



**TAKE A STEAK BREAK  
MAY 25 AT THE FLYERS' ROOST**

**Making the Most of Spring**

It's been a series of surprises, with April showers waiting for May, beautiful flying days when you least expect them, and cool days and nights. But it's no surprise when our first outdoor meeting of the year rolls around. Come out to the Roost on May 25 and get acquainted with the outdoors, again. Traditionally we open the season with a steak cookout, and this will be no exception.

Dinner is a grill-your-own New York strip steak, with steaming baked Idaho potato and a Caesar salad that would make Caesar proud. The price is still only \$15 per person, despite constant upward pressure on the cost of beef. As always, we appreciate any appetizers or desserts you would like to bring. Generally we enjoy a refreshing beverage, starting around 1800, with dinner starting about 1900.

**Reservations are important. Please R.S.V.P. to Ethel Bailey at Limerick Flight Center (610) 495-6366 by Tuesday, May 23. We 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 call Barb Zeigler at 610-489-4031 and offer to help.

**The Last Days of a Connie**

On April 30, ten of us made our way to Greenwood Lake airport, at the end of the absolutely final approach for a forever grounded Lockheed Constellation. We enjoyed a stunning day, brunch in the newly renovated coffee shop, and a visit to the flight school, and even to the flight deck in this the highest development of the age of the piston airliner. It's amazing to compare what was considered the height of technology in the 1950's with what we have now.

**Rallye of the "Stars"**

As the map eventually revealed, Mike Sehl's plan for the often-postponed 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual PAOP Air Rallye was really the star of the event. Pilots and crew in both the Copernicus and Galileo flights criss-crossed Lancaster County in a quest for glory (and frequent flier miles?).

We managed to entertain, amuse, and confuse the "locals" at Carlisle, Summit, Joe Zerby, and Carroll County.

When the scores were tallied, the team of Gene Poppel and Dave Szymanski took the Gold, earning an engraved place on the Alvin E. "Gabby" Renninger trophy. The Silver

went to Tony Puco and Dennis Galvin and the Bronze to Peter and Joyce DeBarger.

Mike is already touting an even more mysterious preparation for next time. Thanks to all the volunteers, both here and at the airports that were visited, for making the day a success.

**Safety Seminar for Emergency Personnel**

As part of our community outreach activities, on June 15 PAOP will be hosting a safety seminar at Penn Airways for local emergency personnel. If a general aviation aircraft crashes, either on or off the airport, it is important for first responders to know what to do and what not to do. Mike Busch, Director of Safety for Cirrus Design, will give a presentation on the hazards associated with the Ballistic Recovery System found in Cirrus and many experimental aircraft. Other sponsors include Penn Airways, FAA, and Cirrus Design.

All are welcome. Volunteers are needed to set up chairs, etc., and help serve refreshments. Contact Randy Dotterer at 610-326-3400 or partzguy206@aol.com

**The E-word**

Maybe if we don't actually say the name of our May flyout destination (the identifier is ELM), we'll fool the weather into making it possible for us to actually get there. On Sunday, May 21, we'll be flying north for a visit to the Wings of Eagles Discovery Center (formerly the National Warplane Museum) on that airport. It's hard to count how many times we've attempted this trip. This one should be the charm. For more on the museum, go to [www.warplane.org](http://www.warplane.org).

Since the days are longer, we can start taking some of those longer trips and still get back with plenty of daylight left. It's a 130 nm trip, and should take about an hour and a half to traverse beautiful central Pennsylvania to our destination on the southern tier of New York. This airport has LAHSO—it's a good time to brush up on the procedures. At this point, lunch arrangements are still unclear. Check our web site and e-mails for updates.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0930 for 1000 takeoff. Our flyouts are good trips to invite a friend or student pilot for an introduction to the freedom of flight. As always, it's share the ride, so if you will have room in your plane for passengers, or will need a ride, let Gene Poppel know at 610-647-1332 or [genepoppel@comcast.net](mailto:genepoppel@comcast.net).

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