas to see the awakening countryside on our way to Cherry Ridge (N30).

The nearest town is Honesdale. Located in a coal mining region, during the 19th century it was the starting point of the Delaware and Hudson Canal, which ultimately brought coal to New York City. Today, it's home to history, shopping, and outdoor sports.

Practice up on your short field takeoffs. While the runway is 2,420 feet long, the elevation is 1,357 feet, so you might have to think about density altitude, especially if we get one of those warm spring days.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0800 for 0830 takeoff. Weekend breakfast is served only until 1100. Take a student pilot or even a non-pilot along for an introduction to the world of general aviation—the fun and camaraderie. Contact Gene Poppel (610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net) and let him know if you'll need a ride or have a seat available in your plane.

PAOP 2021 Flyouts ...and some other events

Date	Event	Comment
4/25/21	Cherry Ridge (N30)	Brunch
4/29/21	Business Meeting at Cutillo's	6 PM, contact Laura by 4/27
5/8/21 (Sat)	Mifflin County (KRVL)	Fly-in Breakfast
5/15/21	KPTW lunch at the Roost	12 PM – 2 PM
6/27/21	Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)*	Crabs!
7/25/21	Sky Acres (44N)	Brunch
8/29/21	Greenwood Lake (4N1)	BBQ Lunch and Visit a Connie
9/26/21	Delaware Coastal (KGED)*	Brunch
10/24/21 (Sat)	Grimes (8N1)	Great Pumpkin Fly-in
11/27/21	Cambridge, MD (KCGE)*	Brunch
12/19/21	Millville (KMIV)*	Brunch at Verna's

** - If there's a VIP TFR centered at President Biden's Wilmington home, we may change destinations to avoid TFR procedures or wide detours.*

PAOP member Joel McFarland and his wife Betsy flew Poppy's V-Tail to KWWD for a Saturday breakfast trip and a short coastline tour. The editor and his co-pilot Kathy were along on the adventure as well. The trip was VFR. Atlantic City and Philadelphia ATC provided radar flight following at our request with clearance through the Class B both ways for a nice view of the city and traffic advisories as we twisted and turned along the New Jersey coastline looking out at various points of interest. You can check our track on <https://flightaware.com/live/flight/N235E>.



Andy and Kathy Flew the Arrow to N38 a few weeks ago for a quick overnight visit. The young man in the picture is Andy's grandnephew Avery Stout. Avery is currently working on his driver's license and is always bugging me for flight lessons. Persistence often is the key to achievement. His father is a Private Pilot with both fixed and rotor-wing.



Send your pictures of planes and adventures to share...

26N - Ocean City Municipal Airport

My brother Jim (who was a pilot long before me) loves trains. He loves scale model trains; he loves Big people moving and cargo moving real trains. He collects trains and has built model railroads ever since he was a teenager. Well, like Jim and many other people who fly, when I travel near or far, I like to visit airports. One of my favorites is 26N in OCNJ where you can land and walk to the beach, or Uber it into town for the sales on Asbury Avenue or the views and food on the Boardwalk. This past week, I stopped in while driving back home.

Many of us were sad to hear that the "Diner" at 26N was closed, likely another victim of the Covid situation. Doing some research last year, and talking with some people in Ocean City, I found out that at least a year past, the City Council had passed a bill authorizing the City Government to plan for an expansion of the airport in terms of replacing the current Building which also housed the Diner, with a larger building better sized to include a diner or restaurant, increased room for the golf course offices, and expanded room for the FBO and other municipal functions at the Airport. So, whenever I am around, I ask: "if there is any news?" I have not heard anything of substance until I stopped in at the Airport on April 19th and was surprised to be told that the former Diner was being redone to add a meeting room to the airport instead. That was a surprise, So I called City Hall on the 20th to ask the officials about this new information. My thanks to Mr. Todd Dwyer, the Airport Manager who called me back to answer my questions about the Diner, and the Airport. The story is always interesting, and better than speculation.

The Diner as we have all come to know it over the years had been run by the same family for almost 35 years. But, as with many other businesses large and small it fell victim in the spring of 2021 to the covid virus. The family over the years had outfitted the entire diner including the kitchen, cooking gear even the tables and chairs. So, when it was time to shut the doors, they also took with them the trade fixtures that belonged to them. The airport was left with empty space and now needed to do something with it. The current plan is to finish off this space so that it is clean and usable, but not necessarily for the public use.

Mr. Dwyer recapped for me that the long-term plans for the airport do indeed include replacing the building that houses the airport office, the golf course office and will also include a cafe or diner for the local public as well as those who fly in. I responded by saying that I have read the plans as they were put forth a couple of years ago to replace the existing building with a larger one and enhance the services at the airport. My question was "when you see this happening?" Being the Airport Manager for the City of Ocean City, he is keenly interested in getting it done. But that will take a financial commitment on behalf of the City Council, as well in most cases, grants from the aviation authorities of New Jersey and the FAA.

As to the time frame he is hopeful that this will begin to come together in the next two to three years. He would like to see changes starting to occur in the next two years, but it requires commitments to be made. He also said that they are hoping to find a food service operator who will put in a more upscale diner or restaurant in the airport when the construction of the new building is completed. I asked him for permission to use his name in this article and he agreed without hesitation. My Thanks to Mr. Todd Dwyer for his time and information. ~ continued

So, you want to fly to Ocean City anyway to walk to the beach and maybe eat too, the closest place to the airport is “Kessels Korner” for breakfast, lunch, dinner or an ice cream cone and is located at 28th and Asbury Avenue. Call before you fly for the hours (609) 398-1170 and tell them Sky-Hawk sent you.....

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Self-Appointed Writer

Don't forget to check those NOTAMS and TFR's. 26N is a perfect destination

