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Regular Monthly Meeting

FIVE DOLLAR FOOTLONGS AT POTTSTOWN MUNI

At least, that's what grill master Mike Sehl has promoted. Steak sandwiches (well, maybe not a foot long), with or without "Wiz" are the featured item at our April 27 meeting at Pottstown Municipal Airport. They'll come with all the traditional trimmings. And yes, the price is just \$5 for a sandwich. Soft drinks will be available for \$1 each, as usual.

The only thing missing will be chairs. Fly Elite has tables, but you'll need to bring your own chairs. Since we're planning on a nice night, you can bring your beach chairs, camp chairs, or whatever works. Show up around 6PM. We'll start serving between 6 and 7. By the way, for those who are accustomed to flying to N47, but not driving, the address is 1149 Glasgow Street.

Reservations are important, so we can buy the food we'll need. Please R.S.V.P. to Gene Poppel (610-647-1332) or genepoppel@comcast.net) by Tuesday, April 25.

Flyout

MUSEUM AND LUNCH, ALL ON ONE AIRPORT

Virtually in our backyard, the Mid Atlantic Air Museum (www.maam.org) houses an impressive array of military and civilian aircraft, some flyable, some under restoration, and some that might someday look like airplanes. The star of the show is a P-61 Black Widow, that was rescued from a mountain side in New Guinea, and has been under restoration

for nearly 30 years. It will actually fly one day, unlike the other three known examples.

On the north side of the Reading Airport (KRDG), the museum has a storied history in presenting aviation to the public. The highlight of the year at MAAM is the early June World War II Weekend, featuring public displays, military re-enactors, and two spectacular nights of dancing and entertainment. Of course, the event also helps pay for all the work and expenses the rest of the year.

For our April 30 flyout, we'll have a guided tour of the Museum, followed by lunch at Klinger's the latest restaurant in the terminal building on the south side of the airport (<https://www.klingerspubs.com/klingers-at-the-airport>).

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 1000 for 1030 takeoff. Visitors' aircraft parking is right on the Museum ramp; just ask Ground Control to get you there. For lunch, we'll just taxi across to the terminal ramp. In case of unflyable weather, it's only about a half-hour drive from Pottstown, so we can go anyway.

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 want a ride or have a seat available in your plane. We need to let the Museum how many people we'll have, so they can plan for the necessary guides.



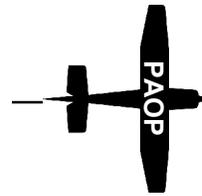
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From the Prez

Changing Dreams
by Tim Drager
April 14, 2017

How has your dream of flight changed over the decades? After retirement, I was on a strict budget and opted for an ultralight aircraft, called the Fisher Koala. Imagine flying for \$5/hour; I was hooked. It took 1000+ hours to restore her and another 100 hours for inspection, test and rework. Having flown four and six cylinder four-stroke engines for 30 years, one has certain expectations.

The down-side of this ultralight were three-fold:

I could not share the flying experience with my wife. The one-occupant, one cylinder, two-stroke Rotax 277 in the Koala took me by surprise because of its hard starting and vibration. Its single point, single spark plug ignition system, although simple, left no recourse in the event of an electrical, mechanical or fuel issue. The fact that no-ethanol automobile gas is not readily available is also an inconvenience.

Wanting to share the dream:

Since 1986, my wife Debbie has been my flying companion. After 1.5 years of inactivity, I missed our flying excursions. So the "bug" hit again in the form of a simple four seat aircraft: an old Cessna 172. This year, we plan to fly it to Oshkosh with my 13 year-old son. The redundant systems and the smooth O-300 engine make for an enjoyable flight.

At our next meeting on April 27, we will hear from James Rouiller, who is living yet another aviation dream: charter pilot, FBO manager and flight instructor. Please come and share

your aviation dreams with those who understand the term "Plane Crazy!"
Tim



PLANE RIDES FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Ninety-Nines, International Association of Women Pilots, sponsors a variety of activities to inspire women to fly—for fun and for careers. Among their important activities is awarding scholarships for women to learn to fly or advance in aviation education.

One of the most fun ways that they raise money is by selling plane rides for just pennies a pound (minimum \$10, maximum \$30) to the public.

This year the Eastern PA Chapter will host Pennies a Pound at Heritage Field (KPTW) on Saturday, May 6, 10-5 and Sunday, May 7, 11-4. All are welcome, and it's a great way to introduce your friends and neighbors to general aviation. And it's a good way to show young women that there are opportunities for them in the front seat of a plane. There will be lots of women pilots to meet, from students to airline captains.

Pilots (male or female) and ground volunteers are still needed. If you're interested, contact Barb Zeigler at bkzeigler@verizon.net for details.

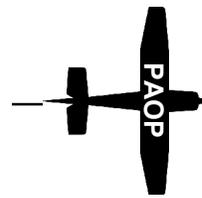
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Pottstown Municipal—The Other Airport

While PAOP’s history suggests that our major emphasis has been centered around Heritage Field, we also feel a kinship with Pottstown Muni. Located at the western edge of the Borough, Muni complements Heritage as the aviation bookends of town.

For two and a half years, the FBO and flight school operator at Muni has been Fly Elite, LLC, expanding on their role as the flight school operator at Heritage. James Rouiller has led a team that have gone beyond the tenure of the previous operator, providing experienced instructors and rentals in a selection of planes, from a Cessna 150 to a Twin Comanche.

Our April 27 meeting will be at Pottstown Muni, and will feature James telling of his history and aviation and plans for further growth of the flight school.



Board Minutes

PAOP Executive Board Meeting
Feb. 2, 2017



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

Secretary Report: Minutes from the March 2017 meeting were read. Motion made and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Report:	Feb. 2017
Starting Balance	\$ 3,932.35
Income	\$ 1,305.44
Expenses	\$ - 128.76
Ending Balance	\$ 5,109.03
Gain (Loss)	\$ 1,176.68

Motion made and carried to accept the treasurer’s report.

Old Business:

- Fly-out to Reading (KRDG) to visit Mid Atlantic Air Museum and breakfast/lunch at

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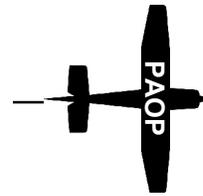
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Klingers. Gene to try and schedule with Ron Gosdeck. **OPEN**

- Flyer's Roost lease: Discussed draft by Mike Sehl, with comments from board members. Mike to present to Chris Jordan.
 - Discussion on insurance coverage required for The Roost.
- Discussion on ways to increase membership, including a new Director of Marketing, Sponsorship, and Media. Tim to start making contacts to try and get this moving forward.
- Discussion on creating a new Director of Youth Outreach, to make connections through Vo-Tech schools, community colleges, and the Hill School. **OPEN**

New Business:

- Tim got pricing on airing a commercial/30 second spot on Pottstown Cable TV. Motion made and carried to pay \$200 for a spot to advertise the Fly-In Breakfast.
- Talked about setting up our April dinner, pizza party, meeting at N47 with James Rouiller giving a presentation on Fly Elite. Bring Your Own Chair. Pizza @ \$2/slice, sodas @ \$1.
- Flyers Roost task list:
 - New roof on the shed-Erik and John-plywood and rolled roofing
 - Power wash the pavilion to remove the loose paint, then organize a painting party-OPEN
 - Sand and finish picnic tables-1 more table to sand

- Open windows (4 downstairs) and Barry is installing window latches
- Add lettering to PAOP sign for our web address-Mike Sehl
- Flooring in the Roost-Barry has priced it at about \$400 for laminate flooring. Postponed.
- Pavers around food prep area-John

Motion made and carried to adjourn at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Green

From Mike

"A Sense of Community"

One of the things that have come to Suzanne and myself in the fifteen years that we have been flying around in small airplanes is the sense of community in aviation. Looking up the word "community" online of course brings things like neighborhoods, but a secondary definition is something like: "a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals."

It doesn't seem to matter if your aviation experiences started in the military, or washing airplanes at the airport in exchange for a free lesson, we are a community.

We all move and fly in different circles, some fly for business, some for mere convenience, and some for the love of it. I have found that regardless of aviation background or motivation, we all share a love or appreciation of aviation in one way or another. That's what makes us a community.

Our Charter pilot friends may fly to exotic places like Erie, Pennsylvania or Nantucket so often everybody knows their names. Our

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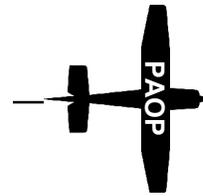
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friends in the 99's may like to do Poker Runs where there is fun and challenge, fly to the beaches of Maryland, or participate in what used to be called the Powder-Puff Derby, now called the "Air Race Classic". Female Pilots and Crews fly Coast to Coast. Will Rogers gave it the Powder Puff label a long time ago, and the 99's have proven him to have been wrong about that ever since.

In the fifteen years Sue and I have been flying places, only once did I find a person too grouchy to be dealing with the public. Maybe he was just having a bad day. Other than that one person, we enjoy being part of the community at Heritage Field in Limerick, Pa. I count many people among my friends including The Line crew, who answer our calls and fill up the airplanes. They also mow lawns, ride the taxiways and runways looking for debris that might cause us trouble and many other things for us pilots.

We are also part of the aviation community in the Pottstown Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. We've met many people and made many friends in the organization as well as their spouses and families. There are many interesting people who have spent time at the Roost and under the pavilion. Once a year the PAOP invites the general public and Flyers to come and enjoy Breakfast in their community located at Heritage Field (KPTW).

Then there is the EAA Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1250. Dedicated people with skills or willing to learn tedious and important skills to restore and rebuild aircraft from bones. Every member there brings his or her own skill sets, and it is for the love of aviation.

There are many more people in the Pottstown Aviation Community. Fly Elite, The Flight

School, Rick Jones Air Charter Service "Fare Share",

Dave and George at PTW, Inspec Aviation (Ned Gibbons) and Heller's Airplane and Powerplant Mechanics, the Men and Women who fly the rescue Helicopters, The Management at PTW as well as James, Amanda and Matt at the FBO at Municipal (Fly Elite). One way or the other, we have met, dined with and traded tall tales and valuable aviation information with each other over time.

For a long time, I rented airplanes from Fare Share and that brought me into contact with and relying on Dave Gann and George who as mechanics for Fare Share not only keep the Charter fleet flying, but also keep the rental planes in the air in spite of what students and certificated renters do to the airplane.

There are many other people with whom Suzanne and I have become friends at the airport over the years, as well as people we come into contact with and rely on at distant airports, but they are too numerous to mention in this short article.

When you become a pilot, you may not be thinking about it in this way, but you have become a new member of another community in which we are all brother and sister pilots, and as they say learning all the time.

So, next time someone asks you what community you are from, you just tell him or her, Why Aviation, of course.

Mike "Sky-hawk" Sehl,
Private Pilot
Past President and table painter PAOP

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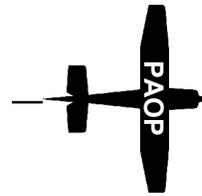
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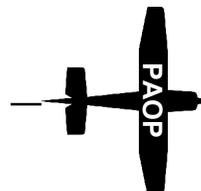
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Tentative 2017 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
1/4/17	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/26/17	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
1/29/17	Flyout— Frederick Md. KFDK	Brunch
2/2/17	Board Meeting	
2/23/17	Monthly Meeting	
2/26/17	Flyout—Sky Manor, Pittstown, NJ	Brunch
3/2/17	Board Meeting	
3/26/17	Flyout—Smoketown, PA	Breakfast and Old Plane Collection
3/30/17	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
4/6/17	Board Meeting	
4/??/17	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
4/27/17	Monthly Meeting	AOPA Presentation
4/30/17	Flyout— South Jersey Regional, Mt. Holly, NJ (KVAV)	Brunch and Air Victory Museum
5/4/17	Board Meeting	
5/6-7/17	99's Pennies a Pound at PTW	
5/25/17	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
5/27/17 (Sat)	Flyout— Sky Acres, Lagrangeville, NY (44N)	Brunch
6/1/17	Board Meeting	
6/25/17	Flyout— Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)	Crabs Feast!
6/29/17	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Chicken*
7/6/17	Board Meeting	
7/27/17	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
7/30/17	Flyout— Cape May, NJ (KWWD)	Lunch, NAS Wildwood Museum
8/3/17	Board Meeting	
8/27/17	Flyout—St Michaels, MD (Fly to Easton, MD)	Lunch and Maritime Museum
8/31/17	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
9/7/17	Board Meeting	
9/10/17*	Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast	
9/23/17	Flyout— Sullivan County, Monticello, NY (KMSV)	Brunch
9/28/17	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Lobster (and optional steak)
10/5/17	Board Meeting	
10/26/17	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield's, Limerick
10/28/17 (Sat)	Flyout— Cherry Ridge, Honesdale, NY	Brunch
11/2/17	Board Meeting	
11/26/17	Flyout— Wyoming Valley, PA (WBN)	Brunch
11/30/17	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield's, Limerick
12/7/17	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/9/17	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party	Sunnybrook Ballroom, Pottstown
12/17/17	Flyout— Ocean City, NJ (26N)	Brunch
1/4/18	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/26/18	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
1/28/18	Flyout— Millville, NJ (KMIV)	Brunch

* Steak is also available at these meeting

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