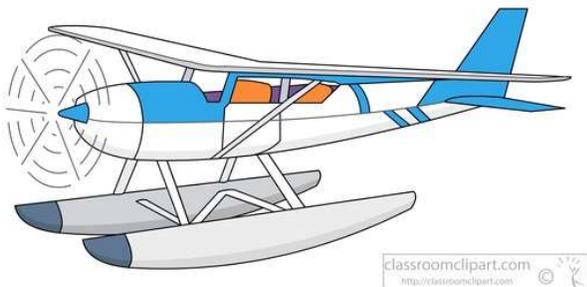


## Regular Monthly Meeting

### GRILLIN' TIME AT THE FIXED-UP ROOST

Led by PAOP President Erik Forde, a hardy group of volunteers have been working to make our clubhouse, the Flyers' Roost, a more useful and inviting facility. Come out to our season-opening outdoor meeting on May 30 to have a look and enjoy a great dinner. You'll savor a great steak, grilled (by you) to perfection. Add in summer sides, and a crispy salad, and you're set. The price is only \$15. As always, we appreciate any appetizers, sides, or desserts you would like to bring. If you're not a steak eater, we can provide a juicy half rotisserie chicken. Generally, we enjoy a refreshing beverage and fellowship as we gather, starting around 1800, with dinner starting about 1830 and the presentation at 1930.

Reservations are important. Please R.S.V.P. to Gene Poppel (610-647-1332) or [genepoppel@comcast.net](mailto: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

### A LATE SPRING IN THE POCONOS

Cherry Ridge (N30) has been a popular brunch flyout destination for PAOP. Usually, we

schedule this trip in the fall, hoping to do some leaf peeping along the way. The leaves, however, keep their own schedule, and have not always provided the show we hoped for. This year, we'll try for a look at spring. On May 26, we'll take the 78 nm jaunt over some of our state's most beautiful areas.

The nearest town is Honesdale. Located in a coal mining region, during the 19th century it was the starting point of the Delaware and Hudson Canal, which ultimately brought coal to New York City. Today, it's home to history, shopping, and outdoor sports.

Practice up on your short field takeoffs. While the runway is 2,420 feet long, the elevation is 1,357 feet, so you might have to think about density altitude, especially if we get one of those warm spring days.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0900 for 0930 takeoff. Weekend breakfast is served only until 1100. Take a student pilot or even a non-pilot along, for an introduction to the world of general aviation—the fun and camaraderie. Contact Gene Poppel (610-647-1332 or [genepoppel@comcast.net](mailto:genepoppel@comcast.net)) and let him know if you'll need a ride or have a seat available in your plane.

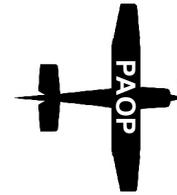
## From the Prez

It certainly has been a wet spring. May 5th was no exception. The 99's cancelled their event that day and we also had to cancel our breakfast. Besides the rain as luck would have it, the service electric line to the Roost finally bit the dust and quit working. We have no electric, no water, which means no working bathroom facilities. I see that a crew to repair it has arrived on the scene, so maybe by the end of the week it will be repaired. Hopefully the new Meet and Greet date June 2nd will work out.

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Last week Penn Airways gave PAOP a triaxle load of stone for our driveway and parking area. Now that it is spread we are out of the mud and in good shape. Thank you Penn Airways.

June 30th we have our general meeting at the Roost, with a steak dinner available. Come join us. Call Gene Poppel and reserve your steak. Anyone interested in helping at the meet and greet please contact me 267 718 4890.

Erik Forde

## Board Minutes

PAOP Executive Board meeting



May 2, 2019

**Attendees:** John Green, Gene Poppel, Laura Poppel, Tim Drager, Barry Kerchner, Erik Forde, Tom Kozel,

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from the April 2019 meeting were read and approved.

**reasurer Report:** April 2019

Starting Balance	\$3,010.67
Income	\$1,962.54
(\$300 for 501(c)3)	
Expenses	\$ 535.90

Ending Balance	\$4,437.31- incl.
\$679.38 for Youth Education Fund	
Gain (Loss)	\$1,426.64

Motion made and carried to accept the treasurer's report.

### Old Business:

- Discussion on expanding PAOP presence on Facebook to improve our social media exposure. One suggestion to post photos and stories of our monthly fly-outs or any other flights that a member might take. **OPEN**
- Electronic interior sign for in the FBO at Municipal to advertise our events. **OPEN**
- Discussion on reviewing our insurance coverage and shopping, possibly through AOPA. Gene was able to talk to Brethren Mutual and was able to delete some parts of coverage we don't need. This year's bill will be \$993. Motion made and carried to continue coverage. **CLOSED**
- Ideas on Fly-Outs: Change the July fly-out to a "Date Dinner" flight to Cape May (KWWD) on July 14th. Possible fly-out to St. Michaels, MD for August 25th and Grimes Field for the Pumpkin Drop on October 27th.

### New Business

- Gene found old pricing for T-Shirts, we are looking to buy some to maintain stock, especially L, XL, and XXL.
- Breakfast for May 5<sup>th</sup> postponed until June 2<sup>nd</sup> due to loss of electric at The Roost.
- Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast set for September 8<sup>th</sup>
- EAA event on May 10<sup>th</sup> from Noon-2 PM, PAOP to cover cost of food out of the Youth Education Fund monies. Motion made and carried to spend the money, estimated at \$350, and allow use of the pavilion.
- The monthly dinner meeting will be at The Roost on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Steak dinner with

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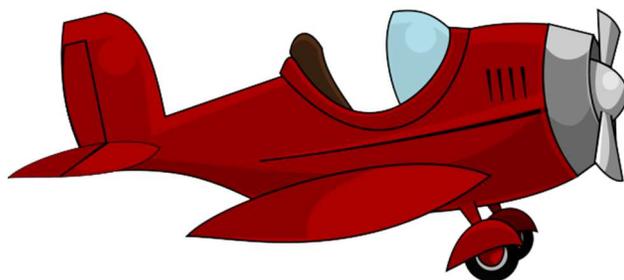
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chicken available, bring a dish to put on the serving table. Contact Gene Poppel for reservations.

- Fly-out on Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> to Cherry Ridge, N30. Departure from KPTW around 10 AM.
- Motion made and carried to hold the next Executive Board meeting at The Roost, 7 PM on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
John Green



## From Mike

In a conversation the other day while attending the AOPA birthday party at Frederick Airport, I mentioned that I was interested in being there because I was the AOPA volunteer at the Pottstown Heritage Airfield. My conversation was with my beneficiary who flew down to the event in his Beech Debonair, and was gracious enough to carry me along for the day (and back again). He asked if anyone else knew I was the ASN (Air Support Network) volunteer.

A pointed and valid question. My response was that The airport ownership and management know that I am the volunteer for AOPA as I meet

with them periodically to ask about what's new at KPTW, and if the plans for a new taxiway and hangar pads were still moving forward. I don't think that they are impressed, just aware that AOPA is interested in the Airports future. Recently, the big news is that the airport ownership has signed a letter of intent with a potential purchaser and new owner. But that has to be blessed by the FAA and other hoops need to be jumped through and cleared before it is a firm contract.

Few people know what an ASN volunteer actually does. While at the Birthday Bash for AOPA I attended a meeting of the regional ASN volunteers at AOPA headquarters. It was an interesting experience with both AOPA professionals and volunteers there to talk about the conditions of airports and what new situations local airports may be facing.

Key elements discussed were the increasing pressure on airports due to community expansion and encroachment into areas where General Aviation airports have been operating for decades. Encroachment and Noise are the two big topics of concern.

An example of the difference in airports in described by the ASN from East Hampton on Long Island. He described a background where the community is wealthy with lots of very important people from the Big Apple and poverty is not an issue. Encroachment and noise awareness are both concerns. But, their unusual situation is the VIP's who use charter or on call helicopter's to bring them into their Estates annoying all of the other wealthy residents who call the authorities and complain about the Noise and interruption of their peace and quiet. The ASN and the Airport ownership work hard to address issues such as this in both the political and public forums and with the general population. Outreach and the sharing of information are their tools to address local

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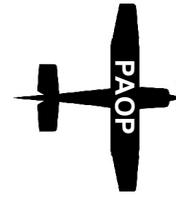
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concerns. So far, their dedication to educate the local public and representatives of the value and use of the airport for the public benefit is benefitting both the airport and the public. But, as they said, it is a continuing challenge.

The AOPA presenter talked about the Santa Monica Airport situation, as a well-known local problem. The increasing value of real estate, encroachment surrounding airport properties and lack of understanding about how communities benefit from local General Aviation Airports are the challenges facing us all. Pilots as well as neighbors need to be educated to the issues. We can be part of the solution.

Just so you don't feel alone out there representing General Aviation, here are some key points you can use which are published by AOPA on their website:

- \* General Aviation supports nearly 1.3 million jobs across the United States.
- \* It provides almost \$150 billion of total economic activity annually.
- \* Airports, including many smaller community airports, serve as vital bases for services like medical airlifts, firefighting, survey work, airborne traffic reporting, weather reporting, and overnight package delivery.
- \* Each year 166 million passengers, including many from your community, fly on General Aviation aircraft. That makes the 231,600 aircraft of the GA fleet the nation's largest "airline", flying more passengers than American Airlines, United Airlines, and Northwest Airlines combined.

So, if I can be of help to you (or your organization) with AOPA or information about the airport, please don't hesitate to ask me. I may not know the answer, but I can reach out to the ASN and see if there is one.

And if you fly out of Pottstown Municipal, Deb Penrod is the ASN for that airport.

Mike "Sky-Hawk" Sehl

Email: [Sky-Hawk@earthlink.net](mailto:Sky-Hawk@earthlink.net)

"P.S. I saw this after writing the article, it's one airports approach to addressing their Noise issue and I think it is interesting. You don't have to read the whole thing but look at the Noise Maps which are a part of it.

The link:

<http://sancarlosnoise.airportstudy.com/files/2017/04/SQL-Draft-NEM.pdf>

Sky-hawk"



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## Planned 2019 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
<b>2/28/19</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
2/16, 17, or 18/19	Flyout—Alton Bay (B18)	The Ice Runway
<b>3/28/19</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
3/31/19	Flyout— Flying W (N14)	AYCE Pancake Breakfast
4/4/19	Board Meeting	
4/??/19	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
<b>4/25/19</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
4/28/19	Flyout—Delaware Coastal Airport (KGED)	<b>Brunch</b>
5/2/19	Board Meeting	
5/4-5/5/19	99s Pennies a Pound	Heritage Field
5/26/19	Flyout— Cherry Ridge (N30)	<b>Brunch</b>
<b>5/30/19</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Steak</b>
6/6/19	Board Meeting	
<b>6/27/19</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Chicken</b>
6/30/19	Flyout— Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)	Crabs!
7/11/19	Board Meeting	
<b>7/25/19</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Steak</b>
7/28/19	Flyout— Ocean City, NJ (26N)	Brunch
8/1/19	Board Meeting	
8/25/19	Cambridge, MD (KCGE)	Brunch
8/29/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
9/5/19	Board Meeting	
<b>9/8/19</b>	<b>Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast (Rain Date 9/15/19)</b>	
<b>9/26/19</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Lobster (and optional steak)</b>
9/29/19	Flyout— Cherry Ridge (N30)	Brunch
10/3/19	Board Meeting	
<b>10/24/19</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
10/27/19	Flyout—Sky Acres (44N)	
<b>11/21/19</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield's, Limerick</b>
11/24/19	Flyout— Sky Manor (N40)	Brunch
12/5/19	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
<b>12/7/19</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party</b>	<b>SunnyBrook Ballroom, Pottstown</b>
12/29/19	Flyout—Millville (KMIV)	Brunch at Verna's
1/2/20	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/26/20	Flyout—Frederick, MD (KFDK)	<b>Brunch</b>
<b>1/30/20</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>

\* Steak is also available at these meeting

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