



## Regular Monthly Meeting

The February meeting will be held on **Thursday February 23, 2012**. This month's meeting will be held at the Copperfield Inn at Lakeside (594 West Ridge Pike). Dinner and Drinks at 6PM and the meeting will be held at 8PM. We will have a separate room and there will be a bar menu and a dinner menu available. For reservations, call Winnie at (610) 495-5111

## Flyout

### Stepping Back in Time in America's First State

When William Penn laid out the original colony of Pennsylvania, he designated three lower counties of the state, now comprising Delaware. The southernmost, Sussex, had its county seat at Lewes, today's terminus for the ferry from Cape May. In 1791, the Delaware Assembly decided to centralize the county seat to a new town, now known as Georgetown, named for one of the original county commissioners, George Mitchell. Today, Georgetown is in the middle of poultry country, with a large Perdue facility that employs a diverse workforce.

On Sunday, February 26, we'll fly for brunch at the Lighthouse Landing Restaurant at Sussex County airport (KGED), Georgetown, DE. We should be there in under an hour from Heritage Field. After brunch, we can enjoy a visit to the Delaware Aviation Museum, home of many WW-II aviation artifacts, memorabilia, and displays.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0900 for 0930 takeoff. Take a non-pilot or a student along, for an introduction to the world of general aviation—the fun and camaraderie.

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## Board of Directors and Officers Election Results

The newly elected Officers/Directors for 2012:

President: Mike Sehl  
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## A Message from George

Hello everyone! I'm the new vice-president of PAOP (don't show up at next years election meeting and you could be vice-president too). I've been asked to write a short column and my first thought was "isn't the newsletter boring enough without me?"

Well, here's some useless information for you.

Every year my lovely wife Nancy and I travel to Costa Rica. We fly American Airlines to San Jose (SJO). From there, the first year there we rented an SUV and traveled overland to the Puntarenas ferry to Paquera. Don't do this! The roads are tight, potholes are deep and frequent, and passing slow moving trucks is akin to Russian roulette. My wife does the driving as she says she is a "professional" (and has the scars to prove it might I add). The ferry ride takes about an hour. From the ferry we traveled down a winding road for 15 miles



in the dark, dodging potholes all the way. The ferry webpage states “*Be prepared: The roads on the Southern Nicoya Peninsula, Province of Puntarenas, are some of the worst of all Costa Rica.*” Nearing the hotel, Tango Mar ([www.tangomar.com](http://www.tangomar.com)), we passed a sign that read Aeropuerto Tambor. Like in the song, it was one of the “Things that make you go hmmm”.

Aeropuerto Tambor can best be described as groomed asphalt pieces mixed with deer droppings. Dehavilland Twin Otters and Cessna Caravans fly daily into Costa Rican “airports”, like Tambor, by two commuter airlines. The pilots are really good! They remind me of the pilots in the TV show Flying Wild in Alaska except in Spanish and without that cute little Ariel. (If you haven’t seen the show, check out the story in the latest issue of AOPA PILOT).

For several years now we’ve used charters to get to Tambor. Our first charter was in a Gippsland Airvan, a single engine 7-seat high wing airplane. A nice airplane equipped with a compass and a KMD 150. Several charters were in Cessna 206, which had a Garmin 196. Most of you reading this have panels that these aircraft panels make yours look like the space shuttle but the charter pilots seem very capable. Last Christmas day for instance, the 206 we chartered was being flown by a single pilot, flying ‘VFR’ **through** some of the biggest cumulus clouds I have ever seen and **never** flown through. Next year my wife will pack a Rosary in her carry-on – guaranteed!

You’d love the excitement of flying into those Costa Rican “airports”. Try it sometime and check you this video from Paradise Air. It’s features one of the Gippslands.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_wusuhOdmxU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_wusuhOdmxU)

In closing, as your vice-president I promise to try to make fewer gaffes than our current vice-president Joseph Biden, but how hard will that be?

Pura vida and see you around the airport!

George



### **2012 Membership Renewal is NOW!**

Here is early February and we all know what that means..... It’s time to renew our membership to PAOP! You will all soon be receiving either an e-mail or mailing from Winnie with the form that you need to fill out and return with your check. **We have also attached one to this newsletter.** Please respond favorably, the continued success of the club rests on your participation.

### **New Member**

We would like to welcome our newest member, Russell Hill who recently soloed at Heritage Field. Russell is a student at Ursinus College.

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## 2012 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Program
1/3/12	Board Meeting	
<b>1/27/12</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Fairways Restaurant</b>
1/29/12	Flyout—York, PA	Brunch
1/31/12	Board Meeting	
<b>2/23/12</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	
2/26/12	Flyout—Sussex County(KGED)	Brunch
2/28/12	Board Meeting	
3/25/12	Flyout—Sky Acres(44N)	Brunch
<b>3/29/12</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	
4/3/12	Board Meeting	
<b>4/27/12</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Friday-April 27, 2012 Spaghetti Dinner</b>
4/29/12	Flyout-Cherry Ridge(N30)	Brunch
5/1/12	Board Meeting	
<b>5/19/12</b>	<b>Airport Community Day</b>	
<b>5/19-20/12</b>	<b>99's Pennies a Pound</b>	
5/27/12	Flyout-Windsor Locks, CT(KBDL)	New England Air Museum
<b>5/31/12</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Hot Dogs and Hamburgers</b>
6/5/12	Board Meeting	
6/24/12	Flyout—Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD(3W3)	Crab Lunch
<b>6/28/12</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Chicken</b>
7/3/12	Board Meeting	
<b>7/26/12</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Hot Dogs and Hamburgers</b>
7/29/12	Flyout—South Jersey Regional (KVAY)	Brunch and Air Victory Museum
7/31/12	Board Meeting	
<b>8/18/12</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Saturday August 18, 2012 Luau</b>
8/26/12	Flyout—Easton, MD (KESN)	Lunch in St. Michaels, Touring and Shopping
9/4/12	Board Meeting	
<b>9/9/12</b>	<b>Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast</b>	
<b>9/27/12</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Lobster*</b>
9/30/12	Flyout—Altoona, PA (KAOO)	Brunch
10/2/12	Board Meeting	
<b>10/25/12</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	
10/28/12	Flyout—Cherry Ridge Honesdale, PA (N30)	Brunch
10/30/12	Board Meeting	
11/18/12	Flyout—Sky Manor, Pittstown, NJ (N40)	Brunch
<b>11/29/12</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	
12/4/12	Board Meeting	
<b>12/15/11</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	
12/30/12	Flyout—Cambridge, MD(KCGE)	Brunch
1/8/13	Board Meeting	
1/27/13	Flyout—Millville, NJ (KMIV)	Brunch
<b>1/31/13</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	

\* Steak is also available at these meetings