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Regular Monthly Meeting

GRILLIN' TIME AT THE ROOST

Your dinner, a good steak, grilled (by you) to perfection, will be a May 31 treat at the Flyers' Roost. Add in summer sides, and you're set. The price is only \$15. As always, we appreciate any appetizers, sides, 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 1830.

Reservations are important. Please R.S.V.P. to Gene Poppel (610-647-1332) or genepoppel@comcast.net by Tuesday, May 28. We also 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 contact Gene and offer to help.

Flyout

BRUNCH AND MAYBE A MUSEUM

It's a lovely flight to the Delaware Coastal Airport in Georgetown, DE (KGED), home of the Delaware Aviation Museum. It's not that near the coast, but they're entitled to call it what they wish; it was formerly Sussex County Airport. This late summer trip will take us down the heart of Delaware, even affording a look at some very big, grey planes at Dover AFB.

On Sunday, May 27, we'll fly for brunch at Arena's Deli and Bar. In addition to their regular menu, they have an all-you-can-eat brunch buffet. We should be there in under an hour from Heritage Field. After brunch, we can enjoy a visit to the museum, home of many WW-II aviation artifacts, memorabilia, and displays. See www.delawareaviationmuseum.org for more info.

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 Gene Poppel (610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comast.net) and let him know if you'll need a ride or have seats available in your plane.

LAST FLIGHT WEST—DENNIS GALVIN

On May 10, Dennis Galvin, a longtime member of PAOP passed away at age 66 after an extended illness. He was also a member of the Executive Committee.

That short statement is a very sparse summary of what Dennis brought to his friends and fellow PAOP members. We remember a much richer palette of knowledge and experience.

As a pilot, Dennis was able to enjoy the delight of ordinary flying, though pilots know that flying is never just ordinary. He joined on flyouts, but also explored the Schuylkill River from the air, giving what some might think of as an intimate perspective. A low and intimate experience, to be sure. If that wasn't enough, he enjoyed aerobatic flying in the Zlin, yet another aspect of learning and adventure.

While pilots are attuned to the sky, we don't always show interest beyond our local atmosphere to the wonders of space. Dennis was an active amateur astronomer, and was always ready to share his equipment and knowledge so that PAOP members, guests, and friends could observe and learn about the celestial bodies beyond our reach. He also lit up the sky with occasional fireworks at the Flyers' Roost.

As a member of the Norristown Boat Club, he enjoyed the river up close and personal.

Dennis' sister, Pat, and many cousins and friends survive to keep his memory alive.

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Nemacolin Woodlands Resort

A Reminder—Your Dues, a Financial Support for PAOP

Dues for 2018 have been trickling in, but we really need a deluge. The dues are only one of our ways to raise funds, but an important one for this time of year. Don't get left out of the excitement coming this year.

We need to meet our fixed expenses—rent, insurance, utilities—as well as equipment, supplies, and repairs. Keeping up costs more, so the Executive Committee has approved an increase to \$32. 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 \$32 made out to PAOP, Inc. to PAOP, 3310 W. Ridge Pike, Pottstown, PA 19464. You can even use the envelope you probably received in the mail. Please include the filled-out coupon below, so we can keep your info up to date in our database.

You can save a stamp and pay with a credit card (or using your own PayPal account) through PayPal. Just go to our web site www.paop.org, and click on the Buy Now link in the middle of the page. If you do it this way, please email the info on the coupon to www.genepoppel@comcast.net. You don't have to use the actual form.

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

From the Prez

(This month, Mike McNamara is substituting for Tim Drager.)

The beautiful place has been a favorite for pilots (and others) for a very long time. It lies in western PA and has its own 3,950' long runway literally steps from the main lodge. Michael Madigan did a great job organizing this trip and we had his wife Liz, myself (my wife had a last minute conflict), Tayo Alamo and his wife Lesley and their teenage son, David and Lori Chandonnais, David Chenoweth and his wife, Robert and Marcy Gordon and another couple, Alex Hamilton and Shirley, Isaac Shalom and Cynthia, Tom and Anna Johnston, and Michael and Lori Lagoey.

The weather was challenging and the airport at Nemacolin has no instrument approaches. Some flew to Morgantown and drove, others drove from home. Only Isaac Shalom, Tom Johnston and I actually flew into the resort. I landed in intermittent heavy rain and gusty winds, but good visibility under an overcast.

Friday night most of us met in the Tavern bar for libations and good discussions. Saturday, 9 of us went over to Fallingwater, a Frank Loyd Wright house set over a waterfall which many claim to be the most remarkable house in America. It is a Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece, nestled within the lush, wooded Bear Run Nature Reserve. A timeless monument to organic architecture at its best.

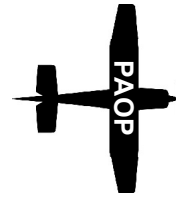
Saturday evening, a group of us took shuttles to the Falling Rock hotel on the Nemacolin grounds, a special hotel designed for golfers who go to Nemacolin just to golf. It is one of the most famous golf courses in America. There we had dinner at the Aqueous restaurant, a very nice place overlooking the golf course.

Sunday morning we had brunch at Lautrec in the main lodge, one of the finest restaurants in America. Brunch was not bad price wise but

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dinner with wine had a fixed price of \$250 per person plus tax and tip.

Most of us walked the grounds at Nemaquin and visited different parts, it is too much to see in one visit.

We did see the small aviation museum and the automobile museum. The art, both wall paintings and dramatic sculptures were spread throughout. A couple of us attended the zipline tours and the zoo while others went to the on site casino.

Overall, it was a very good time.

Mike McNamara

Board Minutes

PAOP Executive Board meeting
May 2, 2018

There was no Board meeting in May.

From Mike

So glad winter's over and now we can go out and fly – Right. I personally enjoy winter flying, with clear crisp air, lower temperatures, a responsive airplane. All you have to do is a proper preflight, turn on the cabin heat a little, and head off into clear cold skies.

Springtime is here, the weather is warmer, March winds are behind us, April Showers? Are over at last, and now we have beautiful May springtime weather. No wait a minute, it seems like it has been raining since May 2nd and hasn't stopped. So, VFR Pilots can review their logbooks, check the tire pressure, wipe down the windscreen and go home. IFR

pilots of course can fly any time, in any condition, anywhere regardless of the weather - right. Well, not really, those that want to come home safely know their "minimums" as should we all.

So, here we are, airplanes fueled up, the desire to fly somewhere built up, and waiting for the "Rains of May" to become a memory. I bet Tom Smith hasn't even flown out for coffee in the past two weeks. I read that somewhere on Facebook.

Don't forget, if you fly to Millville, it is only a 3/4 mile walk out to the farmstand for fresh strawberries, and jersey fresh vegetables.



What's coming up at PAOP. June 3rd a celebration of the life of Dennis Galvin in Warminster, our member who is the latest to have "gone west". Dennis will be missed at our dinners and Executive Committee meetings. May 31st is the first steak dinner of the season at the Roost, and it's right after Memorial Day Weekend, so we should have a good turnout. Don't miss the June flyout to Kentmorr for crabs, or the July flyout to Ocean City NJ for Breakfast, maybe even take a walk on the beach. The more the merrier!!!

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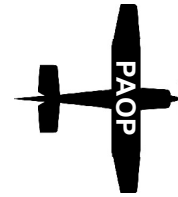
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Laura Poppel will be planning and looking for volunteers for the Pancake Breakfast in September, sign up, join the FUN, eat pancakes.



Mike "Sky-Hawk" Sehl "

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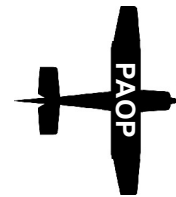
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Planned 2018 PAOP Event Calendar

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	
4/28/18	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
4/26/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
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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