



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND SUCCESS IN 2007**

Party On

In keeping with our normal tradition, instead of a regular indoor meeting, in December we have our Christmas party. This year was no exception, with the festivities at Cutillo's on December 16. Readers of Peanuts know that it's Beethoven's birthday, but the music was distinctly more modern. Rich Finn, with his electronic wonders, built the holiday mood from the beginning, with traditional and more up-to-date holiday themes to complement the sparkling Christmas décor.

Thirty-six hearty partiers, many of us unaccustomed to wearing ties, turned out in our holiday best.

Cutillo's took over, with a sumptuous dinner that took us into the rest of the festivities. Our door prizes this time were dinner gift certificates donated by Cutillo's and the Sly Fox, venues for our indoor meetings this year, and a certificate for a set of checklists donated by Barry Kerchner.

The big prize was reserved for our president, Barb Zeigler, who was presented with a briefcase in honor of her completing an MBA degree, all while keeping her day job and maintaining a smile on her face.

Mark your calendar for the 2007 party on December 15. There's sure to be something to celebrate.

Kay's is OK

Our November 19 flyout was to a destination we've gone to before, but to a restaurant where we have not. Kay's, at the north end of the Cambridge, MD (CGE) airport, inhabits an attractive "terminal" building, with a ramp much too small to accommodate a place so good. Our dozen hearty eaters had a good view of our airplanes parked right outside the window, while we enjoyed local specialties, like crab omelets. We'll go again.

A New Year's Eve Morning Flyout

What better preparation could there be for your New Year's Eve partying than a flyout? That's the ticket! On the morning of December 31, we'll be flying for breakfast at the Flight Deck restaurant at Sussex County Airport (GED), Georgetown, DE. This cozy spot serves up a fine meal in an attractive building alongside the ramp. After breakfast, we may visit the Delaware Air Museum on the field. Indoors, it's a collection of mostly military aviation artifacts. Outdoors, it's several MiG jet fighters in various

states of repair, disrepair, or disassembly. Look for other restoration activities in the hangars across the field.

We'll gather at 0830 for 0900 takeoff for this 93 nm venture. It should get you home in plenty of time for party prep. As always, it's share the ride, so if you will have room in your plane for passengers, or will need a ride, contact Gene Poppel at 610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net. Don't forget to bring along a friend or a student pilot for a nice exposure to flight for fun.

Elections Are Coming

January 25, 2007 is the date for the PAOP annual meeting. At that time we will elect officers and directors. If you have interest in being an officer or serving on the board, contact Mike Sehl, nominating chairman, at 610-996-7345.

Waypoints

On December 20, Gene Poppel passed his practical test and is now a Certified Flight Instructor.

Last Flight West

Jay Peters, former PAOP president, passed away November 25 at age 75. He had suffered from ALS for the last several years.

Flying Out in 2007

We're in the process of creating the flyout schedule for next year. While there will likely be many familiar destinations, we should be looking to some new ideas. Bring your recommendations to Gene Poppel's attention. As usual, we'll be thinking about a mix of brunches, museums and other spots of aviation interest, scenery, and other attractions.

Learning About Safety in the New Year

Upcoming seminars of interest through the Philadelphia FSDO include:

Jan. 8—Teaching Fundamentals of Weather; Though this one is aimed at CFIs, it's open to all, and should help in your understanding of the flight environment. International Plaza adjacent to PHL.

Jan 10—Single Pilot IFR; Is it safe? American Helicopter Museum at N99.

Jan 18-- Basics of GPS and WAAS, including LNAV, VNAV, RNP, RAIM. Aviation Institute of Maintenance at PNE.

For info on these and other seminars, go to www.faasafety.gov.

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