

POTTSTOWN AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS

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November 2019 News, enticing articles, and more...

Dear Members,

This month's general meeting will be at Copperfield's Thursday 11/21 at 6PM. Debra Penrod will speak on the history of aviation in the Pottstown area, about the airports in the area and Jacob's Engine Manufacturing. It is a power point presentation she has put together for the historical society. She would like anyone with information on these topics to contribute to the presentation. This I am sure will be very informative. Thanks Deb!

Last month's meeting had Bar Eisenhauer, a Quakertown Aviation Maintenance Tech graduate, with some interesting stories of his experiences in aviation. He also explained what activities are available at Van Saint Airport, (the N3N, the Cub, the Ercoupe and outdoor dinner movies). Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Our fly out this month will be a short hop to N40 Sky Manor for a breakfast treat on Sunday 11/24. We should have several airplanes with seats available so if you want to ride along, please join us. Currently, I have a couple of seats available in the 182. Departure from KPTW will be at 9 AM or shortly thereafter on Sunday morning, so we should be home by noon. *More on page 3.*

It was a shame last month's fly out was rained out. We could not change it to Saturday because of a scheduled deposit and clean up on our J-3 Cub. Five afflicted souls showed up at Mike Ondra's farm Saturday morning to clean the old girl up and taxi her around a bit. We also removed the landing gear struts for examination and new bungs. After the struts are reinstalled, we plan to ferry the J-3 to Van Saint for an annual.

At the board meeting we initiated moving forward with the C-3 Status of PAOP. We also discussed the structuring of the flying club membership. Along with separation of funds, we decided on separation of assets, thus creating a separate corporation called PAOP Aircraft Holdings. This move will eliminate most of the problems encountered with adding flying club membership. This is an exciting time for our members. We will have aircraft share ownership available. If you have questions contact board members - Andy Landis or myself and we will be glad to answer them.

Don't forget to make your reservations for our Christmas dinner party on 12/19. The invitation is on page 6 and is open to all who wish to attend. I'm sure It will be a fun holiday celebration and gathering. Hope to see you there!

Erik Forde

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The Editor goes Soaring

Hello Members,



1963 PIPER PA-25-235

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1974 SCHWEIZER SGS 2-33A

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Enough about me already, next month I'm coming after you!

Andy

BREAKFAST TO START THE HOLIDAY SEASON

This year, on November 24, we start the preliminaries of the holiday season with a short brunch trip to Sky Manor airport in Pittstown(N40). It's long been a popular destination, with attractive surroundings, interesting runway, and eclectic collection of planes. The scenic setting, slightly challenging approach (mind the power lines across the approach to 25), and cozy restaurant all add up to a worthy destination for our flyout. You'll see several interesting airports along the way, including the strangely named Elephant Path. Our course takes us near Vansant airport, with its two grass runways. If it's been dry for a while, there may be gliders, Cubs, and Stearmans rising to meet us, or at least to make us worry about a suddenly crowded sky. And with luck, the President won't be at his New Jersey golf course, so we won't need a Plan B due to a TFR.

The Sky Café serves a full breakfast menu until noon, with lunch to follow. The restaurant looks out right on the runway threshold, so you can judge landings. They are always fun at Sky Manor.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0930 for 1000 takeoff. Take a non-pilot or a student 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 Executive Board meeting
Nov. 7, 2019

Attendees: John Green, Erik Forde, Gene Poppel, Laura Poppel, Tim Drager, Andy Landis, Kathy Brenneman

Secretary Report: Minutes from the Oct. 2019 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Report: Oct. 2019

Starting Balance	\$4,988.67
Income	\$ 21.00
Expenses	\$ 974.45
Ending Balance	\$4,035.22 - incl. \$235.23 for Youth Education Fund and \$600 for 501(c)(3) filing
Gain (Loss)	\$ 953.45

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

Erik and Gene started to setup separate bank account for airplane funds. Erik does have signature rights to the PAOP General Fund account.

Erik was able to start an account for the airplane funds at Univest Bank, deposited \$1500 and made an expenditure \$28 for landing gear bungee cords.

Old Business:

- Electronic interior sign for in the FBO at Municipal to advertise our events. **ON HOLD**
- Garage needs new roof and peak over front door
- Christmas Party at Copperfield Inn will be Thursday, December 19th from 6 - 10 PM
 - Cash bar, Hors D'oeuvres, Tossed Salad, Choice of Prime Rib or Grilled Salmon, dessert, coffee (including decaf) or tea for \$55.
 - Will do raffle for door prizes and 50/50

New Business:

- Discussion on Director of Aircraft Maintenance being able to expend money against the PAOP Aircraft Fund. This will require amending the Corporate Regulations.
- Andy presented on the recommendation for filing as a 501(c)(3) vs. filing as a 501(c)(7). Motion made and carried to structure PAOP as a 501(c)(3), previously approved and funded, and create PAOP Aircraft Holdings as a 501(c)(7). The funding for that will come from the Flying Club members. Erik will give a presentation at the November dinner meeting explaining the change.
- General membership dinner will be held at Copperfield's on Nov. 21st starting with cocktails at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM.
- Proposal to buy 50 calendars with our logo at \$4.25/each and/or 50 spinning propeller letter openers at \$4/each. Motion made and carried to buy 50 of propeller openers for sale at \$10 each.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,
John Green

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Don Bailey - Last Flight West

Donald Jay Bailey passed away peacefully on November 14 at age 88. Don was a long-time member of PAOP, serving for many years as treasurer and ultimately as president. He became a friend to many of us, and an instructor, teacher, and mentor. In PAOP he helped provide leadership in the period when some of the original members were gone and into the newer generation.

Don retired from the Air Force as a Captain. He had been an instructor pilot in the Air Force. In civilian life, he had a commercial certificate for airplane-single engine land and sea, multiengine land, helicopter, and glider, and was certified as an instructor for airplane-single engine and helicopter.

He helped provide unusual flight opportunities through development of flying clubs that included Cherokee 180, Cherokee 6, and the Zlin 242, in which he gave instruction and the chance to fly in a fully aerobatic plane. He also owned an L-29 Albatross jet, which he was qualified for low level airshow performances.

Don is survived by son, JJ, and daughters, Deeann and Keekee. He had two grandchildren—Stephen, currently a Major in the Air Force flying the U-2, and Angela, in retail management. He had four great grandchildren.

No funeral is planned at this time, though the family expects to have a memorial event in early 2020.

2019 PAOP Events

11-21-2019 11-24-2019	Monthly Meeting Flyout to Sky Manor (N40)	Copperfield's Brunch
12-5-2019 12-19-2019 12-29-2019	Board Meeting Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party Flyout to Millville, NJ (KMIV)	New Slate of Officers See Invitation Brunch at Verna's
1-2-2020 1-26-2020 1-30-2020	Board Meeting Flyout to Frederick, MD (KFDK) ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	New Slate of Officers Brunch Copperfield's


Pottstown Aircraft Owners and Pilots, Inc.
*Invites You and your Guests to a
 Holiday Party
 Thursday, December 19, 2019*
 Cocktails (Cash bar) 1800 Dinner 1900
 Hot Hors D'oeuvres
 Dinner, including salad, entree, vegetables, and dessert
 Coffee and tea
 Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
 594 W Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA 19468

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM, AND SEND IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO:
 PAOP c/o EUGENE H. POPPEL
 500 BERWYN BAPTIST ROAD
 15 L'FLEUR-ARBORDEAU
 DEVON, PA 19333-1078

YOUR SELECTION AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 25, 2019
 NAME _____

INDICATE THE NUMBER OF DINNERS FOR EACH CHOICE:
 ___ PRIME RIB OF BEEF ___ RISOTTO WITH VEGETABLES
 ___ GRILLED SALMON

PRICE FOR DINNER IS \$55.00 PER PERSON
 MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO PAOP, INC. TOTAL PAYMENT \$_____

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