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Regular Monthly Meeting

The May Members Meeting will be held on May 25, 2017 at the Roost. As usual, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6PM and dinner at 7PM. In addition to sizzling steaks on the barbecue, we'll have a talk by Matt Shepardson, a United Airline captain to share how he got started flying, military aviation and the major airlines. Cost of the dinner is \$15, but if you choose to come only for the meeting, Matt's talk will start around 7:30PM. RSVP Tim Drager at tdrager@yahoo.com or 484-999-0060.

Flyout

A LATE SPRING JAUNT TO THE SCENIC HUDSON VALLEY

The Hudson River valley is one of the most beautiful areas in the northeast. Explored by Henry Hudson, along the river that bears his name, the pre-revolutionary towns and breathtaking views of the Catskills (and, on a clear day, maybe even the Berkshires) make this trip a highlight of the PAOP year. Home of artists, authors, and presidents, the Hudson valley forms a perfect trail through the political and cultural history of early America.

This month, the flyout is scheduled to avoid the Memorial Day weekend. It's also on a Saturday, so we can include some of those folks who have other obligations on Sundays.

On May 20, we'll fly for brunch amid this splendor, at the Tail Winds Café (yes, they spell it with two words) at Sky Acres airport (44N), in Millbrook, NY. With the restaurant and pilot shop housed in a converted dairy barn, the country ambience will be complete. Be aware that Tail Winds does not accept credit cards.

Cash and personal checks are the only forms of payment accepted.

It's just 121 nm across some of the most scenic country in the northeast. Be sure to establish communications with the tower at Dutchess County Airport at Poughkeepsie (KPOU), as your approach to Sky Acres goes through their Class D airspace. Our destination is just a few miles east northeast of KPOU, and 5 nm on the 068 radial of Kingston VOR (IGN). There is self-service fuel available.

You may want to plan your return trip to include a flight down the Hudson and through the corridor along Manhattan. Just be sure to have a current New York Terminal Chart and take the free online FAA course on operations in the Hudson River Exclusion. Procedures are simple, but deviation can be costly.

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 Tim Drager (484-999-0060 or tdrager@yahoo.com) and let him know if you'll need a ride or have a seat available in your plane.



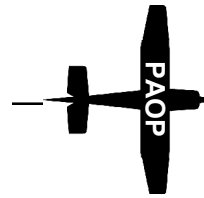
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From the Prez

Exploring
by Tim Drager
16 May 2017

Flying is a technologically advanced form of exploring our universe. Whether flying long-distance or for food, we want to deepen our:

- Proficiency
- Understanding of terrestrial culture

Every flight improves our proficiency because every flight is different, due to the changing seasons, weather, airport and aircraft conditions.

"Terrestrial culture" could mean anything on the ground that is of interest. Anything with an "ing", like walking, eating, schmoozing, vacationing, etc... Food is really just an excuse to fly. At least that's what I tell myself. We are really looking for something interesting to do at the destination airport. Since there just happen to be a lot of good restaurants around the East Coast, we typically fly for that Hundred Dollar hamburger.

Speaking of the above, come join us on Saturday, May 20, 08:30AM for a flyout to Sky Acres in Lagrangeville, NY (44N) for breakfast. Please RSVP to Tim Drager at tdrager@yahoo.com or 484-999-0060 if you need a ride or have open seats in your aircraft. Why Saturday? We wanted to "mix it up" a little to increase participation.

We will also have an interesting "season opener" meeting on May 25 at 6PM at the Roost because, in addition to sizzling steaks on the barbecue, we'll have a talk by Matt Shepardson, a United Airline captain to share how he got started flying, military aviation and the major airlines. Cost of the dinner is \$15,

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- **Adelle Bedrossian—Last Flight West**

Long-time PAOP member, Adelle Bedrossian, passed away on May 4. She had recently moved from our area to Bentonville, VA, to be closer to family members. During her first marriage, Adelle became a private pilot and an advocate of supporting women in aviation through her membership in the Ninety-Nines, Inc., International Association of Women Pilots. Her Piper Arrow, N29SP, was a common sight at Pottstown Muni, and at Pennies-a-Pound and other flying events in the area.

Memorial services will be held on 10 June at 10:30am, at the Hilltown Cemetery, located next to St. Peter's Covenant Church, 1006 Hilltown Pike, Hilltown, PA 18927. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her memory to the "Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter 99s Scholarship Fund", c/o Carole Wyman, 215 Ellis Lane, West Chester, PA 19380.

Board Minutes

PAOP Executive Board Meeting
May 4, 2017

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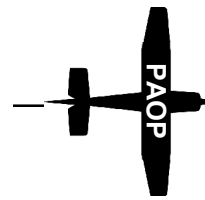
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Attendees: Tim Drager, Gene Poppel, Laura Poppel, Mike McNamara, Barry Kerchner, John Green, Tom Kozel, Andy Landis, Dennis Galvin

Secretary Report: Minutes from the April 2017 meeting were read. Motion made and carried to approve the minutes.

Treasurer Report:	April 2017
Starting Balance	\$ 5,109.03
Income	\$ 117.00
Expenses	\$ <u>- 56.97</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 4,869.06

Gain (Loss) \$ (239.97)
Motion made and carried to accept the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

- Flyer's Roost lease: Discussed draft by Mike Sehl, with comments from board members. Mike to present to Chris Jordan.
- Discussion on insurance coverage required for The Roost.
- Discussion on ways to increase membership, including a new Director of Marketing, Sponsorship, and Media. Tim to start making contacts to try and get this moving forward. **OPEN**

- Discussion on creating a new Director of Youth Outreach, to make connections through Vo-Tech schools, community colleges, and the Hill School. We are looking for a current member to fill this job. **OPEN**

Flyers Roost task list:

- New roof on the shed-Erik and John-plywood and rolled roofing. May change roofing material, based on cost. **OPEN**
- Power wash the pavilion to remove the loose paint, then organize a painting party. **OPEN**
- Open windows (2 more downstairs) and Barry is installing window latches. **OPEN**
- Add lettering to PAOP sign for our web address-Mike Sehl. **OPEN**
- Flooring in the Roost-Barry has priced it at about \$400 for laminate flooring. Postponed.
- Pavers around food prep area-John. **OPEN**

New Business:

May 25th dinner

- Steak and chicken, reservations to Tim
- Tim lining up speaker

Fly-in breakfast:

- Helicopter rides (same firm as last year)
- Tim trying to line up an RC club
- Food vendor suggested other options, e.g. pre-cooked bacon or breakfast sausage. Decision will be based on costs.
- Raffle prize - drone with First Person Video

- Include garments for sale in newsletter

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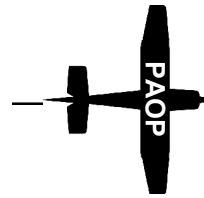
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- Dennis to order more ball caps and visors
- Suggested fly-outs to Grimes and to Rhinebeck (can not do)
- 3 events in last week of the month? No interest at this time to change the schedule.
- May 20th fly-out to Sky Acres contact Tim
- Scout Camporee update date - Oct. 2018
- Discussion on making decisions on fly-outs based on weather and how to improve participation.

Motion made and carried to adjourn at 8:10 PM
Respectfully submitted,
John Green

From Mike

In dry air at 20 °C (68 °F), the **speed of sound** is 343 metres per second (1,125 ft/s; 1,235 km/h; 767 mph; 667 kn), or a kilometre in 2.91 s or a mile in 4.69 s. The distance between Chester County Airport and Heritage Field is 24 statute miles. Therefore a sound would travel between the two airports on a dry day at 68 degrees in 1.87 minutes.

It normally takes around twenty minutes for me to fly the partnership PA28-181 from KMQS (Chester County) to KPTW (Heritage Field). So the sound would beat me back by about eighteen minutes.

Recently, I attended the Cheesesteak Dinner held by PAOP at the Pottstown Municipal Airport. I was told the cheesesteaks were good, which makes me feel good since I was the sandwich chef.

While enjoying the dinner and the good company, I heard it discussed that the new

FBO management company, Signature Aviation, at KMQS was charging general aviation aircraft a landing fee and a tie down fee. This is typical at really large and busy airports, but not usually at local airports. Some airports that have a fee will waive them if you buy aviation fuel or dine in their restaurant or café. It was told that neither waiver was the case at Chester County.

Most GA pilots will not come back to an airport if they fly there to have breakfast or lunch and then have to pay a fee to the airport on top of that. SO, the information spread among the pilots at the dinner, and I am sure the little café at kmqs lost some business.

I called Signature at Chester County and was told that while they tried to impose such fees when they first took over, that it is not now the practice, as they want the general aviation community to come in, use their facilities and dine at the Café. I also reached out to Signature Corporate offices by email, but at the time of this writing have not had a response.

So, whether it is a rumor, or truth, the sound of one pilots voice at a dinner can travel fast within the general aviation community. Here are some facts: The café is open for business, and the airport operator is not going to charge you a tie down or landing fee if you are a paying customer at the Café.

When you have your coffee or lunch there the next time: Tell them 'Sky-hawk sent you'.

Mike "Sky-Hawk" Sehl

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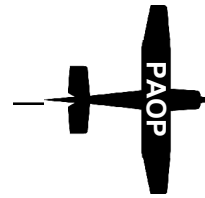
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PAOP Clothing for Sale

The club has tee shirts and hats for sale.

Tee shirts:

Front



Back



Hats:



Contact Dennis Galvin if you're interested in obtaining any of these items

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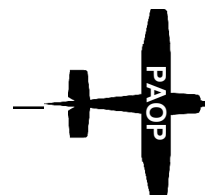
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Tentative 2017 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
1/4/17	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/26/17	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
1/29/17	Flyout— Frederick Md. KFDK	Brunch
2/2/17	Board Meeting	
2/23/17	Monthly Meeting	
2/26/17	Flyout—Sky Manor, Pittstown, NJ	Brunch
3/2/17	Board Meeting	
3/26/17	Flyout—Smoketown, PA	Breakfast and Old Plane Collection
3/30/17	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
4/6/17	Board Meeting	
4/??/17	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
4/27/17	Monthly Meeting	AOPA Presentation
4/30/17	Flyout— South Jersey Regional, Mt. Holly, NJ (KVAJ)	Brunch and Air Victory Museum
5/4/17	Board Meeting	
5/6-7/17	99's Pennies a Pound at PTW	
5/25/17	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
5/27/17 (Sat)	Flyout— Sky Acres, Lagrangeville, NY (44N)	Brunch
6/1/17	Board Meeting	
6/25/17	Flyout— Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)	Crabs Feast!
6/29/17	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Chicken*
7/6/17	Board Meeting	
7/27/17	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
7/30/17	Flyout— Cape May, NJ (KWWD)	Lunch, NAS Wildwood Museum
8/3/17	Board Meeting	
8/27/17	Flyout—St.Michaels, MD (Fly to Easton, MD)	Lunch and Maritime Museum
8/31/17	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
9/7/17	Board Meeting	
9/10/17*	Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast	
9/23/17	Flyout— Sullivan County, Monticello, NY (KMSV)	Brunch
9/28/17	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Lobster (and optional steak)
10/5/17	Board Meeting	
10/26/17	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield's, Limerick
10/28/17 (Sat)	Flyout— Cherry Ridge, Honesdale, NY	Brunch
11/2/17	Board Meeting	
11/26/17	Flyout— Wyoming Valley, PA (WBN)	Brunch
11/30/17	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield's, Limerick
12/7/17	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/9/17	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party	Sunnybrook Ballroom, Pottstown
12/17/17	Flyout— Ocean City, NJ (26N)	Brunch
1/4/18	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/26/18	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
1/28/18	Flyout— Millville, NJ (KMIV)	Brunch

* Steak is also available at these meeting

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