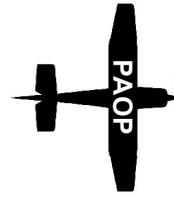


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## Regular Monthly Meeting

Come join us for our Monthly Membership on June 27 at the Roost. Your choices for dinner this month are half of a rotisserie chicken for \$15/person or a great steak, grilled (by you) for \$18/person. Add in summer sides, and a crispy salad, and you're set. 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 1830 and the presentation at 1930.

Reservations are important. Please R.S.V.P. to Gene Poppel (610-647-1332) or [genepoppel@comcast.net](mailto:genepoppel@comcast.net) by Tuesday, May 28. We also need helpers to wipe the dust off the picnic tables, set up the bar, set up the food station, make coffee...the list goes on and on. Please contact Gene and offer to help.



## Flyout

### CRABS AT THE BEACH—KENTMORR MARINA

Flying for seafood—crabs, particularly—is our traditional start to the summer flyout season. We'll begin with a flight to Kentmorr Marina in Stevensville, MD for a bayside crab lunch and a grass field adventure. Conditions permitting, on June 30 we'll exercise those rusty(?) soft

field/short field takeoff and landing skills at 3W3 on our way to the restaurant. It serves varied tastes, even for cheeseburger lovers, but the big attraction is things that scuttle around the bottom of the Bay with a bad attitude. The spicy steamed Maryland blue crab, with the meat picked by your own hand, is a specialty. There are also outstanding crab cakes. Start off with a salad, or with Maryland crab soup, and finish with their wide selection of dessert specialties.

Kentmorr Marina, a residential airpark development on Kent Island, MD, features an airport, a beach, and the restaurant. At the restaurant we can enjoy comfortable, air-conditioned indoor service or an outdoor deck. Check it out at [www.kentmorr.com](http://www.kentmorr.com).

Our flight destination is Kentmorr Airpark (3W3), on the Eastern Shore's Kent Island, a few miles south of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. This delightful spot is served by a 2,400 foot (displaced thresholds make it 2,200 feet for landing), well-tended grass airport. On the likely warm day, you will want to be current on density altitude, and on short and soft field procedures. We'll be checking NOTAMs for a last minute update on the condition of the field. Then, it's just a short walk to the restaurant.

Take a look at [www.3w3.us](http://www.3w3.us) for airport details, including local procedures (the Washington Special Flight Rules Area is nearby) and photos of some PAOP planes on a past visit. It's an easy trip down the east side of the Bay. However, you must not stray across the bay, lest you get a close-up view of some Coast Guard helicopters.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 1030 for 1100 takeoff to arrive in time for lunch. All are welcome—introduce a friend to the fun of general aviation. Contact Gene Poppel at 610-647-1332 or [genepoppel@comcast.net](mailto:genepoppel@comcast.net) to let him

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know you're coming, if you want a ride, or have an available seat in your plane.

Since we need not only good flying weather, but a dry field, we'll have a plan B in mind.

## **From the Prez**

A Flying Club and a little Yellow Airplane

Several months ago, I was elected president of the PAOP organization with the hopes for fresh ideas with vision and direction for the club. It has been my goal to live up to these expectations.

There has been a lot of positive feedback on my vision of a fly club. In addition to a social and educational club membership I would like to add a flying club membership. This I believe requires changes to section 3 of our bylaws. That requires the will and general membership approval. Section 3 seems to be written for a different time with different circumstances, not for the club as it is today

We have been looking for a reasonably priced airplane, not necessarily perfect, but in good mechanical condition. One that suits our needs and budget, for a first step into ownership. We have looked at a J-3 Cub with the hope of negotiating a reasonable price. This may or may not be the answer. The plane has some issues, and this is not a done deal. If not this one, there is no hurry, and there is always another airplane.

A review and vote for the purchase of an aircraft and changes to the bylaws is needed. This is your chance to become a part of a new chapter in the life of PAOP. Existing members have nothing to lose but have the opportunity for affordable flying at low club prices. So, I propose let's fly more, pay less, and have fun.

The purchase of an aircraft, I believe will draw new members that are active pilots. More

members mean more money, more money means more fun, fun to pilots is airplanes.

At this month's general membership dinner meeting I have arranged for a speaker from AOPA to talk about fly clubs.

There seems to be a new buzz, a fresh enthusiasm at our dinner meetings. So come join us June 27 and become involved in the metamorphosis of PAOP. I invite all to come. Order your dinner with Gene, I hope to see you there.

Erik Forde

## **Meet and Greet Breakfast**

Come join us on Sunday, July 7, for an opportunity to meet your fellow pilots and PAOP members over a Made-to-Order Breakfast (Eggs, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, etc.) at the Roost. We plan on congregating at 8 Am and hanging around until 11AM.

\$9 per person

## **Board Minutes**

PAOP Executive Board meeting



June 6, 2019

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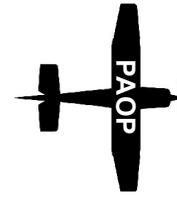
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Attendees: John Green, Gene Poppel, Laura Poppel, Tim Drager, Andy Landis, Erik Forde, Mike McNamara, Mike Sehl

Secretary Report: Minutes from the May 2019 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Report:	May 2019
Starting Balance	\$ 4,437.31
Income	\$ 487.08
	(\$300 for 501(c)3)
Expenses	\$ 1,712.64
Ending Balance	\$ 3,211.75
- incl. \$679.38 for Youth Education Fund	
Gain (Loss)	(\$1,225.56)

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. One suggestion to post photos and stories of our monthly fly-outs or any other flights that a member might take. OPEN
- Electronic interior sign for in the FBO at Municipal to advertise our events. ON HOLD

## New Business

- Gene found old pricing for T-Shirts, we are looking to buy some to maintain stock, especially L, XL, and XXL.
- Breakfast July 7th at The Roost for owners/operators at KPTW & N47.
- The monthly dinner meeting will be at The Roost on June 27th at 6 PM. Chicken dinner, with steak available for an additional \$3/person. bring a dish to put on the serving table. Contact Gene Poppel for reservations. Speaker will be Norm Isler from AOPA talking about setting up flying clubs.

- Fly-out on Sunday June 30th to Kentmorr, 3W3. Departure from KPTW around 10:30 AM.
- Seeking donations of aviation related materials to decorate The Roost
- Need to work on the roof over the front door and the shed
- EAA gave a donation to PAOP for use of the Roost
- Girl Scout Troop will be coming here in October for a presentation on Women in Aviation
- Discussion on buying a J-3 Cub and create a flying club within the organization. Considering varying levels of membership, e.g. 'social' member (current members) vs. 'flying' member who would have access to the plane. This would require a change in the By-Laws. The current owner is willing to sell to PAOP as long as he is a member of the flying club and retains right of first refusal to repurchase the plane if PAOP decides to sell. Norm Isler from AOPA can address the formation of flying clubs at the dinner meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
John Green

## From Mike

As drivers and pilots, we are aware that there are Federal (FAA) prohibitions against drinking alcoholic beverages before flying, as well as while otherwise impaired and acting as Pilot In Command of a Civil Aircraft.

Summertime is great with sunshine (where?), barbecues, family gatherings and beach and pool

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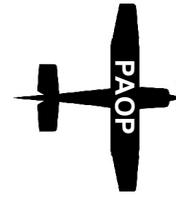
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parties. Alcoholic beverages in the summer are sometimes prettily colored tropical drinks or a really cold beer.

In addition to the Federal regulations, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania also has laws independent of the federal ones for addressing alcohol or other impairment involving “flight crews” and aircraft. Notice I included the words “Flight Crew” as opposed to Pilot or Co-Pilot, or Pilot in command. I hate including quotation of laws, but the actual words of Pennsylvania Title 74, Chapter 65 “Flying while Impaired” are important.

Section 6501: “Flight Crew” Any person who performs or is assigned to perform any duty in an aircraft during the time which the aircraft is undergoing preflight inspection or maintenance or boarding or carrying passengers or crew or at any time the aircraft is under power of flight.” Coupled with Section 6502(a)

Section 6502(a): No individual may act or attempt to act as flight crew of an aircraft in this Commonwealth: (1) While under the influence of alcohol; (2) While under the influence of a controlled substance which affects the individual’s faculties in any way contrary to safety...”

So, we are not just talking about the pilot, but it is expanded to “Flight Crew” whatever that may mean in General Aviation, from a C152 to a Pilatus, but any person who might be included in 6501 above. That means you and me, and whom else?

The standards are familiar: when the alcohol by blood or breath within two hours of attempted operation or operation is 0.02% or more. It also covers operation or attempted operation within 8 hours of consumption.

But there is more, in subsection 6502(b) it prohibits an Owner from allowing any person under the influence of alcohol or a controlled

substance from knowingly allow that person to attempt to or to act as flight crew.

The Penalties, if found guilty, begin at \$1,000.00 with imprisonment of not less than 72 consecutive hours, up through a range of not less than \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and imprisonment not less than 30 days.

There are more provisions to the Act, including that blood or breath testing is mandatory and admissible. But we don’t want to turn this into a continuing education class.

Enjoy that flight down to Kentmorr, and enjoy the family 4<sup>th</sup> of July gathering, but remember alcohol and flying don’t mix, and in addition to air safety, you are putting your privilege to fly at risk as well.

Mike “Sky-hawk” Sehl

PAOP Member,

Private Pilot and Attorney at Law



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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!
7/11/19	Board Meeting	
7/25/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
7/27/19 (Sat)	Flyout—Cape May, NJ (WWD)	Date Nite at the Shore
8/1/19	Board Meeting	
8/25/19	St. Michaels, MD (Fly into Easton (KESN))	Maritime Museum and Lunch
8/29/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
9/5/19	Board Meeting	
9/8/19	<b>Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast (Rain Date 9/15/19)</b>	
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—Grimes Field	Pumpkin Drop
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	<b>Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party</b>	<b>SunnyBrook Ballroom, Pottstown</b>
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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