



**ENJOY THE EARLY SUMMER OUTDOORS
MAY 28 AT THE FLYERS' ROOST**

Maybe Not Summer, But Let's Pretend

As has been our tradition, we'll kick off the outdoor dinner meeting season with a steakfest at the Roost on May 28. It's grill-your-own, so the steak is done the way you want it.

Dinner is a prime Delmonico, with steaming baked Idaho potato and a Caesar salad that would make Caesar proud. We're still 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 (leave a message of she's not there) at Limerick Flight Center (610) 495-6366 by Tuesday, May 26. 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 Work Never Stops

Grass grows. Squirrels crack nuts. Birds make white splotches. It's a constant theme at the Flyers' Roost. While the airport crew will be doing the major mowing, there's still trimming that needs to be done. Tables must be cleaned in preparation for the outdoor meetings. And there are still some big projects that must be addressed, including painting and patching, repairs to the outhouse, and other grounds work. A few hours of your time once in a while can make a big difference in the quality of our facility.

Nature's Frequent Flyers

To a raptor, a city building can look as good as a cliff. In our area, two webcams allow us to have a look at some growing families of airborne hunters.

A third-story window ledge at the Franklin Institute is home to a family of Red-tailed Hawks. See the three chicks, with either mama or papa hawk usually standing by (or off hunting for food) already showing their adolescent feathers, at www.2.fi.edu/hawknest.php. They hatched in mid-April.

At www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/falcon you can watch a family of Peregrine Falcons raise their brood. Right now, the five eyasses, hatched the first week of May, look like balls of white fluff huddling together for warmth and comfort. This will change soon enough. This webcam, actually two cams

with different points of view, also has sound, so you can hear the calls of the falcons along with the traffic below. Fresh-killed critter is on the menu at both places.

Sometimes Flyout Luck Changes

There's no other word for the weather for our April 26 flyout than "stunning." Seventeen fortunate flyers in 8 planes made their way to Sullivan County for a foretaste of summer and a sumptuous breakfast.

Flying to a Great Aviation Museum

The New England Air Museum (www.neam.org) houses one of the most interesting collections in the northeast. Whether your interests are the pioneer days to the present, airplanes to airships, or engines from rotary to jet, you'll find some outstanding examples. Planes are on exhibit both inside and outside the massive facility.

On Sunday, May 31, our flyout will be to the Windsor Locks, CT (KBDL) site. It will be one of our longer flyouts, about 165 nm (plus a little extra to avoid the New York Class B, if necessary), and we'll mix it up with the big guys at Bradley Field. We've done it before, and it's no problem. You might even want to tour the Hudson corridor on the way up or back.

There's no direct access to taxi to the museum. We'll arrange for ground transportation at one of the two FBOs on the field. Also, there is no restaurant at the museum, but there is a lunchroom and we can brown bag or order in from a local sandwich shop.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0900 for 0930 takeoff. All are welcome. Contact Gene Poppel at 610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net to let him know you're coming, if you want a ride, or have an available seat in your plane.

Breakfast is on the Horizon

Mark your calendars for the famous PAOP fly-in breakfast, this year on September 6.

Last Flight West

Long-time member, Dr. Harold C. (Hal) Baumann, passed away on April 22 at age 87. Also known as "Doc," in respect to his career in optometry, Hal flew C-47s in World War II, including towing gliders. Subsequently, he flew his own plane on excursions all over North and South America. Recently, he was awarded a medal by the government of France, in recognition of his wartime service.

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