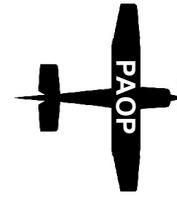


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Regular Monthly Meeting

March's General Membership Meeting will be held at Copperfield's (594 West Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA, 484-938-7082) on Thursday March 29, 2018.

Drinks at 6:00, followed by Dinner at 7:00 and the monthly meeting immediately following.

Folks coming for dinner should contact Gene Poppel by January 24 at 610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net.



Flyout

IT MIGHT BE SPRING

Cambridge, MD, the County Seat of Dorchester County, was first settled in 1684. It was established along the Choptank River, named after a town in England, and became a center of agriculture and later, food processing. It was also a slave trading center. We'll have a flying visit on March 25.

Cambridge-Dorchester airport (KCGE) features a 4,477 foot runway and clear approaches. There's a view of the posh Hyatt Regency golf resort just before landing. Kay's is an airy, comfortable

place, with a view of the airport. Plan on a sumptuous breakfast or an interesting lunch that might feature the local crabs.

Our route takes us down the Delmarva peninsula, where we may see a little wildlife of the flying kind (watch out for geese), and a few hardy sailors braving the cold and catching the March wind. The 105 nm flight should take about an hour.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0930 for 1000 takeoff. Bring a friend or bring a student pilot (or a friend who is a student pilot), or maybe someone who may be a candidate for PAOP membership. Contact Gene Poppel at 610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net if you want a ride or have an available seat in your plane.

A Reminder—Your Dues, a Financial Support for PAOP

Dues for 2018 have been trickling in, but we really need a strong response this month. The dues are only one of our ways to raise funds, but an important one for this time of year.

We need to meet our fixed expenses—rent, insurance, utilities—as well as equipment, supplies, and repairs. While we've had a good return at the Fly-in Breakfast, our major funding source, fixed expenses have been rising. The Executive Committee has approved an increase to \$32 per year. However, if your payment is received before May 1, 2018, you need only pay the old rate of \$29.

Also, consider making an additional donation to PAOP. While it's not tax-deductible, it still would help us fulfill our mission.

There are two convenient ways to renew.

You can send a check for \$29 (or \$32 if after May 1) made out to PAOP, Inc. to PAOP, 3310 W. Ridge Pike, Pottstown, PA 19464.

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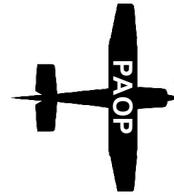
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Take a moment now to pay your dues and help ensure PAOP's continuing success.



From the Prez

Make a Difference

March 13, 2018

Tim Drager

What do people want? To make a difference. Sharing the gift of aviation not only increases our knowledge of aeronautics but can provide a legacy that will survive you.

I encourage you to help get PAOP ready for an exciting year:

- Spring Cleanup
- Monthly cookouts and Fly-Outs

- Fly-In Breakfast

- Aviation Camporee

Each of these events will set us up for the last major event of the year, the Aviation Camporee. We will share aviation with up to 600 people. Scouts and their leaders will camp out at KPTW on October 12-14. You and a few of your friends will teach our guests about flying and its cousin STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math). To accomplish this, participate in our meetings, get involved and make a difference in a kid's life.

Check out www.paop.org for updates.

Tim Drager

Board Minutes

PAOP Executive Board meeting
Feb. 1, 2018



There was no Board meeting in February.

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From Mike

One definition of “Heritage” is: “Any attribute or immaterial possession that is inherited from ancestors: Synonym: Inheritance”. In our modern digital age, if you look online, you will find other definitions, but they are mostly close in definition.

Heritage to us in one manner is the name of the airport that most of us fly out of as in “Heritage Field”. We, at PAOP, have another Heritage, which is that which has been passed down to us from Pilots and aviation enthusiasts over the decades dating back to 1948 and even earlier.

Family names like Geary, Zamorski, Nyce, Renninger, Berger, and Desmond are linked over a period of time from 1928 through the present (some Ninety Years). During those years an airport has been in continuous operation in Limerick. Twenty years after its beginning, and following the return of soldiers from World War II to their homes and families, The Pottstown Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association was founded at KPTW.

The details are recorded, and the history can be read on the PAOP website under “History”. But this article isn’t about the details; it’s about the heritage. A succession of people dating from long before 1948 hung out at the airport, just as

we find today. From the need for socialization came the formation of PAOP.

With the core of people who created PAOP out of a need to formalize their having a place to meet socially, as well as discuss aviation, came people of diverse backgrounds. Since 1959 there has been a succession of Officers and Executive Committee Members who took on the responsibility of operating the Association and handing it off to the next volunteers. Gabby Renninger has to be mentioned here because he had the helm longer than any other person and became synonymous with the organization for a long time. His contributions were many; his heritage as has been passed down is a challenge to all the leaders who followed.

The Roost is a building. The roost is a building and a pavilion. The roost is a building, a pavilion and a meeting place. It has been so for many decades. While the airport is a commercial venture, the Roost is merely a tenancy on that airport. But it is much more as well.

I have only been associated with PAOP and the Roost since about 1992. During that time, I have seen Men and Women cleaning, scraping, shoveling, sweeping, painting, mowing, planting, building and fixing things in order to keep the Roost a clean, safe and welcoming place to meet, cook, dine, educate and enjoy fellowship revolving around aviation and the community. This is just as it has been for seventy years at Heritage Field.

I cannot write this without also making reference to the “Old Days”. In the time of Mike D’Aries, long time manager of the airport, I would visit and we would talk about the Roost, PAOP and I would hear about the “Old Days”. Just one story will give you an example of times gone by. When he was brought into the airport, one of his assignments was to go over to the Roost and clean out the gambling devices and advise them

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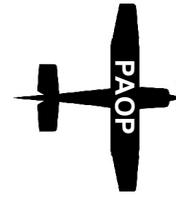
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that there would be no more entertaining women brought around anymore. These were the days when the Roost was not just a building but a club limited to fifty members each of whom had to be voted in. PAOP and the Roost were not synonymous yet. From those early days, the line between The Roost, and PAOP became merged and we have what we have today, one organization, and one identity.

Along with a heritage comes an obligation. That is an obligation to keep the purposes and traditions intact for the next generations of pilots and aviation enthusiasts. You can read in our by-laws and constitution, as well as in our founding corporate papers that PAOP has a purpose, loosely translating that it is: *to Foster and Educate the community in the Art and Science of General Aviation.* That is our purpose.

In my time with PAOP I have often heard the statement that all of our money goes to supporting the Roost. The rent has gone up over the past decade or so, but then the value of the dollar has also declined.

PAOP supports itself by hosting dinners, and the annual fly in drive in Pancake breakfast in the fall. Originally, it hosted one in the Spring and one in the Fall, but for unknown reasons, that practice has fallen by the wayside. We have also supplemented the income with raffles, fifty-fifty drawings and other activities from time to time. In 2017, the raffles and the fifty-fities were lost along the way.

I can think of no better way than to meet our obligation to our heritage, our past officers and members of PAOP by maintaining the Roost, continuing to invite the public to our fly in drive in Breakfasts, as well continuing the raffles, fifty-fifty drawings, and other appropriate activities as our members and officers may elect. The goal would be to ensure that we have enough money not only to operate, but also to pay the

rent at the Roost. That would seem to be a minimum required of the Officers and Executive Committee – to plan rather than to react.

It may take work, it may take planning, and it may take more time by more volunteers to make it work, but the alternative is to simply give up, give in, and let our obligation to the past fall away. If we don't plan a positive path, if we don't get volunteers to work on the raffle, the monthly fifty-fifty, and other sales, then we will surely not succeed. It's your Heritage... and our obligation

Mike "Sky-Hawk" Sehl

Member - PAOP



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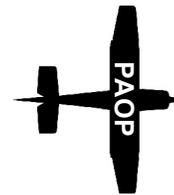
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Planned 2018 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
1/10/18	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/25/18	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
1/28/18	Flyout— Millville Executive Airport (KMIV)	
2/1/18	Board Meeting	
2/22/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
2/25/18	Flyout— Millville Executive Airport (KMIV)	
3/1/18	Board Meeting	
3/25/18	Flyout—Cambridge, MD (KCGE)	
3/29/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
4/5/18	Board Meeting	
4/??/18	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
4/26/18	Monthly Meeting	AOPA Presentation
4/29/18	Flyout—Cherry Ridge (N30)	Brunch
5/3/18	Board Meeting	
5/26/18 (Sat)	Flyout—Delaware Coastal Airport (KGED)	Brunch
5/31/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
6/7/18	Board Meeting	
6/24/18	Flyout— Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)	Crabs!
6/28/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Chicken*
7/5/18	Board Meeting	
7/26/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
7/29/18	Flyout— Ocean City, NJ (26N)	Brunch
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	
9/9/18*	Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast	
9/27/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Lobster (and optional steak)
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	
10/25/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
10/27/18 (Sat)	Flyout— Sky Acres (44N)	
11/1/18	Board Meeting	
11/25/18	Flyout— Sky Manor (N40)	Brunch
11/29/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield's, Limerick
12/6/18	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/9/18*	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party	Sunnybrook Ballroom, Pottstown
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)	Brunch
1/31/19	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside

* Steak is also available at these meeting

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