

POTTSTOWN AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS

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www.paop.org, Facebook: PAOP, Inc. a/k/a "The Flyers Roost"

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October 2020 News, enticing articles, and more...

Dear members,

If you made our lobster fest at the Roost last month, you know what a great dining experience it was under the pavilion. We had close to 30 people attend the event. I enjoyed my very first s'more made at the campfire by Rob Madden's daughter. Thank you, Madden family, for bringing that special campfire treat.

I am proud to say the Aircraft Holdings group of PAOP has acquired its first operational club aircraft, a 1945 J3 Cub. The eagle has landed. We have been flying to local airports improving our tail wheel techniques. I must admit my tail wheel skills need some improving. Practice will make me a better pilot. What a fun airplane, I can't wait to learn on skis in the snow. This past weekend we were perfecting our skills for our first entry to the PD competition at Grimes field next weekend October 24 & 25. We will be in the running against their Breezy and Waco among other outside entries. Come out on the fly out this month and support your team for our first competitive entry ERR - AHH. Bring your cowbells to cheer us on as we make our bombing runs.

We are making headway on improvements on and around the Roost. Not only a new roof on the garage but the siding is finished also. There are new PAOP and Roost signs up too. Our roof painting project is well under way. Thanks to the efforts of Mike, Bob, Chris, and Jim along with paint donated by Penn Airways we are making it happen. If you are able, I ask you to become a part of the comradeship effort and get some skin in the game for YOUR club.

We all have busy schedules that make it hard to make club activities sometimes. This month's (all you can eat) spaghetti dinner is one you should try to make. We are cooking at the Roost and serving at the EAA hanger 6PM on October 22. My neighbor and friend Allen Robertson will give a brief presentation of his flying for the South African Air Force and his career as a United 777 Captain. An interesting chap. If you know you can make it, let us know, so we get a feel for the turnout. Call Gene 610-647-1332, Andy 215-527-7440 or me 267-718-4890. Things are happening at PAOP.

See you there,
Erik Forde

PS

It is time to make plans to attend our Christmas Party. Thanks to Laura Poppel it will be a special event! E-mails with details are forth coming. Stay tuned.



2020 Officers and Directors

President: **Erik Forde** Vice President: **Mike McNamera** Secretary/Treasurer: **John Green**
Directors: **Gene Poppel, Barry Kerchner, Andy Landis, Kathy Brenneman/Laura Poppel, Alan Jones**
and **Tim Drager** (President Ex-Officio)

PAOP Business meeting
October 1, 2020

Attendees: John Green, Erik Forde, Andy Landis, Mike McNamara, Tim Drager, Gene Poppel, Laura Poppel, Jim Fowler

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

Treasurer Report: Sept 2020

Starting Balance	\$1,998.12	TD Bank + Univest accounts
Income	\$5,627.54	
Expenses	\$1,275.90	
Outstanding Payments	\$ 732.07	
Ending Balance	\$5,617.69	- \$235.23 for Youth Education Fund
Gain (Loss)	\$3,619.57	

The Sept. lobster and steak dinner netted \$476.

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

Old Business:

- Discussed possibility of \$3 discount for prompt payment (prior to March 31st) of membership dues. Also discussed Life Membership for one-time payment of \$600. Membership in a 501(c)3 is deductible under IRS rules. Motion made and carried to incorporate both discounts by a vote of 6-2.
- The Flyers' Roost roof needs to be painted this year. Scheduled for Oct. 17th with the 18th as a rain date. Erik to buy the paint.
- TD account to be closed after last outstanding check is cashed.

New Business:

- Proposal was made to buy a propane heater for The Roost? After discussion the proposal was dropped.
- 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. **OPEN**
- We need to clean out shed, dig down the floor area, and add a stone base. Will follow up with a concrete floor in the future. **OPEN**
- Monthly dinner on Thursday Oct. 22nd (*note that this is one week earlier than our regularly scheduled dinner*) will be an all you can eat spaghetti dinner in the EAA hangar. Price will be \$12/person, drinks excluded.
- Discussion on T-shirts and golf shirts with PAOP logo to sell.
- Holiday party on December 5th at Copperfields, Limerick Golf Club, or Sunnybrook. Will ensure social distanced seating. Laura to investigate venues and pricing and other possible dates.
- Discussion on use of electronic cards for Roost key given to members after a nominal hours of service or donation. This will allow more members to utilize the Roost during off hours. **OPEN**
- Discussion of two-tier pricing for monthly dinners. The idea would be to give a discount to PAOP members and family. **OPEN**
- Motion made and carried to allow the 99's the use of The Roost for a function on Oct. 11th at 2 PM. Vote was 8-0.
- Next Fly-out scheduled for Oct 24th to Grimes (8N1) with wheels up from KPTW at 9:00.
- Next Business Meeting will be held Dec. 3rd at The Pilot's Lounge beginning at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,
John Green

Planned 2020 PAOP Events, Flyouts and Meetings

Date	Event	Comment
10/24/20 (Sat)	Grimes	Great Pumpkin Fly-in
11/22/20	Sky Manor (N40)	Brunch
12/20/20	Millville (KMIV)	Brunch at Verna's
1/31/21	Frederick, MD (KFDK)	Brunch

The Flight Plan

I have written about this subject before for PAOP. I believe October is a great month to cover this topic since Halloween is coming, as well as the end of the year 2020. Anytime is the right time to think about and or review your escape or final life planning, but there seems to be something appropriate about the change of seasons and the date also known as all souls day.

It is about flying, and it isn't about flying. Just like flight planning is important to any safe flight, planning for the ultimate flight west is also advised. 2020 also sees PAOP as an official 501 C-3 organization which makes donations (while alive and flying) to PAOP tax deductible. The value of that tax deduction is something you need to call and ask your accountant about. Each gift, cash or an object like a Piper Cub or Extra 300 has its own value and it may well relate to your own income tax situation.

But, the bottom line is that a gift to PAOP is tax deductible, cash is cash and objects like a Piper Cub, or Extra 300 will be allowed at what its fair market value is at the time of the donation. Only you and your accountant knows how valuable that donation can be to you.

As an Attorney, I sit with clients when they create or update their Wills and Estate planning, which quite often includes gifts (devisees) to beneficiaries. Often people leave specific gifts to organizations that they have an affinity for or a connection to. Usually the devisee is family or close friends. Again, that can be money or things. Unless you are really – really well off, there is no Federal Estate Tax. If you reside in Pennsylvania like most of us do, the estate (your estate) may be charged an inheritance tax at different rates depending on the relation of the devisee or beneficiary to the deceased (you). But that is a minor interest currently for this writing. The Inheritance tax is usually paid for by the estate and you (the beneficiary) get the net amount.

As a supporter of PAOP, I need to let you know how easy it is to give a deductible donation to PAOP. The amount could be \$1.00 on up to whatever your charitable heart is comfortable with. It is deductible under federal rules that the Commonwealth does not get involved with. (Except in the accounting for the estate with revenue Form 1500 which is like the Income Tax filing for an estate so the state can collect whatever "inheritance tax" it is allowed).

So, the first way is simply to determine what you can afford, want to give, and your accountant says you are able to benefit from the gifting. The second way is to update your Last will and Testament with a new Will or a Codicil (an addition or changing of part of your current will).

Let me tell you how complicated that is: "I give to Pottstown Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Inc. located at the Heritage Airport in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars. That's all there is to it. To get more complicated, you could also designate how you want the money to be spent: I give to Pottstown Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association the amount of Five Thousand Dollars to be dedicated to and used in the following manner: \$2,000.00 for the general fund; \$2,000.00 to be used for youth education programs in Aviation; and \$1,000 to be used to be awarded over a ten year period in gifts of \$100.00 per year to the PAOP member who is voted on to be the member who contributes the most to the organization at the annual meeting in January as a thank you for his or her service. If you are most generous you can leave \$30,000.00 to PAOP for the construction of a New Pavillion to be named in my (the donor) honor to replace the existing pavilion.

That's a lot to swallow in a short article, but besides the dues, PAOP hopes you will think kindly towards donating to the organization in your own way.

"It's a great Day to Fly

"Mike 'Sky-hawk' Sehl

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It's the Great Pumpkin Fly-in

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 Saturday, October 24 (not the usual 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 and the fun and camaraderie. Contact Andy 215-527-7440 or Erik 267-718-4890 and let him know if you'll need a ride or have a seat available in your plane. Note departure time may vary due to J3's fly pretty slow.

<https://www.goldenageair.org/>



Meet Lonnie Boline and his son Sam! Lonnie is a very experienced A&P mechanic and has done extensive work on his fine A23 and has a Piper taildragger project well underway in his garage at home. Sam is almost of the minimum age to get his Student Pilot Certificate but that doesn't stop him from taking ground school lessons or taking the controls from time to time when flying with Dad. You may have seen both of these gents at many of our events this past year as they both are active PAOP members helping out wherever they can. Thanks guys!

