

Regular Monthly Meeting

The March meeting will be held at Copperfield's (594 West Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA, 484-938-7082) on Thursday March 27, 2014. The program for this meeting will be Doctor Gary Cooperstein, DO.

The Social Hour at 6:00, followed by Dinner at 7:00 and the meeting and Speaker immediately following.

Speaker: Dr. Gary A. Cooperstein, DO will speak about issues of importance to all of us who fly and need medicals. I think it will be a great presentation and the meeting will be held at 8PM. Please RSVP with Mike Sehl, before 6:00 p.m. on March 23rd so that we have enough room at the Inn.

Flyout

BRUNCH IN A RESTAURANT IN A VERY OLD TOWNE

Last spring, we were disappointed to find out that Lighthouse Landing, the long-time restaurant at Sussex County, DE airport had closed. Then we tried in December, but it wasn't a successful trip. Well, there's good news. Arena's Deli and Bar has replaced Lighthouse Landing, with great online reviews. It adds to the interest of one of the oldest capitals on the east coast.

When William Penn laid out the original colony of Pennsylvania, he designated three lower counties of the state, now comprising Delaware. The southernmost, Sussex, had its county seat at Lewes, today's terminus for the ferry from Cape May. In 1791, the Delaware Assembly decided to centralize the county seat to a new town, now known as Georgetown, named for one of the original county commissioners, George Mitchell. Today,

Georgetown is in the middle of poultry country, with a large Perdue facility that employs a diverse workforce.

On Sunday, March 30, we'll fly for brunch at Arena's Deli and Bar at Sussex County airport (KGED), Georgetown, DE. In addition to their regular menu, they have an all-you-can-eat brunch buffet, for \$9.95. We should be there in under an hour from Heritage Field. After brunch, we can enjoy a visit to the Delaware Aviation Museum, home of many WW-II aviation artifacts, memorabilia, and displays.

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@comast.net) and let him know if you'll need a ride or have seats available in your plane.

Last Flight West

Joseph P. Judge Sr., a long-time member of PAOP and former board member and treasurer, passed away on February 20 at age 83. Joe was an Army veteran, former draftsman, and, most of all, pilot. He flew corporate and charter operations, including a stint at Pottstown Municipal for Basco Flying Service. Most recently, for several years Joe was a part of the TNT Air team at Pottstown Muni, pumping fuel, moving planes, writing up receipts, and being helpful and friendly to all who came in the door. Joe was always ready to share aviation knowledge and stories of flights recent and long ago. He was a friend to every pilot and visitor, and was the proud "parent" of the airport cats. Even through difficult health in the past year, Joe remained warm, friendly, and optimistic. PAOP and pilots in the region will miss him.

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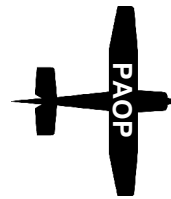
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From the Prez

It's hard to believe as the daytime temperature is 25 degrees when I am writing this that Daylight Savings Time will be in place as well as having Easter approaching. But the reality is that Spring will have sprung, and maybe by Memorial Day the snow will be gone from our lawns.

In the meantime, there is stuff to talk about with PAOP. Gene Poppel, our Treasurer and Tim Drager our Webmaster have been working behind the scenes to get us set up with Paypal® or some similar service, as well as getting us able to take credit cards at our events by the use of the Cube or Triangle.

On March 27th we have an outstanding presentation at our Dinner Meeting by Dr. Gary A. Cooperstein, DO about issues of importance to all of us who fly and need medicals. Book early to get a seat. Space will be limited to the room at Copperfields.

In August, the Roost will once again be the site for Larry Boyer's GyroCopter fly in, camp in event. We have set aside the week of August 11th through 16th. And just like last year, Larry urges all PAOP members and friends to visit during the week, and particularly on Friday evening the 15th when they host a barbecue for the GyroCopter Enthusiasts and PAOP is invited to join in the fun. Thanks Larry

Ice Runway, Yes it is March and I am still talking about it. It is a unique experience and PAOP member Mike McNamara flew his Bonanza in on March 1st. His experience and pictures are part of this newsletter for you to enjoy. Even though Mike is a highly experienced pilot with credentials and lots of hours, just look at the smile on his face. Plans for next year – Calling all female pilots?

April: We will be having the Pasta Dinner at the Main Hangar again, and everyone seems to enjoy this dinner.

May: There is no Community Day at KPTW this year, but hopefully PAOP will take the lead in putting this together with the airport for 2015. PAOP is the organization which began Airport Community Day which in it's first year was called Airport Appreciation Day as PAOP officially adopted KPTW as it's home airport



B18 on March 1st, 2014

Mike McNamara's B18 Story:

I flew IFR to Alton Bay in my Bonanza and Russ Dedoming came in right behind me in his Bonanza, we were both talking to center.

I wondered if a Bonanza flying IFR to a sea plane base would raise any eyebrows with ATC. The only thing I noticed is the last controller saying he won't clear me for a visual approach because the airport is not on his scope. I just cancelled.

The ice runway can have all different surfaces from packed snow to sheer ice to whatever. March 1, it was glass. As in difficult to walk

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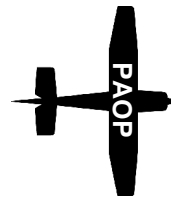
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without falling down. Airplanes were taking off and landing constantly. Continuous activity. The 4 Bonanzas on the field when I was there were the biggest airplanes there.

There was also snow mobiles running around (not on runways or taxiways), ice fisherman everywhere, and a general party atmosphere.

The airport manager told me that every time they open the runway, the state division of aeronautics comes out to certify it. They always know the ice depth, just ask the ice fisherman.

This year the runway length was increased from 2300 to 2600 and the manager said he never saw Bonanzas before. The extra 300' might have made the difference. 2300' on sheer ice might have given me pause but I figured 2600, no problem.

The wind was out of the south right down the runway, which helped alot. There are hills around so winds could be unpredictable. There is a full length taxiway and wind sock. Everybody was taxiing slow (duh). Real slow. Taxiing would have been no different if I had completely drained all my brake fluid before I went there. I now know what braking action nil is.

As I climbed out of the plane on arrival I put cleats on my hiking boots. The airport manager also had cleats. We were the only 2 who could push the Bonanzas back into the parking spots.

When I was taxiing for takeoff with the wind behind me, about 7 knots, at 1,000 RPM I was not able to control my speed. I yanked the throttle and put my hand on the mixture. When the RPM went to 700, the plane started slowing. On turns the nose wheel would slide. No tight radius turns were possible.

Taking off was no issue once I got some air over the rudder.

Mike McNamara



The Prez. Continued:

Also, Thanks for sending in your dues. Gene appreciates collecting dues so his President can find ways to spend it.

And Lastly, Our continuing thanks to the Airport for their support and for the new siding (hint, hint) that we hope will be installed before the August 11th start of the Gyro event.

Does anyone have first hand information about Perkiomen Valley Airport?

Mike Sehl, Pres.

Where's Mike?

The answer to the query in the last newsletter was KPOU (Dutchess County).

If you have a good picture of an airport to submit – send it in.

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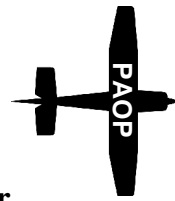
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2014 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
1/8/14	Board Meeting	
1/26/13	Flyout—Fredrick, MD (KFDK)	Brunch
1/30/14	Annual Meeting & Elections	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
2/5/14	Board Meeting	
2/23/14	Flyout— Millville, NJ KMIV	Brunch, Museum
2/27/14	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
3/5/14	Board Meeting	
3/22/14	Roost Clean up	Rain date 3/29/14
3/27/14	Monthly Meeting - Dr. G. Cooperstien	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
3/30/14	Flyout—Georgetown, DE	Brunch
4/2/14	Board Meeting	
4/27/14	Flyout— Sky Manor N40	Brunch
4/24/14	Monthly Meeting	Pasta Dinner Main Hanger PTW
5/7/14	Board Meeting	
5/17-18/14	99's Pennies a Pound at PTW	
5/22/14	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Chicken*
5/31/14	Flyout— South Jersey Regional KVAY	Saturday Flyout Brunch and Museum
6/4/14	Board Meeting	
6/28/14	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Free Hot Dogs and Hamburgers Saturday Afternoon at the Airport
6/29/14	Flyout— Kentmorr 3W3	Crabs and more
7/2/14	Board Meeting	
7/27/14	Flyout— Greenwood Lake 4N1	Brunch with Connie
7/31/14	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
8/6/14	Board Meeting	
8/15/14	Monthly Meeting and Dinner with the Gyro Copter people	We are guests of Larry Boyer and the Gyros
8/31/14	Flyout— Tangier Island KTGI	An Island Experience, Crabs a Specialty
9/3/14	Board Meeting	
9/6/14	Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast – Setup	
9/7/14	60 th Anniversary - Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast	Rain date 9/14/14
9/25/14	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Lobster*
9/28/14	Flyout— Cherry Ridge N30	Brunch and Leaf Peeping
10/1/14	Board Meeting	Start Discussing New Officer Candidates for 2014
10/26/14	Flyout— Blairstown, NJ 1N7	Brunch
10/30/14	Monthly Meeting	
11/5/14	Board Meeting	
11/20/14	Monthly Meeting	TBA
11/23/14	Flyout— Orange County, NY KMGJ	A Nice Brunch
12/3/14	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/13/14	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party	Cutillos
12/21/14	Flyout— Cambridge, MD KCGE	Brunch
1/7/2015	Board Meeting	
1/25/2015	Flyout— Wyoming Valley KWBW	Pancakes and more
1/29/2015	Monthly Meeting Annual Meeting and Elections	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside

* Steak is also available at these meeting

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