

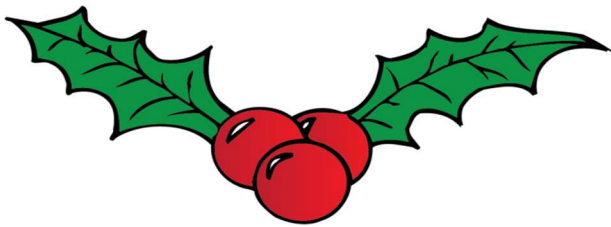
## Regular Monthly Meeting

### DINNER MEETING FOR DECEMBER

The December meeting was held at the Holiday Party on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Flyout

The December was a brunch trip to Ocean City, NJ on this Sunday, December 17



## From the Prez

Seventieth Anniversary  
by Tim Drager  
December 11, 2017

It was so nice to see 32 PAOP members at the holiday party. These intrepid aviators and significant others braved IFR conditions with three inches of snow to celebrate our aviation heritage. Sunnybrook Ballroom put on a great dinner, with fine food and drink. Reconnecting with members and their friends during the holidays was especially memorable. Tom Kozel received an award, the Buckeye Newshawk award, for his decade+ service as Newsletter Editor and Publisher. I thank our board members and other helpers for another successful year.

We are coming up on PAOP's 70th year. We will keep the flame of aviation alive in 2018, with many activities planned. Here are some

excerpts from 'Keep 'em Flying', the story of aviation in Pottstown: "During the winter of 1947-48 Vernon D. Shaffer called ... meetings in the old YMCA building on King Street, Pottstown. This resulted in the organization of the Pottstown Aircraft Owners & Pilots on February 26, 1948, with Vernon Shaffer as the first president.

As best I can tell, in 1995 we had "214 members with 82 privately-owned airplanes, ranging from a Piper Club to a Lear Jet." Things have changed, but our purpose has not changed.

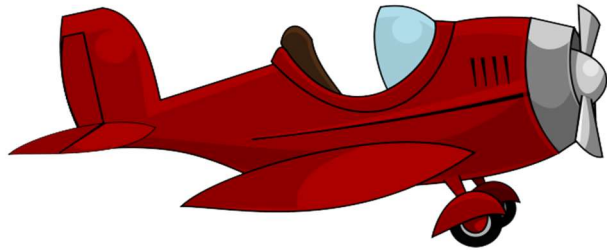
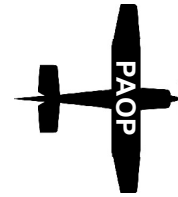
"The purposes of the PAOP are:

1. To promote, protect, and represent the aeronautical interest of the members.
2. To study the art, science, and industry of aeronautics and the purpose of private flying.
3. To further the safety, popularity, and economy of private flying."

See <http://paop.org/pi.html> for the online book 'Keep 'em Flying'.

Let us enter 2018 with renewed enthusiasm toward the above purpose. I look forward to working with the scouts in hosting a weekend Aviation Camporee with up to 500 youth in October. Our next meeting will be January 25th at Copperfields by Lakeside. Come for fellowship, fun and to make a difference in 2018.

Tim Drager  
President, PAOP



## Board Minutes

### PAOP Executive Board Meeting



There was no Board meeting in December.

### From Mike

Good afternoon gentlemen....

I can't tell you how good it is to count myself in and among the local aviation community - I mean that sincerely

Between PAOP, and being the ASN for AOPA, I feel I can continue to make a contribution to our aviation community, if being nothing more than another set of eyes and

ears. I am backing off of my active participation on the executive committee for 2018, but as a former President and EC member, you know I will still interfere where I feel compelled to. I hope to still be able to contribute a monthly article for the newsletter as we go into 2018 and beyond.

I'm looking forward to Alton Bay in January February. It's been 4 years since my solo and successful landing, I hope to reprise that for another enjoyable lunch at the lakeside restaurant.

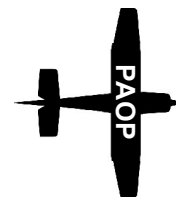
We continue to pour money into N4306b, last year, a factory rebuilt, next year? about \$17,000 in nav com updates/upgrades to accommodate the 2020 mandate and more. That's a lot for an old bird approaching 10,000 hours.

In 2017, I challenged myself physically and mentally and rode the 75 miles from Cherry Hill to Ocean City and was able in the process to raise One thousand dollars for the MS Society. For the record that is the longest bike ride ever for me. My previous long ride was in 1974/75 with a 55 mile ride across parts of southern Illinois, and then back again the next day. That was at least 42 years ago.

Sue and I still have not been to Tangier Island, and I've been told to make it an overnight for the best adventure, but we'll see about booking it one way or the other.

As I see it for PAOP in the future, we have three key challenges: 1. Attract more females into our association, and 2. keep plugging away to bring youth into contact with general aviation, and 3. Make sure the ownership and management of KPTW knows we are an asset to the airport and the community and keep in close contact with them on a regular basis.

Mike "Sky-hawk" Sehl



## Tentative 2017 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
1/4/17	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
<b>1/26/17</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
1/29/17	Flyout— Frederick Md. KFDK	Brunch
2/2/17	Board Meeting	
<b>2/23/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	
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
<b>3/30/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
4/6/17	Board Meeting	
4/??/17	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
<b>4/27/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>AOPA Presentation</b>
4/30/17	Flyout— South Jersey Regional, Mt. Holly, NJ (KVAW)	Brunch and Air Victory Museum
5/4/17	Board Meeting	
<b>5/6-7/17</b>	<b>99's Pennies a Pound at PTW</b>	
<b>5/25/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Steak</b>
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!
<b>6/29/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Chicken*</b>
7/6/17	Board Meeting	
<b>7/27/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Steak</b>
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	
<b>9/10/17*</b>	<b>Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast</b>	
9/23/17	Flyout— Sullivan County, Monticello, NY (KMSV)	Brunch
<b>9/28/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Lobster (and optional steak)</b>
10/5/17	Board Meeting	
<b>10/26/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield's, Limerick</b>
10/28/17 (Sat)	Flyout— Cherry Ridge, Honesdale, NY	Brunch
11/2/17	Board Meeting	
11/26/17	Flyout— Wyoming Valley, PA (WBN)	Brunch
<b>11/30/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield's, Limerick</b>
12/7/17	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
<b>12/9/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party</b>	<b>Sunnybrook Ballroom, Pottstown</b>
12/17/17	Flyout— Ocean City, NJ (26N)	Brunch
1/4/18	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
<b>1/26/18</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
1/28/18	Flyout— Millville, NJ (KMIV)	Brunch

\* Steak is also available at these meeting

Tim Drager

Mike McNamara

John Green

Gene Poppel

Directors: Dennis Galvin, Andy Landis, Bob Nesspor, Eric Forde, Tom Kozel, Mike Sehl (President Ex-Officio)