

3310 W. Ridge Pike, Pottstown, Pa. 19464

## Regular Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting will be held in the main hanger at Heritage on Thursday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m. We will be featuring a potluck dinner so plan to bring your best casserole, side or other one-dish-wonder and share it with your friends. We are asking \$5 a person to help cover the costs of the utensils and extras that the club will provide. Call Mike (610-996-7345 or 495-1837) and let us know how many (family & friends welcome!). Bring a Guest. We'd all love to see you, and share stories of surviving the winter, and looking forward to the rest of spring and summer.

## Flyout

### Welcome Spring in the Mountains of Maryland

It's time to fly to the foothills Maryland's Catoctin Mountains to see the bright, early spring greenery. Scenic Frederick, MD is our next flyout destination, on April 26.

It's uncertain who is honored by the naming of Frederick, MD, but one of the candidates is Frederick "the Great" of Prussia, for whom King of Prussia is also named (actually after the King of Prussia Tavern, named after the king). No matter, this charming colonial-era town, a center of shopping and antiquing and also part of Civil War history, will be our April 26 flyout destination. Today, it's also the home of AOPA and AVEMCO Insurance, both on the airport ramp. We'll travel a quick 97 nm to Frederick Municipal Airport (KFDK) for brunch at the Airways Inn on the field.

Take care with your navigation and check NOTAMS carefully for any possible expansion of the Camp David Prohibited Area

(P-40). Also, Frederick is well within a 60 nm circle centered on the DCA VORTAC, which means that the pilot in command must have completed the online course about operation in the Washington DC Special Flight Rules Area. We may be threading a needle between P-40 and the SFRA. The course is available through the AOPA web site or [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov).

New since our last visit is a control tower, so it's now Class D airspace. Our quest to visit the tower was unsuccessful, due to low staffing on Sundays.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0930 for 1000 takeoff. Bring a friend or bring a student pilot (or bring a friend who is a student pilot). Contact Gene Poppel at 610-647-1332 or [genepoppel@comcast.net](mailto:genepoppel@comcast.net) if you want a ride or have an available seat in your plane.

Last month's Flyout cast:



## From Mike

Springtime is a time of renewal. We are all extremely happy that the winter of 2014-15 is over at last. Trees are in bud and soon we will have to fit lawn mowing into our otherwise busy schedules.

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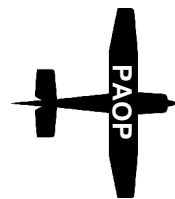
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For many of us who are pilots, spring is the season when we get back into harness and fly around for fun, enjoyment and or business. If we are relatively low to the earth's surface, we get buffeted on nice sunny days as the cold earth warms up in the sunshine, and causes rising air currents. Some days we have the blustery winds of springtime itself.

On Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, twelve of us from PAOP flew into South Jersey for breakfast at the Flying W airport in Lumberton. We arrived in different airplanes with friends and/or loved ones at about the same time and had a really good time eating and enjoying each other's company. I had the pleasure of picking up Ethel Bailey at Donegal Springs; she has been flight instructor to many of us. This kind of experience represents the best of times.

On the very same afternoon, two men in a Piper Cherokee 140 took off from Brandywine Airport and crashed immediately following takeoff. They both perished in that crash. That is the worst of times and serves to remind us of the serious nature of the aviation that we love so much. Undoubtedly, they had family and/or friends waiting for their return. Undoubtedly, they will be missed.

The National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB's) preliminary aviation statistics for 2013 shows that general aviation logged 20.9 million hours. During that time the segment suffered 1,222 accidents, down 249 from the 2012 total of 1,471. This decreased the overall general aviation accident rate markedly, to 5.85 per 100,000 hours, compared to the 7.04 rate in 2012. The 2013 GA accident rate was the lowest for that segment in 20 years. There also was a substantial decrease in general aviation's fatal accident rate, down to 1.05 in

2013 from 1.30 in 2012. This marked a 20-year low in the fatal GA accident rate.

Another way to look at this is according to the Air Traffic Controllers Association in 2013, there are approximately 87,000 flights each day in the United States, and 30,000 of them are commercial. Of the approximate 57,000 (average) daily non-commercial flights only a small percentage end in sadness and economic loss. Unfortunately, it is these flights of the small percentage that garner the attention and headlines. We fly because we chose to fly; we advocate general aviation because it is not simply a hobby, it is an avocation, a serious and dedicated mixture of science and sport which we share with one another.

Each of us in general aviation are the best spokespersons for what we do. The enviable safety record of our flying and aircraft need to be explained to those who don't fly and don't understand. It is up to each of us to explain the safe record of general aviation to the non-flying public. Regardless of the technical reason or reasons that the men flying out of that airport on that day, in that particular airplane perished, we need to pause and say a prayer for their families and friends, and be thankful for our own safety. Let's be safe out there.

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### Roost Clean up

We're looking for a couple of members to help out on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> to open the roost for the season. It won't cost any money to be a volunteer, just 2-3 hours of your time.

We'd like to start at 9:00 a.m. and should be done about 11:30. If you can spare a few hours, please come and help us out.

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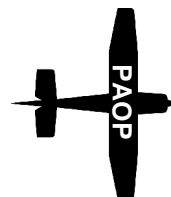
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## PAOP Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2015

Attendees: Erik Forde, Sandy Belinski, Bob Nesspor, John Green, Gene Poppel, Tom Kozel, Dennis Galvin, Barb Zeigler, Bob Nesspor, Mike Sehl

### Treasurer Report: Mar 2015:

Starting balance	\$4876.81
Expenses	\$232.11
Income-Dues	\$1291.99
Income-Other	\$228.00
Balance	\$6164.69

- Motion made and carried to accept March report
- List of current members (75) distributed for review. Discussion held on status of past due members. Gene will try one last contact prior to purging the list.
- Discussion held on ways to increase membership, including: coffee and donuts on a Saturday morning, by invitation, to current hangar renters at KPTW and N47, flyers included in rental notices, and contacting AOPA for inclusion of PAOP in the AOPA Facebook Flying Clubs page.

### Old Business:

- PAOP logo clothing inventory-carried as an OPEN item for future meetings.
- April dinner at KPTW hangar on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM with setup beginning at 5:30. Cost is \$5/person and it is a potluck/bring a dish to pass dinner. Mike to contact Chris Jordan for use of the hangar space. Sandy will collect the dinner fees.

- Work day at the Flyer's Roost will be April 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 AM. All members are urged to come out and support the effort. We reviewed the current task list and held a discussion on the priorities.
- PAOP to host a table at N47 Community Days on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. Our table will be used to sell PAOP logo merchandise and also have membership forms out.
- The date for the Fly Elite OPEN HOUSE is still uncertain. We will have membership forms and PAOP logo wear for sale.

### New Business:

- We will raffle a Go Pro camera at the annual Fly-In Breakfast. Date is Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. We will begin planning in earnest in June.
- Our August dinner will held at N47 on the 15<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be a cookout meal of hot dogs and hamburgers. We will send invitations to all the hangar renters at N47 and KPTW.
- A discussion was held on a membership list/booklet as suggested last meeting by Erik. Gene will put together an electronic version in address label format that will include name, address, phone number, email address, and home airport. John will take this and try to set it up in a booklet format. At that time we will try to sell sponsorship ads to raise money for PAOP. If you do not want your information published, please contact Gene and let him know.
- Erik will work on an invitation to members for the purpose of forming an

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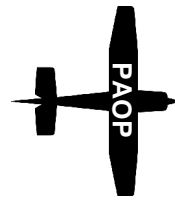
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“Activities Group” to organize non-flying activities. The initial idea is to have a Fly Out to a nearby shore town and rent a house. This would be for either a 2 or 3 day rental or possibly a week long rental.

- The next Executive Board meeting will be held in the Flyer’s Roost on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Green

### Club Roster

The board is in the process of assembling a club roster for distribution to the general membership. If you would prefer that your information (Name, Address, Phone) not appear, please contact Gene Poppel.

### It’s That Time Again—Rejoin PAOP

After a successful year—activities, fun, and, yes, funds, it’s time to renew your membership. Of course, as with everything else, costs have increased, and after several years of holding the dues constant, the Executive Committee has voted to increase the dues to \$29.

Now, there are two convenient ways to renew.

For the first time, we’ve made it possible to pay with a credit card through PayPal. Just go to our web site [www.paop.org](http://www.paop.org) and click on the Buy Now link in the middle of the page.

Naturally, you can send a check for \$29 made out to PAOP, Inc. to PAOP, 3310 W. Ridge Pike, Pottstown, PA 19464.

We will be doing a mailing, but if you pay promptly, you can save PAOP the cost of printing, envelope, and postage.

Take a moment now to pay your dues, and help ensure PAOP’s continuing success.

### Upcoming FAA Seminars

Title: After the Crash: Surviving an Aircraft Accident

Date and Time: Thursday, April 16, 2015, starting at 19:00 Eastern Daylight Time

Speaker(s): Air Safety Institute Presenter

Brief Description:

Of the millions of GA flights every year, only a few end with unplanned off-airport landings. But even though the odds of a crash are slim, the potential consequences are harsh—which is why smart pilots prepare and take basic precautions. That’s where our new seminar comes in. From route planning and emergency rations to signal mirrors and sat phones, our presenters take a user-friendly, common sense approach at maximizing your chances of survival and rescue after a crash.

Location of Seminar:

Crowne Plaza Valley Forge  
260 Mall Blvd.  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

We’ll talk about:

- The essential ingredients of a good survival kit
- Simple but effective ways to help searchers find you
- The first steps you should take after a crash
- Survival strategies while awaiting rescue

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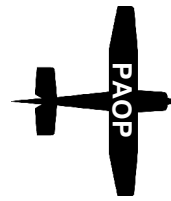
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## 2014 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
1/8/2015	Board Meeting	
1/25/2015	Flyout—	
1/29/2015	Monthly Meeting Annual Meeting and Elections	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
2/4/15	Board Meeting	
2/22/15	Flyout—	
2/26/15	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
3/4/15	Board Meeting	
3/26/15	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
3/29/15	Flyout—Flying W (N14) All-you-can-eat Pancakes	
4/1/15	Board Meeting	
4/18/15	Cleanup Day @ The Roost	The Roost 9 AM – 11:30 AM
4/26/15	Flyout— Frederick, MD (KFDK)	
4/30/15	Monthly Meeting	Pot-luck Dinner
5/3/15	Board Meeting	
5/16&17/15	99's Pennies a Pound at N47	
5/28/15	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
5/31/15	Flyout— Sky Manor (N40)	
6/3/15	Board Meeting	
6/25/15	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
6/28/15	Flyout— Kentmorr (3W3) Crabs!	
7/1/15	Board Meeting	
7/26/15	Flyout— South Jersey Regional (KVAY) Brunch and Air Victory Museum	
7/30/15	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	

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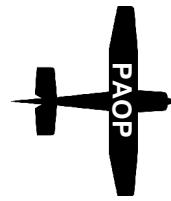
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8/5/15	Board Meeting	
<b>8/15/15</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ N47 4PM</b>	Rain Date 8/22
8/30/15	Flyout— Orange County, NY (KMGJ) Brunch	
9/2/15	Board Meeting	
<b>9/13/15</b>	<b>Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast</b>	
<b>9/24/15</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	
<b>9/26/15</b>	<b>Community Days – Pottstown Muni</b>	
9/27/15	Flyout— Altoona (KAOO) Brunch	
10/7/15	Board Meeting	
10/25/15	Flyout— Cherry Ridge (N30)	
<b>10/29/15</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
11/5/15	Board Meeting	
<b>11/27/15</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
11/29/15	Flyout— Wyoming Valley (KWBW)	
12/2/15	Board Meeting	<b>New Slate of Officers</b>
<b>12/17/15</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party</b>	<b>Cutillos</b>
12/27/15	Flyout— Easton, MD (KESN) Brunch	
1/6/16	Board Meeting	
<b>1/28/16</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
1/31/16	Flyout— Millville (KMIV) Brunch	

\* Steak is also available at these meeting

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