

Regular Monthly Meeting

A WISCONSIN SPECIAL AT THE ROOST

Since many of our members, probably more than usual, came back from EAA's Airventure in Oshkosh, WI with sore feet, sunburn, emptier wallets, and many memories, this month's dinner meeting will feature Wisconsin fare. We'll be doing bratwurst sandwiches, along with burgers, and maybe other tubular foods like kielbasa and hot dogs, all along with the usual fixings. It will all be at the bargain prices of \$10. Actually, it's a bonus meeting on August 29, since we had the postponed July meeting at the beginning of the month.

We'll start gathering around 1800 to enjoy fellowship and the tall tales from Oshkosh. This is a good family dinner, so bring spouses, kids, and friends. It's chance for everyone to meet some pilots and learn more about aviation. If you are so inclined, bring an appetizer, side, or dessert.

Reservations are important. Please R.S.V.P. to Gene Poppel (610-647-1332) or genepoppel@comcast.net by Tuesday, August 27. We also need helpers to wipe the dust off the picnic tables, set up the bar, set up the food station, make coffee...the list goes on and on. Please contact Gene and offer to help.



Flyout

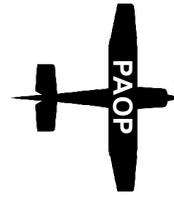
FUN ON THE EASTERN SHORE

The Eastern Shore of Maryland, actually incorporating Delaware and a bit of Virginia, has, since colonial days, provided a rich harvest of both agricultural products and seafood. Many of the Eastern Shore towns were even bulwarks against the British in the Revolution and the War of 1812. St. Michaels, MD, is central to much of this history. It hosts a maritime museum, shops, and fine restaurants. On August 25, we'll fly to Easton, MD (KESN), the gateway to St. Michaels and other towns stretching out to Tilghman Island. After a quick Uber or Lyft ride, we'll browse the town and have lunch at the Crab Claw, featuring the local crabs and oysters (and meats, too, for those so inclined). Check out www.stmichaelsmd.org for more info.

For the full St. Michaels experience, plan a visit to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (www.cbmm.org). You can learn the history of crabbing and fishing in the area, with a chance to look over and visit several boats that are unique to the Chesapeake Bay fishery.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 1000 for 1030 takeoff. Take a non-pilot along, for an introduction to the world of general aviation—the fun and camaraderie.

In order to make the ground arrangements, both for transportation from the airport and for touring, it will be very important to know how many are coming. Let Gene Poppel know at 610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net, by Thursday, August 22, if possible. As always, it's share the ride (including the ground transport), so if you will have room in your plane for passengers, or will need a ride, let Gene put you on the list.



From the Prez

Questions and Answers: Last membership meeting was a bit flawed for many reasons. One of which I will admit I was not as prepared as possibly I should have been.

Unfortunately, our secretary was recovering from a hospital procedure that evening. Two documents that should have been available were not at that time. They give a better understanding as to how this membership activity works. Most of the questions asked at the last meeting were noted and will be answered at this coming meeting.

I still feel that aircraft ownership brings fun and excitement back into the club. Fun and excitement will bring new life and new members also. This is an opportunity that does not present itself every day. A well thought out, very reasonably priced concept, that can become a reality for this club. We are being given a window of opportunity. It is my hope for the good of the club, that you will join me, the executive board, and many other members of this club to step in this direction. All are welcome, please join us Thursday evening 8/29 for dinner, presentation, and vote. Become a part of the future of this club.

Our biggest fund raiser The Pancake Breakfast is September 8. We need volunteers to help make this happen. Please contact either me or Laura and let us know if you can help. We need servers, car parking attendants, T-shirt hat and raffle sales, set up and clean up helpers not only Sunday but also the day before Saturday morning. Also the raffle ticket sales for the I pad would be a big help. Let's see if we can sell them all.

May the good lord bless us with good weather and attendance this year Thank you Erik Forde
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Board Minutes

PAOP Executive Board meeting



Aug 8, 2019

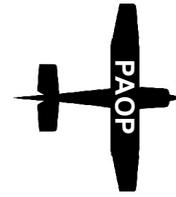
Attendees: John Green, Tim Drager, Erik Forde, Mike Sehl, Barry Kerchner, Gene Poppel, Laura Poppel, Andy Landis, Jeff Stouter

New Business

- Review of preparations for September breakfast
- Review of Flying Club Corporate Property and Miscellaneous Regulations, discussion on best method for expenditures. To be continued.
- Review of Aircraft Rules of Operation
- Discussion on behaviors of members at recent Executive Board and General Member meetings. Gene apologized to the Executive Board, apologized specifically to Erik and will apologize to the general membership.
- Considering dropping the PAOP.org website. Tom Kozel can no longer support doing the monthly newsletter. We are looking for someone to take on that task.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,



John Green



From Mike

I had written this Article before August 9th for the August newsletter. Life changes, things happen, as we all know. But the message of the article is the same: safety.

I've been flying for over 750 hours now, not bad for a non-commercial flyer, just a pittance for those who make their living by flying. One thing we can never do in flying both ourselves, our friends and our loved ones is to get complacent in our flight preparation. We check the weather, we check the airplane, we fly.

The checklist is our friend and our safety net. In the rental fleet, we always have to check to see that the right checklist is in the airplane or on the clipboard for us to take with us. In our own, or a friend's plane, we always have to check to see that the checklist is in the cockpit. As we have all been told it begins when we approach the plane or open the hangar doors. We eyeball the airplane as we approach, generally looking for something out of place. Then there is the official walk around (hopefully with the checklist in hand). We know the drill but should follow the pattern and the checklist each time. Some of my pilot friends do the minimum walk around, some are more thorough. It's the more thorough pilots who will be around the longest.

Once inside after the jackets and extra stuff we carry are stowed away, we get down to the business of flight preparation. Some pilots have a personal custom checklist, others use the commercially supplied checklist for the make and model, and some use that commercial checklist with notes added to it. The more detail in the checklist the better off you are in the long run. Even though we now have the benefit of all of the electronic equipment, I still have my kneeboard with sections out of the pilots operating handbook for the type of plane I am flying, particularly the "Emergency Procedures" Section. It may not be the coolest thing, but I feel safer having it at the ready. We all know that in an emergency, you may not have a lot of time for reading.

The main point of my article was to stress using an appropriate checklist and having the emergency procedures at hand if you need them.

Then on the morning of August Ninth, a television report of a single engine plane having crashed in an Upper Moreland Township residential neighborhood. There are thousands of people out there, and many more that we will never meet. Philadelphia Professor of Pathology, his Medical Doctor wife and daughter perished when the Bonanza they were flying in crashed shortly after takeoff from Philadelphia Northeast Airport. Their loss of lives was tragic. No one in the neighborhood was injured.

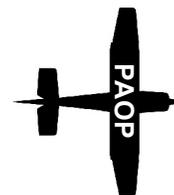
The NTSB is investigating. We may never know the actual cause of the accident, but it should be a warning to all of us that regardless of the cause, we should all be a little more conscious of our preflight inspections and checklist management. Be safe out there.

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Planned 2019 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
2/28/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
2/16, 17, or 18/19	Flyout—Alton Bay (B18)	The Ice Runway
3/28/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
3/31/19	Flyout— Flying W (N14)	AYCE Pancake Breakfast
4/4/19	Board Meeting	
4/??/19	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
4/25/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
4/28/19	Flyout—Delaware Coastal Airport (KGED)	Brunch
5/2/19	Board Meeting	
5/4-5/5/19	99s Pennies a Pound	Heritage Field
5/26/19	Flyout— Cherry Ridge (N30)	Brunch
5/30/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
6/6/19	Board Meeting	
6/27/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Chicken
6/30/19	Flyout— Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)	Crabs!
7/11/19	Board Meeting	
7/25/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
7/27/19 (Sat)	Flyout— Cape May, NJ (WWD)	Date Nite at the Shore
8/1/19	Board Meeting	
8/25/19	St. Michaels, MD (Fly into Easton (KESN))	Maritime Museum and Lunch
8/29/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
9/5/19	Board Meeting	
9/8/19	Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast (Rain Date 9/15/19)	
9/26/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Lobster (and optional steak)
9/29/19	Flyout— Cherry Ridge (N30)	Brunch
10/3/19	Board Meeting	
10/24/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
10/27/19	Flyout—Grimes Field	Pumpkin Drop
11/21/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield's, Limerick
11/24/19	Flyout— Sky Manor (N40)	Brunch
12/5/19	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/7/19	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party	SunnyBrook Ballroom, Pottstown
12/29/19	Flyout—Millville (KMIV)	Brunch at Verna's
1/2/20	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/26/20	Flyout—Frederick, MD (KFDK)	Brunch
1/30/20	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside

* Steak is also available at these meeting

Erik Forde

Mike McNamara

John Green

Gene Poppel

Directors: Berry Kerchner, Thomas Kozel, Andy Landis, Laura Poppel, Jeffrey Stouter, Tim Drager (President Ex-Officio)