



***THE FUTURE OF PAOP—THE DIALOG CONTINUES
MARCH 26 AT CUTILLO'S***

PAOP's Future—It Belongs to All of Us

At the January annual meeting, we initiated a roundtable dialog with the members about the future of PAOP—what kind of organization it can, should, and will become. A membership survey is in preparation, but meanwhile it will be valuable for us to sit down together and really give our thoughts and ideas. Now we will continue the discussion at the March 26 meeting.

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 good selection of beer and spirits from the bar. Cocktails and dinner start at 1800, with the meeting at 2000. Directions and menus are at www.cutillos.com.

Getting Ready for Spring at the Flyers' Roost

Time and weather take their toll on the Roost, pavilions, and grounds. Each spring we get together to prepare the facility for our summer activities. Joe Horvath will be examining the property and preparing our to-do list.

Plan to come out on Saturday, April 11 starting about 0900 to do your part. There will be grounds cleanup, building cleanup, getting rid of all the stuff that the birds and squirrels did over the winter, and perhaps some painting and repairs.

Coffee, donuts, and lunch will be provided to all our volunteer workers. If it's bad weather, or if work spills out to require more than one day, the backup date is April 18.

Do You Owe Dues?

Look for a sticker telling you so on the reverse side. If you do owe, please fill out the form, which tells you how much you owe and allows you to sign up for the new newsgroup. If there's no sticker, there's no need to respond.

As a reminder, dues are \$25.00 if you receive your newsletter by e-mail. This new newsgroup is exclusively for distribution of the newsletter and other "official" PAOP communications—no chat, jokes, or videos. If you want to continue receiving your newsletter by mail, the dues are \$30.00. See the form on the other side for details.

That Unkind Weather

As has too frequently been the case, the February flyout was to the Limerick Diner, due to unfriendly flying weather.

Let's Go to the Hudson Valley

Our last trip to Sky Acres (44N) took us over some beautiful scenery and brought a friendly, tasty brunch at the Perfect Landing Café (in the terminal/FBO building). So we'll do it once more, this time on March 29. It's a scenic 121 nm flight that takes you right over the Poughkeepsie airport. Plan for an interesting uphill taxi to the ramp.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0900 for 0930 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.

Supporting Your Organization

To date, 70% of the membership has paid the special \$15.00 assessment. The decision for this assessment was not taken lightly, and it affects the capability of the organization to continue to pay our bills. If you are one of those remaining, please send your payment now to PAOP, PO Box 140, Devon, PA 19333.

Learn Like the Pros

TNT Air, the FBO at Pottstown Municipal Airport, is installing a new Redbird FMX simulator. Unlike typical PC-based simulations, with their limited graphics, this unit features 180 degree, wraparound screens and 3-axis motion. Time in this simulator can be logged toward flight experience requirements for your instrument rating or recurrent training.

The system is configurable for a wide variety of planes. Initially, there will be simulation of a Cessna 172 with conventional instruments and Garmin GNS 430/530 GPS and a Cessna 182 with the Garmin G-1000 full glass panel. For more info, go to www.tntair.com or call 610-327-9464.

Safety—Always a Priority

Upcoming safety seminars, some eligible for knowledge requirements for the new Wings Program:

3/25 TAA—*Flying Without the Six Pack!* at the American Helicopter Museum, West Chester, PA

3/31 *The Aircraft is Airworthy; How About You?* at Civil Air Patrol Quakertown Squadron Classroom, Quakertown, PA

4/2 *GPS From the Ground Up* an AOPA seminar at the Doubletree Guest Suites, Plymouth Meeting, PA

For more info, go to www.faasafety.gov.

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