

3310 W. Ridge Pike, Pottstown, Pa. 19464

Regular Monthly Meeting

The February meeting will be held at Copperfield's (594 West Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA, 484-938-7082) on Thursday January 28, 2016. The program for this meeting will be the annual election of the Board of Directors. Dinner and Drinks at 6:00, followed by Dinner at 7:00 and the meeting immediately following.

Presentation by Susan Maule about the history of Maule Aircraft. Susan is an airline pilot, so she has a broad perspective of aviation. Maule airplanes have spread to every continent of the globe, gaining a reputation as a superb aircraft at a reasonable price. Rugged, simple and reliable, the Maule aircraft has been chosen by pilots throughout the world.

Please RSVP with Gene Poppel (610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net).

Flyout

AVIATION HISTORY AND A GOOD BREAKFAST

Built as a commercial airport, Millville Executive Airport (KMIV) became the nucleus of an important training base for P-47 Thunderbolt pilots in World War II. Many original buildings survive, and the large, concrete runways are clearly more than would you would expect for a rural airport.

The Millville Army Air Field Museum (www.p47millville.org), adjacent to the FBO, highlights the military history of the airport. The city also has a long, diverse history, including agriculture, manufacturing (glass-making being a specialty), and aviation.

On Sunday, January 31, we'll journey to Millville for brunch at the Flight Line Restaurant. Located in a building that was the original Provost Marshal's office, this cozy spot has been a favorite of hungry aviators and their guests for many years. This quick, 50 nm flight can provide practice in Class B airspace, with a stunning view of downtown Philadelphia and the airport. More likely, ATC will detour us around the Class B airspace toward a river crossing below Chester. It's a nice flight whichever way we go.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0930 for 1000 takeoff. Take a non-pilot or a student along, for an introduction to the world of general aviation—the fun and camaraderie. Contact Gene Poppel (610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net) and let him know if you'll need a ride or have a seat available in your plane.

Also, let him know if you're planning to fly from another airport and meet us there, just so we can notify the restaurant. They get a bit testy when a large, unexpected group shows up.

Proposed 2016 Board

- President- Tim Drager
- Vice President-Bob Nessor
- Treasurer-Gene Poppel
- Secretary-John Green
- Pancake Breakfast Food Chair-Laura Poppel
- Entertainment-
- Director of Grounds Committee-

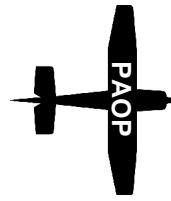
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- Publicity Committee-
- Food Service Committee-
- Audit Committee-

BREAKFAST AND LEARNING, TOO

Lancaster Airport (KLNS) has instituted a new series of fly-in breakfast and seminar events. They combine an inexpensive breakfast (\$7 for adults, children 6-12 \$3) with a safety seminar. This is an easy choice to get Wings knowledge credit. It's held in the airport terminal building.

On February 6, their "Cabin Fever Fly-in" features a presentation on Loss of Control, presented by the Harrisburg FFAST Team. You can register either through a link on www.lancasterairport.com or on the FAA site www.aviationsafety.gov. For more information, go to the airport web site, or contact organizer Kim Huber (717-569-1221 or khuber@lancasterairport.com).

As the date draws nearer, we can organize a group flyout to this event, or even set up carpooling to drive

From the Prez

My Son

My son Dave is looking for a new hobby and wants to learn how to fly. "Hobby" I thought...hmmm... to me flying is not a hobby. Stamp collecting it ain't. Flying an amalgam of religion, philosophy, science, fun and transportation. Here are the definitions of the above, from wikipedia and webster:

Religion - a cultural system of behaviors and practices, world views, ethics, and social organization that relate humanity to an order of existence.

Philosophy - study of the general and fundamental nature of reality, existence, knowledge, values, reason, mind, and language.

Science - a systematic enterprise that creates, builds and organizes knowledge in the form of testable explanations and predictions about the universe.

Fun - enjoyment, amusement.

Transportation - system for moving passengers or goods from one place to another.

That said, I'll accept the word "hobby" for now. This is the first request from my five kids to learn how to fly, so it's quite an honor. Dave is on a budget, so I will teach him to fly in my 1967

Cessna 172, for free. The "free" concept may pan out to be "blended" training. By blended I mean:

- I will teach him what I know. I got a 93% on my instructor's written exam, but never completed the CFI flight training. This training will be free for Dave but cannot be logged.
- Fly with a licensed instructor.
- Pass the private pilot written and medical exams.
- Solo

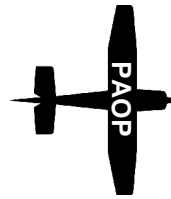
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Caption: Dave and Tim Drager at KPTW in front of Tim's 1967 Cessna 172 after Dave's first flight.

At age 35, my son Dave will have to unlearn some of his driving habits, but he's smart and flexible in his approach to life. Aviation is a natural extension of many human endeavors including model airplanes, mechanics, cars, sports, amusement parks, travel, weather, finance and space exploration. I hope to transfer some of my knowledge to the next generation and encourage you to do the same by:

- Volunteer to teach aviation weather, radio, aeronautics, navigation or careers at our Aviation Camporee on May 14, 2016. Or give rides to kids who earn a flight.
- Give rides at our fly-outs
- Talk to a kid about flying
- Volunteer to give a talk about aviation at a local school

I am approaching the winter of my life, but for some, the first flight in the cool calm spring air is just beginning.

Tim

Board Minutes

PAOP Executive Board

Jan. 6, 2016

Attendees: Tim Drager, John Green, Bob Nesspor, Gene Poppel, Laura Poppel, Mike Sehl, Tom Kozel, Erik Forde, Dennis Galvin

Minutes from Dec. 2, 2015 meeting were read. Motion made and carried to accept the minutes.

Treasurer Report: Dec. 2015

Starting balance: \$ 5705.90

Expenses: \$ (-1460.64)

Income: \$ 1312.00

Ending Balance \$ 5557.26 Gain (Loss)

(148.64)

Motion made and carried to accept the report.

Old Business:

- Mike Sehl and Gene Poppel to work on combining mailing lists as we currently have several members on different email lists. DUE 2/3/16
- John Green working on formatting address list into booklet form. Reformatted into Excel, next step to reformat into mailing lists, then into booklet form. DONE Create booklet DUE 2/3/16
- Following or changing Constitution and By-Laws: Tabled until after elections at January meeting
- Officers and Directors for 2016:

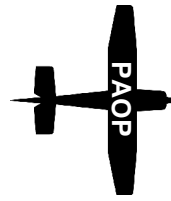
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Directors at Large:

Dennis Galvin

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Mike Sehl

- Participation in Fly-Outs is low, possibility of using socialflight.com or meetup.com to attract new members. Discussed going at an earlier time, Saturday special events, going to destination airports:
 - 2016 Event calendar ideas: Grimes in Hamburg, Massey MD
- Solicit feedback from Yahoo News group on ideas to increase participation in Fly-outs. Tim to create poll. Complete
- Rick Jones looking to purchase wood for picnic table repair, he needs to know number and size of boards. Bob Nesspor to measure

- Two levels of membership: Free and Full. Free membership for balance of fiscal year for new members. Full membership is an annual dues member who gets access to the Flyers Roost. Accepted

New Business:

- Tom Kozel distributed 2016 events calendar
- Consensus on Wings Logo on booklet cover
- Lifetime membership?
- Deferred discussion on new griddle(s) purchase until we have a better handle on Penn Airways plans
- Tim covered AOPA presentation by Kelby Ferwada covering “Lower the cost of flying” April 23rd. Will sell pizza @ \$2/slice.
- Aviation Camporee-May 13-15th, boys and girls ages 9-21. Participation in various stations will ‘earn’ points towards a free ride by EAA.
- Discussion held on newsletter editor assistance and publication frequency. Mike Sehl volunteered to assist with putting the newsletter out. We also discussed various methods of distribution.
- Gyrocopter Fly-In will be Aug. 8-14th

Motion made and carried to adjourn at 20:30

Respectfully submitted,

John Green

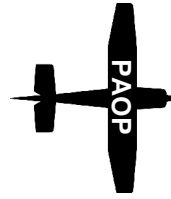
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Upcoming FAA Seminars

"Runway Safety Action Team Meeting at Northeast Philadelphia Airport Jet Center"

Topic: Let's Eliminate Runway Incursions and Surface Incidents in This Lifetime!!!

On Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 11:00

Location: North Philadelphia Jet Center

11301 A Norcom Rd
2nd floor meeting room
Philadelphia, PA 19154



Description:

The purpose of this RSAT meeting is to gather individuals who are actively engaged in airfield movements of aircraft and grounds support vehicles to have an open discussion on how to improve runway safety. Airport operations will be discussed. This is a great opportunity to meet with Control Tower personnel, as well as, other pilots and tenants of KPNE. Past Runway incursions and surface incidents will be reviewed. Based on discussions at this meeting, a list of recommendations will be developed in order to improve airport operations. This meeting qualifies for WINGS credit.

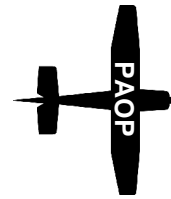
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Tentative 2016 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
1/6/16	Board Meeting	
1/28/16	ANNUAL Meeting (Including Elections & Speaker)	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
1/31/16	Flyout— Millville (KMIV) Brunch	
2/3/16	Board Meeting	
2/25/16	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
2/28/16	Flyout—	
3/2/16	Board Meeting	
3/27/16	Flyout—Flying W (N14) All-you-can-eat Pancakes	Easter Sunday?
3/31/16	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
4/6/16	Board Meeting	
4/??/16	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
4/24/16	Flyout— Frederick, MD (KFDK)	
4/23/16	Monthly Meeting	AOPA Presentation
5/4/16	Board Meeting	
5/13-15/16	Scouts at PTW	Roost
5/14-15/16	99's Pennies a Pound at PTW	
5/26/16	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
5/29/16	Flyout— Sky Manor (N40)	
6/1/16	Board Meeting	
6/26/16	Flyout— Kentmorr (3W3) Crabs!	
6/30/16	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Chicken*
7/6/16	Board Meeting	
7/28/16	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
7/31/16	Flyout— South Jersey Regional (KVAY) Brunch and Air Victory Museum	
8/3/16	Board Meeting	
8/25/16	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
8/28/16	Flyout— South Jersey Regional (KVAY) Brunch and Air Victory Museum	
9/7/16	Board Meeting	
9/11/16*	Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast	
9/25/16	Flyout--	
9/29/16	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Lobster (and optional steak)
10/5/16	Board Meeting	
10/27/16	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
10/30/16	Flyout— Cherry Ridge (N30)	
11/2/16	Board Meeting	
11/27/16	Flyout— Wyoming Valley (KWBW)	
11/17/16	Monthly Meeting	
12/7/16	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/29/16	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party	Cutillos
12/18/16	Flyout— Easton, MD (KESN) Brunch	
1/4/17	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/26/17	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
1/29/17	Flyout— Easton, MD (KESN) Brunch	

* Steak is also available at these meeting

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