

POTTSTOWN AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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

Dear Members,

Due to the change in temperature, our next club meeting on Thursday, October 24 will be at Copperfield's at 6 PM. We have unique and interesting guests from Van Sant airport (9N1). He is one of the few Barn Stormers that still exist, with a 1928 Travel Aire. Bar Eisenhauer and his delightful wife Dannie will be our guests.



They live a unique life in a special place that remains in many ways back in time 75-80 years. I will let Bar tell you "the rest of the story". I am confident you will find it an interesting evening! Hope to see you there. Please contact John Green (jody8654green@aol.com) for reservations by Tuesday October 22 **at the latest**.

This month on October 20, we will fly Northwest to Grimes Field for their Great Pumpkin Fly-in. I had hoped we would have our J-3 Cub ready for the competition Pumpkin Drop, but we are still in the purchasing stage. You can still compete with a \$25 donation the Museum on the field and for that you will receive a ride in "drop plane," possibly another J-3. Come join us for our luncheon/flyout to Grimes Field and check out the museum and the annual Pumpkin Drop. See the special writeup for this event on page 2.

Last month's flyout to Cherry Ridge (N30) took off with low clouds and some valley fog but it soon burned off as the day progressed. Nine folks in 4 airplanes (some empty seats here) was an improvement from the past couple of flyouts and we all had a wonderful breakfast as usual. The sky was clear for the trip home and we had a nice tailwind. A great day to fly!

President: **Erik Forde** Vice President: **Mike McNamera** Secretary: **John Green** Treasurer: **Gene Poppel**
Directors: **Barry Kerchner, Thomas Kozel, Andy Landis, Laura Poppel, Tim Drager** (President Ex-Officio)

We had quite a turnout at the General meeting for the Lobsterfest last month. Mike Siehl and Barb Ziegler had a nice Tribute to Flight Instructor Ethel Bailey, complete with a champagne toast! We finished up business on the Constitution and Bylaws with a vote that successfully passed with two thirds majority. Now we will have Flying Club membership available for those who would like to spread their wings and fly. **Currently there are 5 or 6 openings available for members that would like to buy into the initial Club aircraft, a J-3 Cub for low priced flying. Spread the word!** Get your tail wheel endorsement, stay current, or just have fun! You can't beat Flying Club membership for pricing and owning a piece of this classic aircraft doesn't come along too often. Contact either Andy Landis (215-527-7440, andrew.landis@chlsystems.com) or myself (215-257-9763, larserik1@verizon.net) if you are interested or pass our contact info to anyone you meet that expresses interest.

Fall is upon us and that brings the holiday season. Thanks to the efforts of John Green we have arranged for a Christmas Party again this year at the Copperfield Inn so mark your calendars for December 19. There will be awards like previous years, door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. Also, if you feel so inspired feel free to bring a gift to share in the door prizes. It is always a fun gathering! Hope to see you there. You will need to purchase your tickets in advance by the absolute deadline of December 2, please contact John Green (jody8654green@aol.com) for reservations.

Erik Forde

IT'S THE GREAT PUMPKIN

The Golden Age Air Museum at Grimes Airfield (8N1) in Bethel, PA is a gem in our area. Not only do they have a collection of operational classic and antique planes, but they host a full schedule of events. At this time of year, there's nothing that's more fun than the Great Pumpkin Fly-in, featuring a pumpkin bombing contest, vintage aircraft, Museum aircraft demo fly-bys, vintage autos, R/C aircraft, and raffles. Food will be available at food trucks. It sounds like fun, so that's our destination for October 20 (not the last Sunday of the month, so we can attend the event).

Grimes is a grass strip at 582' elevation and 2,720' long, just past Cabela's on Route 78 headed west. It isn't far past Reading.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 1000 for 1030 takeoff. Take a student pilot or even a non-pilot along, for an introduction to the world of general aviation—the fun and camaraderie. Contact Andy Landis (215-527-7440, andrew.landis@chlsystems.com) if you'll need a ride or have a seat available in your plane.

Introduction from the Editor

Hello Members,

My name is Andy Landis and if you look below you will notice my name next to Thomas Kozel. Mr. Kozel has performed the duties of editor on this publication faithfully for many years and it is now my task to pick up this mantle. To the best of my recollection this will be the first time "Editor" will appear on my resume so feel free to tell me what I'm doing wrong and I look forward to learning on the job.

A bit about myself. I was born September 25, 1961 but did not take my first flight lesson until March 7, 2000. Since that lesson I have accumulated over 5,000 hours, many ratings and endorsements and from 2005 to 2012 held an Air Carrier Certificate (Part 135) with the Allentown FSDO. I currently own the Piper Arrow shown below and am a part time Flight Instructor. My day job is an equipment designer at a company called CHL Systems.

I encourage everyone reading this who is a member of PAOP to write a few words or more about anything related to flying, fixing, looking at, dreaming about, annoyed by or any connection to things that fly. I want to print your experience in this publication. This is your newsletter and I know everyone has something from their experience from which we could all benefit.

Andy



PAOP Executive Board meeting
Oct. 3, 2019

Attendees: John Green, Erik Forde, Gene Poppel, Laura Poppel, Mike McNamara, Tim Drager,

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

Treasurer Report: Sept. 2019

Starting Balance	\$2,633.21
Income	\$4,895.94
Expenses	\$2,540.48
Ending Balance	\$4,988.67 - incl. \$235.23 for Youth Education Fund and \$600 for 501(c)3/7 filing

Gain (Loss) \$2,355.46
Dinner Meeting-26 attendees, \$235.90 net
Motion made and carried to accept the Treasurer's report

Old Business:

- Electronic interior sign in the FBO at Municipal to advertise our events. **ON HOLD**
- Garage needs new roof and peak over front door
- Fly-In Breakfast recap:
 - Grass was cut too high, many pilots were reluctant to park in lower lot
 - Overflow lot the grass was very long
 - Plane parking in general was difficult, requires a sit down with Penn Airways one week before the next breakfast
 - New banner sign for use at Airport Road entrance
 - Continue to advertise on Facebook
 - No issues at serving line
 - Minor issue with not enough cooks
 - Discussed issues with pilots behaviors at runway and intersections

New Business:

- 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
- Gene and Erik have been to TD Bank to setup a separate account for the PAOP aircraft funds

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
John Green

Planned 2019 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
2/28/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
2/16, 17, or 18/19	Flyout—Alton Bay (B18)	The Ice Runway
3/28/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
3/31/19	Flyout—Flying W (N14)	AYCE Pancake Breakfast
4/4/19	Board Meeting	
4/??/19	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
4/25/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
4/28/19	Flyout—Delaware Coastal Airport (KGED)	Brunch
5/2/19	Board Meeting	
5/4-5/5/19	99s Pennies a Pound	Heritage Field
5/26/19	Flyout—Cherry Ridge (N30)	Brunch
5/30/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
6/6/19	Board Meeting	
6/27/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Chicken
6/30/19	Flyout—Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)	Crabs!
7/11/19	Board Meeting	
7/25/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
7/27/19 (Sat)	Flyout—Cape May, NJ (WWD)	Date Nite at the Shore
8/1/19	Board Meeting	
8/25/19	St. Michaels, MD (Fly into Easton (KESN))	Maritime Museum and Lunch
8/29/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
9/5/19	Board Meeting	
9/8/19	Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast (Rain Date 9/15/19)	
9/26/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Lobster (and optional steak)
9/29/19	Flyout—Cherry Ridge (N30)	Brunch
10/3/19	Board Meeting	
10/24/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
10-20-2019	Flyout—Grimes Field	Pumpkin Drop
11/21/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield's, Limerick
11/24/19	Flyout—Sky Manor (N40)	Brunch
12/5/19	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/7/19	Monthly Meeting - Christmas Party	SunnyBrook Ballroom, Pottstown
12/29/19	Flyout—Millville (KMIV)	Brunch at Verna's
1/2/20	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/26/20	Flyout—Frederick, MD (KFDK)	Brunch
1/30/20	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside

* Steak is also available at these meeting