



**GRILLIN' TIME
MAY 31 AT THE ROOST**

Take it Outside

Yes, it's time to get out in the open air for a PAOP dinner meeting. After a warm winter and a cold spring, we'll see what the end of May has in store for us. As we do each year, we begin the outdoor season on May 31 with a grill-your-own steak dinner at the Roost.

Dinner is a prime Delmonico steak, with steaming baked Idaho potato and a Caesar salad that would make Caesar proud. We've been able to keep the price down to only \$15 per person. As always, we appreciate any appetizers 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 1900.

Reservations are important. Please R.S.V.P. to Ethel Bailey at Limerick Flight Center (610) 495-6366 by Tuesday, May 29. 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.

Air Ambulance in Africa

As a special addition to the May 31 dinner meeting, we will be joined by Steve Straw of Air Calvary, Gabon, central Africa specialist. Steve and his family plan to set up an air ambulance service beginning in late 2007. They will share some of their plans and experiences with us.

Helmet and Goggles Time for DeBarger

Peter DeBarger, now relegated to living in the wilds of New Jersey, will be celebrating his birthday with a warbird ride. He'd like to have PAOP members join in the celebration (but not the ride) at Flying W on June 16 at 1000. All are invited to come and watch, take pictures, etc., and maybe help him unwind and get the grin off his face over lunch (not Peter's treat) at the Avion Restaurant on the field

Another Destination Eludes PAOP

The forecast was for an IFR arrival at Sullivan County, NY on the day of our planned flyout, April 29. Plan B was brunch at Easton, MD. Five planes carried 11 of us for a pretty ride and a hearty meal.

New Members

Let's welcome Blair Clark Miller, Blair Clark Miller II, Dr. Stephen Newsholme, and Ellen Sheehan, all of whom

have joined PAOP in response to our outreach to pilots with planes based at Pottstown-Limerick Airport.

Pilots Are Optimists, So We'll Try Elmira

It seems like the impossible dream, the quest for Elmira, NY (ELM). We've been trying for several years to have our flyout actually get there, for a visit to the Wings of Eagles Discovery Center, adjacent to the FBO (www.wingsofeagles.com). Mother Nature has had other plans for us, however. But we'll keep trying until we get it right, this time on May 20.

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. You can brown bag a lunch, or there is a possibility of getting food nearby.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 1000 for 1030 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, contact Gene Poppel 610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net.

Fun on the Holiday

EAA Chapter 540 from Smoketown will be holding a fly-in breakfast at the Lancaster airport, adjacent to the Airways pilot shop and FBO on Sunday, May 27 (rain date May 28). It's a great opportunity to have a good meal, meet some nice folks, and do some power shopping.

Plumbing Woes

The electric bill for the early winter months, which should have been just a few dollars, was much more. This called for some detective work, to determine what was running that should not have been. It turned out that the water line from the well to the "outhouse" was leaking, so the well pump was running full time, or at least more than it should. The water supply to the outhouse has now been shut off, and our intrepid plumbing committee will be running a new line. Work is planned for Saturday, May 19, and workers are needed. Contact Tony Puco at 610-495-6195 and find out how you can help.

AOPA Open House

One of the more exciting events of the early summer is the Open House at AOPA headquarters in Frederick, MD, this year on June 2. Go to www.aopa.org for details

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