Pottstown Aircraft Owners & Pilots, Inc.



NEWSLETTER

DISCUSSING THE FUTURE OF PAOP, ELECTION JANUARY 29 AT CUTILLO'S

Planning for PAOP's Future

What is PAOP and what will it become? These are pressing questions to ask, in the face of declining membership and less participation by those who are members. Of course, our financial situation is affected, with expenses increasing as income decreases. Basically, we cannot continue on the same path.

This kind of problem is not unique to PAOP. Organizations of all kinds are seeing the same thing. Economic considerations, family obligations, ageing memberships, and changing priorities all play their part.

Now is the time for the membership to take part in determining our future. At our January 29 meeting, we will be having a brainstorming session, where all are welcome and invited to offer ideas.

The meeting will be at Cutillo's in Pottstown. Call the restaurant (610-327-2910) to let them know you are coming. Tell them you are with PAOP. They offer a menu from bar food to full dinners, and a full selection from the bar. Cocktails and dinner start at 1800, with the meeting at 2000. Directions and menus are at www.cutillos.com.

Annual Meeting and Election

As prescribed in PAOP's Constitution and Bylaws, the annual meeting will take place on January 29, 2009, at Cutillo's at 2000.

The agenda includes the election of the Board of Directors and officers, a report by the president on the activities of the year, and a financial report on the entire year.

The nominating committee has presented the following slate of candidates to the board:

President:Barbara K. ZeiglerSecretary:George YarazabekTreasurer:Eugene H. Poppel

Directors:

Ethel Bailey Joseph Horvath

Dennis Galvin

As past president, Russell Appler continues in the post of President Ex-Officio.

In the event that the slate is not elected, a second ballot will present a revised slate. You will notice that we lack candidates for Vice President and for several Director positions. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

While we need only eight members present to constitute a quorum (5% of the total membership), it's a good time to come out and get reacquainted with each other after the holiday break.

An Unusual Flyout

After a change in destination caused by the restaurant at Cambridge, MD closing for the holidays, the planned flight to Georgetown, DE fell victim to weather. Instead, six members in three planes took advantage of holiday time off to do the GED flight on Monday, with a hearty brunch at the Lighthouse Landing. It's worth a repeat next year.

A New Year, A New Restaurant

The bad news is that Orville's, long a favorite brunch destination, at the York, PA airport (KTHV), closed late last year. The good news is that it has been replaced with the Kitty Hawk. The manager says that diners will find much on the menu that's familiar and many things that are new. Let's find out, for ourselves, when we fly for brunch on Sunday, January 25.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0930 for 1000 takeoff. Bring a friend, or bring 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.

Special Assessment—Not Fulfilled, Yet Again

At the time of writing this newsletter, about 71% of our members have paid the \$15.00 assessment. The assessment applies *to all members*. If you haven't paid your assessment yet, *please sent your check for \$15.00 now* to PAOP, PO Box 140, Devon, PA 19333. This is essential to the survival of the organization.

New Member

Sandy Belinski, who has already joined us on flyouts, has become our newest member. Welcome.

Flying the ADIZ

Effective Feb. 9, 2009 anyone flying within 60 nm of the DCA VORTAC is required to have taken the Special Awareness Training, available at www.faasafety.gov. It takes under an hour and will tell you how it has to be done.

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