



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND SUCCESS IN 2008**

Party Hearty

In keeping with our normal tradition, instead of a regular indoor meeting, in December we have our Christmas party. We sweated out the timing of the arrival of the “wintry mix,” worrying whether we would be mixed out. But it was not to be. The weather held off until all were on the way home. This year 45 people enjoyed each others’ company, and a couple even danced (you go, Tony and Vanessa!).

Rich Finn, with his electronic wonders, again built the holiday mood from the beginning, with traditional and more up-to-date holiday themes to complement the sparkling Christmas décor.

We had a party of 45, nearly filling the room, including many new faces from Pottstown Municipal, thanks to the inviting/recruiting efforts of Angie Noetzel.

Cutillo’s took over, with a sumptuous dinner that took us into the rest of the festivities. Early on, they had to be reminded that we might want some liquid refreshment while we gathered, but things got smoother after that.

Mark your calendar for the 2008 party on December 13. There’s sure to be something to celebrate.

Finally, a Flight to the North

Orange County, NY was the last minute destination on November 25 for a brunch blast. Nine people joined the flight, including a contingent from Smoketown, led by PAOP member Diane Jackson. So it is possible to go north, but it has to be a surprise.

Elections Are Coming

January 31, 2008 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 George Yarzabek, nominating chairman, at 610-983-3425.

Flying Out in 2008

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. Restaurants, museums, even whole regions (north comes to mind) seem to come and go.

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.

Let’s Point the Prop North, Again

Maybe it really is possible. The November flyout actually got to a destination north of the Pennsylvania border. So let’s try again. On Sunday, December 30 we’ll try Sullivan County (MSV) in Monticello, NY. It’s 94 nm as the crow or the Cessna flies (the Piper, too, and whatever else may be along. The Fly-in Saucer, personally tested by flying restaurant critic, Tom Smith, awaits. At least we can be sure they have coffee.

Let’s gather at Penn Airways at 0900 for 0930 takeoff. That will give you time to pre-heat, yet still arrive in time for a leisurely breakfast.

Guests are always welcome, as long as seats are available. If you will have an extra seat, or if you need a ride, contact Gene Poppel 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. You might even take a new flyer for a scenic ride down the Hudson corridor.

New Member

Let’s welcome Steve Newsham as a new Associate Member. He learned about PAOP at the Fly-in Breakfast.

Learning About Safety in the New Year

There’s a new Wings program. It’s a bit more structured than the prior arrangements, and all record-keeping is online. This seminar should qualify for the knowledge requirements. Here’s what’s up for January:

Jan. 17—The Key to Safer Flying. All about VFR and IFR charts by Richard Neher, the head of the group that publishes them. Mercer County Community College, Princeton Junction, NJ.

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

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