



***CLOSE OUT THE SEASON
APRIL 24, 2008 AT CUTILLO'S***

Gone West—

PAOP Pioneer Gabby Renninger

PAOP mourns the passing of Alvin E. (Gabby) Renninger on March 25 at 90. So far as is known, he may have been the last surviving member of the original group that founded PAOP in 1948. He served as President in 1953 and from 1959 to 1991. In addition to PAOP, Gabby was a member of the Quiet Birdmen and many civic, charitable, and veterans' organizations in the Pottstown area. PAOP has named the trophy for the winner of the Air Rallye in his honor.

Finishing Up the Winter

Our final indoor meeting of the season will be at Cutillo's on April 24. At this time, no speaker has been confirmed, so it may just be a social gathering. They always do a nice job with dinner, and it gives us a chance to sit around and do some hangar flying.

We gather for dinner starting about 1800. If you're not coming for dinner and want to join in the conversation, any time after 1930 is probably good.

Call the restaurant (610-327-2912) to let them know you are coming. Tell them you are with PAOP. Cutillo's puts on a fine dinner, or just snacks, and has provided us with comfortable, private meeting and dining facilities.

Elmira—We Finally Made it!

Though it had seemed a chimera, Elmira was finally our real destination on March 30. Nine of us in four planes made the trip. Following a carry-in deli lunch at Atlantic Aviation, we toured the Wings of Eagles museum. With an interesting collection and an extremely knowledgeable guide, we could almost have found it worth the long wait to get there. Well, almost. Anyway, we did.

Dues Are Still Due for Some

There are still some holdouts on paying 2008 dues. Dues are an important component of our budget, and our fixed costs haven't decreased any more than anything else in our lives.

Many of you missed the opportunity to pay your dues last month, but it's still a need. Instead of sending out

billing letters, we're putting a sticker on the newsletter, telling you how much you owe for the year. Look for the sticker and instructions on the other side, and send that part of the newsletter (or the whole thing) with your payment. If there's no sticker, either you've paid, already, or you don't owe dues for this year.

Send your payment to **PAOP, PO Box 140, Devon, PA 19333**.

Associate and Regular membership are \$15 per year. Sustaining membership, with no-charge use of the Roost, remains \$25.

Spring in the Mountains

It's been quite a while since a flyout destination was to the northwest, well more northwest than Elmira. In fact, it's over 10 years since a flyout has been planned into north central Pennsylvania. This month, at the recommendation of airport restaurant guru Tom Smith, we'll be taking a brunch trip to the Flightdeck at the DuBois, PA airport (KDUJ) on April 27. This will take us right past State College, itself a worthy destination, and near Punxsutawney (we'll skip the groundhog). Don't forget to pick up a current Detroit sectional chart for this one.

Let's gather at Penn Airways at 0900 for an 0930 departure. Bring a friend, or bring a student pilot. Contact Gene Poppel at 610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net if you want a ride or have an available seat.

Lawn Tractor Arrives

PAOP thanks Dave Szymanski for his donation of a Craftsman lawn tractor. The one we have been using had become more of a grass hacker than a grass mower.

Airplanes Wanted

Mike Dinnell at Limerick Flight Center has contacted us for our help in expanding the rental and training fleet. They would like to add a couple of 172s or 182s, or even a 4-place Piper (Archer, Warrior, Cherokee). If you are interested in some kind of lease-back or other arrangement, contact Mike at 610-495-6366 or Fare share 610-495-5111.

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