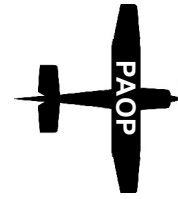


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Regular Monthly Meeting

April's General Membership Meeting will be held at Copperfield's (594 West Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA, 484-938-7082) on Thursday April 26, 2018.

Drinks at 6:00, followed by Dinner at 7:00 and the monthly meeting immediately following.

Folks coming for dinner should contact Gene Poppel by April 23 at 610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net.

Flyout

SPRINGTIME IN THE POCONOS

Cherry Ridge (N30) has been a popular brunch flyout destination for PAOP. Usually, we schedule this trip in the fall, hoping to do some leaf peeping along the way. The leaves, however, keep their own schedule, and have not always provided the show we hoped for. This year, we'll try for a look at spring (if it ever actually happens). On April 29, we'll take the 78 nm jaunt over some of our state's most beautiful areas.

The nearest town is Honesdale. Located in a coal mining region, during the 19th century it was the starting point of the Delaware and Hudson Canal, which ultimately brought coal to New York City. Today, it's home to history, shopping, and outdoor sports.

Practice up on your short field takeoffs. While the runway is 2,420 feet long, the elevation is 1,357 feet, so you might have to think about density altitude, especially if we get one of those warm, mid-fall days.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0900 for 0930 takeoff. Weekend breakfast is served only until 1100. Take a student pilot or even a non-pilot 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 need a ride or have a seat available in your plane.

A Reminder—Your Dues, a Financial Support for PAOP

Dues for 2018 have been trickling in, but we really need a deluge. The dues are only one of our ways to raise funds, but an important one for this time of year. Don't get left out of the excitement coming this year.

We need to meet our fixed expenses—rent, insurance, utilities—as well as equipment, supplies, and repairs. Keeping up costs more, so the Executive Committee has approved an increase to \$32. Also, consider making an additional donation to PAOP. While it's not tax-deductible, it still would help us fulfill our mission.

There are two convenient ways to renew.

You can send a check for \$32 made out to PAOP, Inc. to PAOP, 3310 W. Ridge Pike, Pottstown, PA 19464. You can even use the envelope you probably received in the mail. Please include the filled-out coupon below, so we can keep your info up to date in our database.

You can save a stamp and pay with a credit card (or using your own PayPal account) through PayPal. Just go to our web site www.paop.org, and click on the Buy Now link in the middle of the page. If you do it this way, please email the info on the coupon to www.genepoppel@comcast.net. You don't have to use the actual form.

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

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From the Prez

Spring Forward
by Tim Drager
April 10, 2018

With renewed enthusiasm, we boldly March into Spring. Our flying ambitions beckon us to take the next step in our aviation adventure. As members of PAOP, this means spring activity. This year, about one thousand aviation enthusiasts will join us in sharing the dream. To achieve this reality, we need your help:

- Maintain the Roost, Work crew, free food - Saturday, April 28
- Participate in meetings and Fly-Outs - Monthly
- Help with the Fly-in Breakfast - September 9
- Support the Aviation Camporee - October 13 - Save the date!
- Make a difference in a kid's life.

This is YOUR club, so it is what YOU make of it. PAOP leadership guides and advises about the direction of recreational flying in Pottstown but is our pilots and enthusiasts who make up PAOP.

So make the time to connect with your local aviators, not through email or Facebook, but by participating IN PERSON at the airport.

See you there.

Tim

Board Minutes

PAOP Executive Board meeting
Feb. 1, 2018

There was no Board meeting in April.

From Mike

"Airports"

"A nice thing about airports for us Pilots and Support Personnel (husbands, wives, best friends and others) is that even when we are on the road, or not at home, it is usually a welcome environment for stopping in and catching up. It is always fun and interesting to see other airports large and small. Some are homey, some are corporate, but they usually welcome pilots to stop in, have a coffee and use their computers or other facilities. I'm writing this column in the pilots lounge at N57, also known as New Garden. I had to kill an hour and a half between appointments way down in southern Chester County, so instead of going to McDonald's, or a mall, I chose to visit the airport nearby.

On another occasion, I visited with the EAA240 chapter at the airport. I have found that EAA people are almost always delighted to show off what project they are working on and or show you their facility. EAA chapter 240 at New Garden has quite a nice home of their own, and lots of projects underway in different stages. They also have a great meeting room and in nice weather picnic tables and a good view of the airport below.

I always try to share information about PAOP, and EAA 1250 back at Heritage during the visit. Flying in is, of course, the best way, but visiting by car can be fun as well. What's your favorite airport to visit?

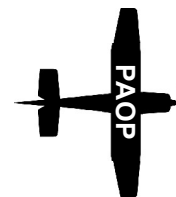
And Don't forget, April 28th is the proposed clean up day at the Roost.

Sky-hawk

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Planned 2018 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
1/10/18	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/25/18	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
1/28/18	Flyout— Millville Executive Airport (KMIV)	
2/1/18	Board Meeting	
2/22/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
2/25/18	Flyout— Millville Executive Airport (KMIV)	
3/1/18	Board Meeting	
3/25/18	Flyout—Cambridge, MD (KCGE)	
3/29/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
4/5/18	Board Meeting	
4/28/18	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
4/26/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
4/29/18	Flyout—Cherry Ridge (N30)	Brunch
5/3/18	Board Meeting	
5/26/18 (Sat)	Flyout—Delaware Coastal Airport (KGED)	Brunch
5/31/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
6/7/18	Board Meeting	
6/24/18	Flyout— Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)	Crabs!
6/28/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Chicken*
7/5/18	Board Meeting	
7/26/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
7/29/18	Flyout— Ocean City, NJ (26N)	Brunch
8/2/18	Board Meeting	
8/26/18	Flyout—Tangier Island (KTGI)	Crab lunch and sightseeing
8/30/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
9/6/18	Board Meeting	
9/9/18*	Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast	
9/27/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Lobster (and optional steak)
9/29-30/18	99s Pennies a Pound	
9/30/18 (Sat)	Flyout—Gettysburg (W05)	Lunch and Tour the Battlefield
10/4/18	Board Meeting	
10/25/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
10/27/18 (Sat)	Flyout— Sky Acres (44N)	
11/1/18	Board Meeting	
11/25/18	Flyout— Sky Manor (N40)	Brunch
11/29/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield's, Limerick
12/6/18	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/9/18*	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party	Sunnybrook Ballroom, Pottstown
12/16/18	Flyout— Flying W (N14)	AYCE Pancake Breakfast
1/3/19	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/27/19	Flyout—Frederick, MD (KFDK)	Brunch
1/31/19	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside

* Steak is also available at these meeting

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