

## Regular Monthly Meeting

### HANDHELD DINNER TREATS AT THE ROOST

This month, it's hot sandwich variety time. Our July 26 dinner meeting features summer outdoor fare—hamburgers, hot dogs, and pulled pork sandwiches. The dogs and burgers come hot off our charcoal grill, with savory pork from our secret source. There will be fresh, sweet corn on the cob, too. And it's all for only \$10.

As always, we appreciate any appetizers, sides, or desserts you would like to bring. Generally we enjoy a refreshing beverage and fellowship as we gather, starting around 1800, with dinner starting about 1900.

Reservations are important, so we can buy the food we'll need. Please R.S.V.P. to Gene Poppel (call or text 484-431-9660 or email [genepoppel@comcast.net](mailto:genepoppel@comcast.net)) by Tuesday, July 24.



## Flyout

### FLYING SHOOBIES TO THE SHORE

“Shoobies” is a derisive term used by shore residents long ago for day-trippers, those who

brought their lunch in a shoe box. Well, it's time for us to be shoobies, except that we'll be having brunch in a favorite Ocean City, NJ restaurant.

From its “official” founding in 1879 as a community by four Methodist ministers, Ocean City has maintained its character as a friendly, family-oriented resort. In keeping with its origins, the city has banned the sale of alcoholic beverages. A significant historical event, commemorated by the names of restaurants and a boardwalk rest pavilion, was the 1901 sinking of the *Sindia*, a steel-hulled, four-masted bark. For many years, the wreckage was visible just a couple of hundred yards offshore, and was salvaged extensively for its cargo of porcelain and silks from China and Japan. No remnants of the wreck are visible now.

Ocean City Municipal Airport (26N), with its permanent, built-in crosswind, is our July 29 flyout destination for breakfast or lunch at the Airport Diner in the FBO building. It's frequented by both locals and incoming pilots. There's no landing fee so long as you don't leave the airport, but they will charge you if you walk out on the “land side.” It's cash only; there's an ATM on site, but probably charges a hefty fee.

Straight line, it's a 73 nm flight. With proper procedures (be certain you hear the words “cleared into the Class B”) and a little bit of luck, Philly approach control will let you go direct, giving you and your guests a tour of downtown and a bird's-eye view of Philadelphia International. Otherwise, duck under the Class B airspace to the south, and head over south Jersey.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 1000 for 1030 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](mailto:genepoppel@comcast.net) if you want a ride or have an available seat in your plane.

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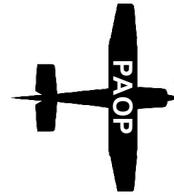
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## From the Prez

### FUN AND RELEVANCE

by Tim Drager  
12 July 2018

Your board is working hard to improve PAOP's fun and relevance in 2018 and beyond. PAOP is about:

- Local enthusiasts who want to learn more about aviation
- Socialization among like-minded individuals
- Youth outreach
- PAOP has a local brand recognition and has a local following with a very small marketing budget

PAOP is in a unique position to improve local aviation. We encourage pilots to not only join but to actively participate. Respect for PAOP is earned both by our actions and by being both FUN and RELEVANT to our local pilots. We need not only your ideas, but your follow-through to increase our relevance.

Here are some ideas that will make PAOP a premier club.

#### FUN

Make dinners and meetings more fun.

Make clean up at the Roost more fun.

Make meetings resonate with more members:  
What's fun to a mechanical engineer may not be

fun to a Human resource Manager. What's fun to an attorney may not be fun to a dentist?

But how do people react when they are having fun?

#### THEY PARTICIPATE

and they look forward to coming back.

Over the years, PAOP has had:

- Pig roasts
- Luaus
- Pasta Dinners
- Auctions
- Music: Hired bands at the breakfasts and Holiday party. Jimmy Buffet, Jimmy Dorsey, Country Western dancing lessons, etc...
- Root Beer Floats
- Air Rally
- Guest speakers from the outside.
- Surprises
- Aviation Movie night
- Free beer?
- A whole mess of Barbecued Chicken
- Making people LAUGH...Awards, Silly Awards, serious awards, plaques, ribbons.....
- Hang out at the Roost on a Saturday afternoon
- Pennsylvania Fly-outs involving other clubs. Fly-out to meet with other clubs. Host breakfast for other clubs.

#### WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

- List NOTAMS, including runway closures
- List services available at the airports (N47 and KPTW), like fuel prices for self and full serve. Phone numbers. Are the prices competitive?

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- Educate pilots about airport maintenance, like grass mowing. Is it continuous? Does it affect the runway?
- Share the airport master plan? What is it?
- Is the airport for sale? What is the realistic likelihood of something changing?
- Flight school. How many airplanes, information for students, check rides, BFRs, etc...
- Charter services available. They now have Cirrus doing charter. Did you know that?
- Hangar availability. Wait lists? How does it work?
- Share messages from our airport and hangar managers, Chris Jordan, Wayne Long, Fly Elite, Pottstown Borough, etc...
- Our website should have a picture of the current board.
- Update the membership document is a little outdated but maybe an abbreviated version of that for the back the card?
- AOPA has a local club network on which should be linked from the PAOP website. We need to determine how to utilize this and other internet links.

## LEADERSHIP IMPROVEMENTS

- The board has reach out to all CFIs training from either airport and encourage them to ask all students to join PAOP. Discuss the benefits of local support with the student will convince him or her to participate in PAOP. We have a post card with a returnable form to fill out. It has simple instructions for joining and link to PAOP website. CFIs can say "if you're flying with me this is recommended" and hand them the card. Dues are free until the end of the year, then an email reminder is sent to pay dues.

- Follow up with persuasive dues collection similar to the most of the other aviation clubs.
- Arrange incentives: Discount coupons at local services: Avgas, maintenance (Ned and Heller), NAPA for oil, Eastwood Tools, Snap-On Tools, etc... Discount balloon and airplane rides. Improve synergies with EAA Chapter 1250.
- Reach out to schools, both Vo-Tech and academic.
- Partner with local related organizations: EAA Chapter 1250, 99's, CAP, Scouts, radio control, hobby stores, drones, ham radio, muscle cars, amateur astronomy and motorcycles. FYI: We plan to have a weekend Aviation Camporee with 500 scouts in October 2018.

In conclusion, lets act on your great ideas of having fun, and being relevant in the local community.

Tim

## Board Minutes

PAOP Executive Board meeting  
July 9, 2018



**Attendees:** John Green, Gene Poppel, Tom Kozel, Mike McNamara, Mike Sehl, Tim Drager

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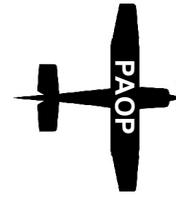
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**Secretary Report:** Minutes from the June 2018 meeting were read and accepted.

**Treasurer Report:** June 2018

Starting Balance	\$ 2,475.26
Income	\$ 1,482.00
Expenses	\$ 477.62
Ending Balance	\$ 3,479.64
Gain (Loss)	\$ 1,004.38
(includes \$1000 Camporee donation)	

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

## Old Business:

- Discussion on ways to increase membership, including a new Director of Marketing, Sponsorship, and Media. Tim Drager to start making contacts to try and get this moving forward. We discussed asking the flight instructors to mention PAOP and hand out the newsletter, Also discussed free one year membership for students. Mike has drafted a letter to be sent to local schools as an invitation to STEM teachers to either come visit us or for us to meet with them. **OPEN**
- Discussion on creating a new Director of Youth Outreach, to make connections through Vo-Tech schools, community colleges, and the Hill School. **OPEN**
- Discussion on expanding PAOP presence on Facebook to improve our social media exposure. We had a further discussion on using Snapchat, other social media and personal contact for reaching out to other pilots. **OPEN**
- Flyers Roost task list:
  - New roof on the shed-Erik and John-plywood and corrugated steel roofing. \$300 approved expense. **OPEN - Need more time**
  - Painting of the pavilion **OPEN**

- Painting of The Roost, would probably require use of a lift. **OPEN**
- Tim Drager to talk to Erik Forde about propane for breakfast. **OPEN**
- Tim Drager will talk to potty guy - handicap, normal and wash station. Tim to contact Party Center w/elastic table cloths of right size. **OPEN**
- Mike Sehl will print up sample raffle tickets for iPad mini and send to board for approval. **DONE**
- Regarding changing PAOP to a non-Profit: Mike Sehl will create a pro / con / financial analysis of becoming a 501c3 non-profit organization at the next board meeting. **OPEN**  
Gene Poppel to estimate yearly savings based on taxable expenses. **DONE**
- PAOP will fly a missing-man fly-over for Dennis Galvin prior to the August meeting. Mike Sehl to contact Gwennanne Hartshorn. **OPEN**
- Tim Drager will contact aviation chart vendors about spare charts for the Camporee. **OPEN**

## New Business:

- Gene is trying to resolve lower membership numbers & dues.
- Tim to talk to Fred Van Ryn about increasing our social media presence.
- Mike to work on letter for members to go with the raffle tickets.
- Trying to get our name into General Aviation News. We are looking for ideas and or articles.
- Tim to contact [JoePilot.com](http://JoePilot.com) for VFR charts. John has a few IFR charts.
- August Executive Board meeting moved to Monday August 6th.
- July dinner will be hamburgers, hot dogs, or brats for \$10/person.

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- Discussion on increasing membership involvement. We have 3 meetings a month between the board meeting, the dinner meeting and the Fly-Outs. Is this too many? We do not have any projects to get people interested or involved.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Green

## From Mike

January 1, 2020.

As I write this there are 532 days left until the date which everyone in general aviation is supposed to be ADS-b out compliant. Many airplane owners have already made the decision and committed to buying and having appropriate ads-b out equipment in. ADS-b in of course is optional. The “G” word as in Garmin has led the way for pilots who want to spend the most to get what they offer as the best solutions. Many other avionics companies have also jumped into the ADS-b solutions game at various levels. The latest one simply replaces the nav lights on the port wingtip, and for less than two thousand dollars. There are lots of choices out there, they are all advertising in all the aviation magazines, as well as at the gatherings like Sun N Fun, and the big show at Oshkosh 2018.

My partners and I have gone the Garmin route and installed a Garmin 650 in place of our older 430, a Garmin 345 transponder with Flightstream 510 added for communicating with ipads with Foreflight. So, we have ADS-b in and out, and can now avoid the rush. The Archer II will be legal and hopefully safer.

What we won't know until January 2020 is if we paid too much, or if the prices will rise as it gets closer. Either way, we now have the ability to get familiar with the equipment and the technology. As they say in the commercial: “What's in your wallet?”.

Safe flying and see you around the airport.

Mike “Sky-hawk” Sehl



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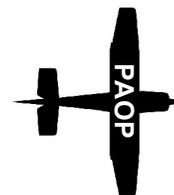
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## Planned 2018 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
1/10/18	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
<b>1/25/18</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
1/28/18	Flyout— Millville Executive Airport (KMIV)	
2/1/18	Board Meeting	
<b>2/22/18</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
2/25/18	Flyout— Millville Executive Airport (KMIV)	
3/1/18	Board Meeting	
3/25/18	Flyout—Cambridge, MD (KCGE)	
<b>3/29/18</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
4/5/18	Board Meeting	
4/28/18	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
<b>4/26/18</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
4/29/18	Flyout—Cherry Ridge (N30)	<b>Brunch</b>
5/3/18	Board Meeting	
5/26/18 (Sat)	Flyout—Delaware Coastal Airport (KGED)	<b>Brunch</b>
<b>5/31/18</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Steak</b>
6/7/18	Board Meeting	
6/24/18	Flyout— Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)	Crabs!
<b>6/28/18</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Chicken*</b>
7/5/18	Board Meeting	
<b>7/26/18</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Steak</b>
7/29/18	Flyout— Ocean City, NJ (26N)	<b>Brunch</b>
8/2/18	Board Meeting	
8/26/18	Flyout—Tangier Island (KTGI)	Crab lunch and sightseeing
8/30/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
9/6/18	Board Meeting	
<b>9/9/18*</b>	<b>Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast</b>	
<b>9/27/18</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Lobster (and optional steak)</b>
9/29-30/18	99s Pennies a Pound	
9/30/18 (Sat)	Flyout—Gettysburg (W05)	Lunch and Tour the Battlefield
10/4/18	Board Meeting	
<b>10/25/18</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
10/27/18 (Sat)	Flyout— Sky Acres (44N)	
11/1/18	Board Meeting	
11/25/18	Flyout— Sky Manor (N40)	<b>Brunch</b>
<b>11/29/18</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield's, Limerick</b>
12/6/18	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
<b>12/9/18*</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party</b>	<b>Sunnybrook Ballroom, Pottstown</b>
12/16/18	Flyout— Flying W (N14)	AYCE Pancake Breakfast
1/3/19	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/27/19	Flyout—Frederick, MD (KFDK)	<b>Brunch</b>
<b>1/31/19</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>

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