

Regular Monthly Meeting

ROLL YOUR OWN ADS-B

We've all been hearing about the wonders of ADS-B for cockpit awareness, traffic, and weather. While ADS-B Out is a complex (and expensive topic), you can easily get the in cockpit information benefits of ADS-B IN at a much lower cost and complexity. Alan Jones built his Stratux dual band receiver for just a few hundred dollars. He'll tell us about it at our February meeting.

This meeting will be on Thursday, February 28 at the Copperfield Inn at Lakeside, 594 W Ridge Pike, Limerick. Join us for cocktails and conversation starting at 1800, with dinner around 1830, or just for the presentation about 1930. Contact Gene Poppel (484-431-9660 or genepoppel@comcast.net) and let him know you're coming, by Tuesday, February 26.

Flyout

A Wintry Ride to the ice Runway

The flyout was on Sunday, February 18, to the ice runway at Alton Bay.

From the Prez

From the presidents desk,

I would like to start by thanking all of you for the opportunity to serve as the president of your club. I hope to use the foundation and tools handed to me to advance the club to the next mark. There are a few new ideas and a few we haven't done for many years that I would like to try

To start the Roost needs a cleaning out and a sprucing up. Some up to date pictures and a more friendly pilots lounge appearance. There have been some gracious donations to the club, some applicable and some not, that needs to be

addressed when we open up the Roost in the Spring.

I have participated in several fly outs, this month's fly out was not an exception. I flew with John Green as co-pilot and Fred Van Ryn with Erica his friend as passengers. After a nice breakfast (I had lunch 11:30) we headed home climbing to 3500 ft. It was clear below 12000 with 10+ Vis, but we started to get bounced around. John suggested we climb to 5500 and after getting cleared by Patomic Approach we went to smooth air and caught the tail wind that took us home at 188 knots, WOW. We were living large. It would be nice to add some adventure trips to the list. I have suggested that this month's fly out be Alton Bay. Maybe a bit over the top, but certainly an adventure. Go for the high life.

There are a few other ideas I wish to introduce to the board, So stay tuned. We will see how things come together.

Thanks again

Erik Forde

Board Minutes

PAOP Executive Board meeting
Jan. 3, 2019



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Attendees: John Green, Gene Poppel, Laura Poppel, Tim Drager, Barry Kerchner, Erik Forde, Andy Landis, Kathy Brenneman, Mike McNamara

Secretary Report: Minutes from the Nov. 2018 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Report: Dec. 2018

Starting Balance	\$3,622.07
Income	\$1,816.00
Expenses	\$1,857.40
Ending Balance	\$3,580.67 (incl. \$679.38 for Youth Education Fund)

Gain (Loss) \$ (41.40)

Motion made and carried to accept the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

- Discussion on expanding PAOP presence on Facebook to improve our social media exposure. **OPEN** One suggestion to post photos and stories of our monthly fly-outs or any other flights that a member might take. Another suggestion to spend money on an electronic sign to promote our fly-outs or piggyback on the Penn Airways fuel sign on the south side. Andy Landis is interested in being administrator of our Facebook page. Motion made and carried to add Andy as an administrator.
- Scouts are interested in holding Aviation Explorers at KPTW and have asked us to consider mentoring. Tim to talk to Chris Jordan to see if Penn Airways will allow them to meet in main hangar. **OPEN** Tim did put feelers out for others to join in hosting, but got

no response. He has also spoken to C.A.P. about supporting their efforts. Possible C.A.P. events in the spring. **CLOSED**

- Tim installed WIFI repeater at Roost. Penn Airways covered the cost of the repeater and the router.
- Discussion on reviewing our insurance coverage and shopping, possibly through AOPA. Gene has not had a chance to follow up. Further discussion on changing our insurance carrier and level of coverage. Mike Sehl, Mike McNamara, and Gene Poppel to pursue. **OPEN**

New Business:

- Discussion on anticipated changes to PTW airport, including new pads for plane storage.
- Discussion on another breakfast, possibly in May or June. We could possibly coordinate with 99's for serving food at Pennies-A-Pound event.
- No WW II dance at Sunnybrook this year. Could we host something like that here? Contact info for Sue and Bill Krause, who ran the event at Sunnybrook, provided.
- Further discussion on forming non-profit tabled until after the new executive board is seated.
- The monthly dinner meeting will be at Copperfields on Jan. 31st at 6 PM. Annual elections to be held after dinner.
- Fly-out on Sunday Jan. 27th to KFDK Frederick, MD.
- Motion made and carried to hold March Executive Board meeting, at the Pilots Lounge 7 PM on Mar. 7th.
- Barry reports no current rodent occupants at the Roost.
- Nominees for office as follows:
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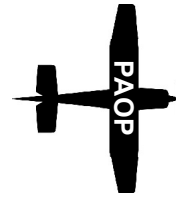
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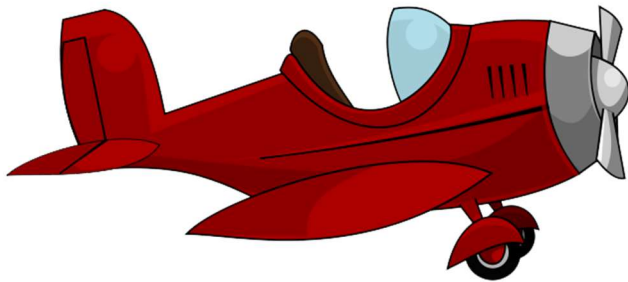
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- Director of Newsletter - Tom Kozel
- Director of Food - Laura Poppel
- Director of Roost - Barry Kerchner
- Director of Marketing - Jeff Stouter
- Director of Fundraising - Erik Forde
- Director of Youth Programs - Andy Landis
- President Ex Officio - Tim Drager

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
John Green



From Mike

February 9th, usually a cold day in the northeast of the USA, is the 50th Anniversary of the Boeing 747. I celebrated the 9th of January 1969 away from the cold in a place called Long Binh, in Viet Nam. Myself and 500,00 of my closest friends were there at the invitation of the President of the United States and Local Draft Board Number 11 in Cumberland County, New Jersey.

I don't recall anyone breaking into the Latrine (that's where we had the benefit of newspapers from across the USA) and saying "Hey, did you know the 747 is one year old?". Outside old Vietnamese civilians burned the latrine effluent in diesel fuel or kerosene.

Move forward from 1969 to approximately 2004 (give or take a year), and Suzanne and I took off from the Buffalo International Airport on the first leg of a family trip Buffalo, Detroit to Los Angeles. 747's were still the cream of the crop. In the first leg, we enjoyed a visit to the upper deck bar where in addition to buying a well made drink of your choice, we were entertained by a piano man and songster. None of that stuff today (at least in American flag carriers).



About a year later Sue and I boarded a 747 in Toronto for a Canadian flagged charter flight to Gatwick Airport in the London area to begin a thirty day junket around western Europe. That was a great trip. We flew back in a similar 747 to Toronto, but we were so tired it could have been DC-3. It was our first time to land in Iceland.

Fifty years is a long time in commercial aviation, I'm glad to see some still around.

What was your first (or latest) experience with a 747?

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Change of topic! Alton Bay advice. PAOP is going to try a fly out to B18 in New Hampshire. As you probably know, I did it once five years ago, and wouldn't have missed it. I went on a Friday morning and there was little traffic. PAOP 2019 is looking at getting pilots, airplanes and passengers together for February 16 for the trip. The success depends on a lot of things but at the top of the list is: Planning. The weather helps too. It turns out that is the same weekend as the winter festival on Alton Bay, so if the weather allows it will be busy. Busy means they may have 85 planes more or less landing, parking, enjoying the Restaurant or corner store, along with the camaraderie. Don't forget to stop in at the Jewelry store and get your certificate. Here are my suggestions for you whether you are PIC or passenger: 1. Research the airport; 2. Buy a pair of slip on cleats for the ice (I got mine at Boscov's in the "you've seen it on tv" department); practice short field soft field landings; 3. Watch the videos on Youtube (they are educational and entertaining); be prepared for the day; Agree before you take off how the pilot wants you to contribute to the expense of the flight (5 – 6 hours turnaround). It's also helpful to take lots of pictures of pilot and crew and the airplane on the ice, and maybe lunch along the lakeside. Tom will post them in the newsletter. If the trip is weathered out, there is always another day. The First Rule is 'Be Safe'.

Congratulations to Erik Forde and the Executive Committee of 2019. And if you haven't done it yet, send your 2019 dues in to Gene Poppel.

Mike "Sky-Hawk" Sehl

Anthropologist, Lawyer and Pilot

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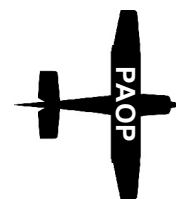
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Planned 2019 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
2/28/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
2/16, 17, or 18/19	Flyout—Alton Bay (B18)	The Ice Runway
3/28/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
3/31/19	Flyout— Flying W (N14)	AYCE Pancake Breakfast
4/4/19	Board Meeting	
4/??/19	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
4/25/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
4/28/19	Flyout—Delaware Coastal Airport (KGED)	Brunch
5/2/19	Board Meeting	
5/4-5/5/19	99s Pennies a Pound	Heritage Field
5/26/19	Flyout— Cherry Ridge (N30)	Brunch
5/30/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
6/6/19	Board Meeting	
6/27/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Chicken
6/30/19	Flyout— Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)	Crabs!
7/4/19	Board Meeting	
7/25/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
7/28/19	Flyout— Ocean City, NJ (26N)	Brunch
8/1/19	Board Meeting	
8/25/19	Cambridge, MD (KCGE)	Brunch
8/29/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
9/5/19	Board Meeting	
9/8/19	Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast (Rain Date 9/15/19)	
9/26/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Lobster (and optional steak)
9/29/19	Flyout— Cherry Ridge (N30)	Brunch
10/3/19	Board Meeting	
10/24/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
10/27/19	Flyout—Sky Acres (44N)	
11/21/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield's, Limerick
11/24/19	Flyout— Sky Manor (N40)	Brunch
12/5/19	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/7/19	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party	SunnyBrook Ballroom, Pottstown
12/29/19	Flyout—Millville (KMIV)	Brunch at Verna's
1/2/20	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/26/20	Flyout—Frederick, MD (KFDK)	Brunch
1/30/20	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside

* Steak is also available at these meeting

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