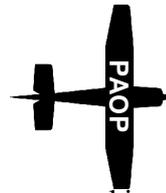


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## Regular Monthly Meeting

The February meeting will be held on Thursday February 28, 2013. The meeting will be held at Copperfield's (594 West Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA, 484-938-7082). Dinner and Drinks at 6PM and the meeting will be held at 8PM. For reservations, call Mike at 610-996-7345 and leave a message.

## Flyout

### TO THE HOME OF THE HARLEYS

What better way to spend a mid-winter Sunday than flying to historic York County? From its founding as part of the earliest westward expansion of William Penn's colony to today, when it hosts the world-famous Harley Davidson assembly plant, York has been a commercial and industrial center. It also played important parts in the American Revolution and the Civil war. York considers itself the "Factory Tour Capital of the World." It might even be true; the web site lists 24 tours, from violin making to pretzel baking. The York Airport (KTHV), actually in Thomasville, PA, is a friendly place with a 5,188 foot long runway and inviting restaurant. On February 24, following a scenic, 63 nm jaunt across the farmlands of Lancaster and York Counties, we'll enjoy brunch at the Kitty Hawk restaurant in the FBO building at the north end of the airport. Use your GPS to get there or just use the old-fashioned way—follow US 30 which passes the field. Either way, if you land short on Runway 35, it's a long "drive" to the facilities at the north end. However, the

rising terrain lets you skim the runway until the asphalt rises to meet your wheels, at which point there's still plenty of length left to slow down and minimize taxiing. There's lots of brunch traffic, as well as flight training, so maintain your outside scan.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0930 for 1000 takeoff. Bring a friend or bring a student pilot (or bring a friend who is a student pilot). Contact Gene Poppel at 610-647-1332 or

genepoppel@comcast.net if you want a ride or have an available seat in your plane. These flights can be used to give guest or student pilots a chance to plan and follow a cross-country flight, without having to simultaneously fly the plane—a good step in their training.

## From the Prez

I am writing this on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, which has been a beautiful day with blue skies and clouds and temperatures somewhere above freezing. Although my wife and I celebrated our 45 anniversary today, we actually had a night out last night to celebrate.

So what's a pilot to do with an absolutely beautiful Sunday afternoon and access to an airplane? Well my lovely wife said: "Sure you go out and fly somewhere for an hour, it will make you feel good". She was right, a short hop to Smoketown and back felt good. And when I stopped to refuel the airplane, two PAOP numbers were relaxing and sunning themselves on the bench at the main hangar.

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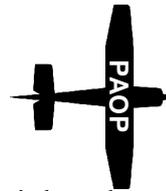
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While I should have been working on preparing my PAOP material and writing this article, I was off on a joy ride in a piper archer II.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** At our last Executive Committee meeting we discussed a wide range of topics all trying to focus on how to make PAOP better, and how to make 2013 an even better year than last year. We start off with our April dinner meeting, which will be the pasta dinner and auction on Friday, April 26 at the main hangar at the airport. What we decided to do about the auction is to keep the number of auction items somewhere between six and nine and ask people both PAOP members and in the expanded the Airport community to find something that they could donate to PAOP such as a Filled Gift Basket?, Pies, or other Baked Goods For the auction. This is intended to be a fundraiser as well as a fun evening. We have found both the low-cost and good pasta on a Friday night to be a good combination to draw a lot of members to dinner. With the added fun of the fundraising but not too serious auction it could even be better.

**AUCTION DONATIONS:** So I will be sending out emails to both PAOP and to our extended aviation mailing list asking for donations no later than Sunday, March 24 of tasteful and desirable items or a commitment for foods. We are not looking for monkeys with lamps in their bellies nor are we looking for stockinged ladies legs with a light on top of it, but something that you have seen too often or have too many of, maybe it's aviation related, maybe it's not, but something

the you wouldn't be ashamed to see somebody display in their home if you walked into it. There might be somebody out there who has a timeshare that you won't be using this year whether it's only three days in Atlantic City or whether it's a week in the Poconos, that would be nice to bid on. There may be something of value that is actually also funny but we will have to take that on a case by case basis. The executive committee of PAOP reserves the right to reject any item based on our own discretion and appropriateness.

If you have a business or a part of the business that has gift certificates or coupons, or samples or something of value to a pilot or his or her family, we are open to suggestion and would be happy to take your gift. Our first auction item is a case of aviation oil which has been donated to PAOP, and which will be auctioned. Please call me at 610 – 996 – 7345 to discuss any ideas you may have for gifts for the auction.

**AIRPORT COMMUNITY DAY:** The next thing we have coming up is in conjunction with the Airport with Fare Share, and the 99's. It is the airport community day scheduled for Saturday, May 18. The 99's will be putting on their "Pennies a Pound" fundraising program on both the 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>. I will be suggesting to the sponsors of community day that we identify an annual theme for this event something like honoring firemen, teachers, air national guardsmen, Pennsylvania Bureau of aviation. The theme could be honoring a group or an individual. Please contact me or one of the other

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executive committee members and offer up any ideas you have is how we might decide what would be an appropriate theme.

We will be looking for PAOP members and friends to help us put on this event on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS:** We should all welcome Sandy Horvath who is now the Secretary for PAOP, and Gwenanne Hartshorn who is a new Director. Their addition to the executive committee is greatly appreciated. Sandy Horvath has volunteered to work with me on publicity and in obtaining certificates and valuables as donations to PAOP. Gwenanne has stepped to the table and accepted the responsibility for the food service committee as part of her work as director. Please congratulate and thank both Sandy and Gwenanne and for joining us on the executive committee.

We still need two Directors to accept responsibility for: 1. The grounds committee; and 2. the buildings committee. Absent volunteers, assignments will be made by the Officers.

We also want to thank Tom Kozel for his work on the Newsletter, Gene Poppel for his work on the Treasury, and Tim Drager for his work on the Website (PAOP.ORG).

**2013 DUES:** Executive Committee members will be meeting so that we can mail out the dues notices on or before February 21. The Executive Committee has held the dues in check so that once

again there is no increase in the dues for 2013. Those new members who joined in 2012 with our special offer have already paid the 2013 dues. Keep in mind that if you're feeling generous you can make an outright donation to the PAOP along with the dues payment. In addition when you receive the dues letter and you know of a former member who might want to rejoin pass his or her name along to us and we will contact them.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** this is just a reminder that the PAOP has a website at [www.PAOP.org](http://www.PAOP.org), and if you are a Facebook user, you can friend us at PAOP on Facebook. If you have any pictures of our members or our activities you can post them on our Facebook page. Please limit the chatter to P AOP or aviation related matters.

In closing, you probably already know that February 10, begins the year of the snake on the Chinese calendar. That and a dollar will buy you a cup of coffee at WAWA, see you around the airport,  
Thanks,  
Mike



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Date	Event	Comment
1/9/13	Board Meeting	
1/27/13	<a href="#">Flyout—Millville, NJ (KMIV)</a>	Brunch
1/31/13	<b>Annual Meeting &amp; Elections</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
2/6/13	Board Meeting	
2/24/13	<a href="#">Flyout—York (KTHV)</a>	Brunch
2/28/13	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
3/6/13	Board Meeting	
3/23/13	<a href="#">Flyout—Georgetown, DE (KGED)</a>	Brunch
3/28/13	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
4/3/13	Board Meeting	
4/26/13	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Friday-April 26, 2012 Pasta Dinner &amp; Auction</b>
4/28/13	<a href="#">Flyout—Orange County, NY (KMGJ)</a>	Brunch
5/3/13	Board Meeting	
5/18/13	<b>Airport Community Day</b>	
5/18-19/13	<b>99's Pennies a Pound</b>	
5/25/13	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Hot Dogs and Hamburgers</b>
5/26/13	<a href="#">Flyout—South Jersey Regional (KVAJ)</a>	Brunch and Museum
6/5/13	Board Meeting	
6/27/13	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Chicken*</b>
6/30/13	<a href="#">Flyout—Kentmorr (3W3)</a>	Crabs
7/10/13	Board Meeting	
7/25/13	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Steak</b>
7/28/13	<a href="#">Flyout—Greenwood Lake (4N1)</a>	Brunch with Connie
7/31/13	Board Meeting	
8/24/13	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Saturday August 24, 2013 Luau</b>
8/25/13	<a href="#">Flyout—Cape May, NJ (KWWD)</a>	Brunch and NAS Wildwood Museum
9/4/13	Board Meeting	
9/9/12	<b>Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast</b>	
9/26/13	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Lobster*</b>
9/29/13	<a href="#">Flyout—Luray Cavern (KLUJ)</a>	Cave Exploring
10/2/13	Board Meeting	
10/26/13	<a href="#">Flyout—Cherry Ridge (N30)</a>	Brunch
10/31/13	<b>Monthly Meeting (Halloween)</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
11/6/13	Board Meeting	
11/21/13	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
11/24/13	<a href="#">Flyout—Blairstown, NJ (1N7)</a>	Brunch
12/4/13	Board Meeting	
12/14/13	<b>Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party</b>	<b>Cutillo's</b>
12/29/13	<a href="#">Flyout—Sky Manor, Pittstown, NJ (N40)</a>	Brunch
1/8/2014	Board Meeting	
1/30/2014	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
1/26/2014	<a href="#">Flyout—Frederick, MD (KFDK)</a>	Brunch

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