

3310 W. Ridge Pike, Pottstown, Pa. 19464

Regular Monthly Meeting

This month's membership meeting will be held at Copperfield's on Thursday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m.. The featured speaker will be Deb Penrod, who will be speaking on the history of aviation in the Pottstown area. Please contact Tim Drager at (484-999-0060) or tdrager@yahoo.com.

Flyout

Pottstown Aircraft Owners and Pilots

BRUNCH IN COAL COUNTRY

We didn't make it in January, but in the waning time of leaf peeping, we'll try again.

It's hard to imagine now, but until the 1950s Anthracite, or hard coal, was the principal home heating fuel in the east. Much of it came from northeastern Pennsylvania, with the Wyoming Valley or eastern Susquehanna Valley, forming the heart of the region. The railroads that served this area and carried the coal used locomotives specially designed to burn this cleaner, but slower burning fuel. The heavily industrialized Wyoming Valley was key in the Industrial Revolution, and was even the site of a Revolutionary War battle (unfortunately, a massacre of the American patriots). The major city in the area is Wilkes-Barre, served by two airports—the large, towered Wilkes-Barre Scranton International (KAVP) at Avoca and the smaller, friendlier Wyoming Valley (KWBW) at Forty Fort. It's the latter that is our destination for the November 22 flyout.

Our 65 nm journey will take us over the heart of the Anthracite-laden mountains,

including the now filled-in strip mining that devastated the peaks and ridges. We'll get a look at a large wind farm, too, one of today's cleaner energy sources. Brunch will be at the Colonial Pancake House Family Restaurant, directly across the road from the airport.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 1000 for 1030 takeoff. Bring a friend or bring a student pilot (or a friend who is a student pilot), or maybe someone who may be a candidate for PAOP membership. Contact Gene Poppel at 610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net if you want a ride or have an available seat in your plane.

From the Prez

STAY ACTIVE THIS WINTER

With winter approaching we nestle in our homes, enjoy the winter holidays and celebrate another year with family and friends. You are invited to revel in the holidays and deepen your friendships by participating in several PAOP events.

On November 17, our general meeting will feature good food followed by Deb Penrod's presentation about the history of aviation in Pottstown. In World War two, Pottstown's Jacobs Aircraft Engine Company was cranking out power plants by the thousands. Come to hear Deb's fascinating story of Pottstown's boomtown era. See www.paop.org for details and up-to-the-minute updates.

On December 17, we'll have a jolly-good time at our Holiday Party. We will have our own room, a choice of meals and a cash bar at Cutillos. Here's a chance to tell your aviation stories of holidays past while

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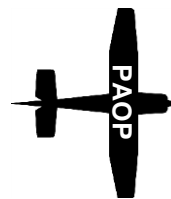
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sharing your future plans and resolutions. One of my resolutions is to credibly demonstrate my passion for aviation and share the experience with others. Now that I have purchased a 1967 Cessna 172, I welcome the PAOP membership to fly with me.

We will be having several Fly-Outs during the holiday season. Here's a chance to see the majestic beauty of the winter landscape, learn more about the art of flying and make some memories with your fellow aviators. There's nothing like climbing out on a CAVU (Ceiling and Visibility Unlimited) winter day, seeing a razor-sharp horizon and sharing the warm friendship of a PAOP member or guest.

I look forward to shooting the breeze with you, whether it is in the hangar, restaurant or actual flying.

Tim

A Notice to Our Members

"PAOP is an organization which is run by and for Volunteers (with a capital "V"). The Volunteers are like the protein that we all need on a daily basis. We have many jobs that come up in the year. and our people, our members and friends have always come through for PAOP.

December is the month that the Executive Committee determine who will help join with the Officers and the Executive Committee to guide PAOP into and through 2016 and beyond.

We can't do it without you. Talk to Tim or Bob or Sandy or Barb about how you could volunteer and help us out on the Executive

Committee, as an Officer or with planning and execution of an event."

PAOP Executive Board

Nov. 11, 2015

Attendees: Tim Drager, John Green, Bob Nesspor, Gene Poppel, Tom Kozel, Erik Forde, Sandy Belinski, Barb Zeigler

Minutes from Oct.7, 2015 meeting were read. Motion made and carried to accept the minutes.

Treasurer Report: Oct. 2015

Starting balance \$ 7324.41

Expenses \$ (1470.47)

Income \$ 184.44

Ending Balance \$ 6038.38

Old Business:

- Mike Sehl and Gene Poppel to work on combining mailing lists as we currently have several members on different email lists.
- John Green is working on formatting address list into booklet form, to be reformatted into Excel. The next step is to reformat into mailing lists, then into booklet form.

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- November meeting on the 19th @ Copperfield's. Deb Penrod to present on history of Aviation in Pottstown.
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- Dinner at Cutillos on Dec. 17th starting at 6:00 PM. See New Business for details.
- Meeting type for monthly dinners? Change it to snacks only for the May 2016 meeting, possibly a pizza night.
- Upcoming public events: possible school events here, Aviation Weekend/Camp-O-Ree May 13-15th w/PAOP to host tables for aviation training material, e.g. navigation, communication. This date does conflict w/the 99s Pennies-a-Pound, but could be a tie-in. to possibly include Static displays, EMS copters, Balloon flights, T-shirts, raffle tickets, motor glider. Tim to work w/Ernie Scardecchio.
- Kelby Ferwada from AOPA to present on Flying Clubs at our April 23, 2016 w/pizza (local shop), cookies and soda/water.
- Need to order fleece vests, or PAOP Sweatshirts?-contact Mike Sehl to place an order
- Barb to search for previous format & John to send invites via email and regular mail.
- ? Following or changing Constitution and By-Laws: Tabled until November meeting
- Officers and Directors for 2016, Tom Kozel to include in newsletter-nominations in Nov. & Dec. w/voting in Jan.
- Participation in Fly-Outs is low, possibly using meetup.com to attract new members. Discussed going at an earlier time, Saturday special events, going to destination airports.
- 2016 Flyout calendar ideas: Grimes in Hamburg, Cambridge, MD, Easton, MD, St. Michaels
- Kelby Ferwada from AOPA to present on Flying Clubs at our Saturday, April 23, 2016 w/pizza (local shop), cookies and soda/water.

Motion made and carried to adjourn at 20:35
Respectfully submitted, John Green

A scene from this summer's Flyin Breakfast



To Dream the Impossible Dream.....

New Business:

- December 17 Holiday party: Tim verified date & a limited menu @ \$30/person (additional cost covered by PAOP funds) inc. tax & tip.
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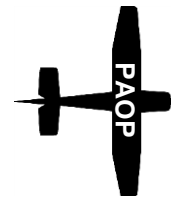
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Continuing your Aviation Legacy

We are looking at the last couple of months of 2015. Summer is gone; we are halfway through Fall and looking forward to those crisp clear days of Winter.

We all know that there will be a time when we will no longer be personally flying.

In fact as the days get shorter it could be seen as a reminder that our time to contribute to aviation is also getting shorter.

Before you take that last Flight to the West, you might want to consider making a gift to PAOP in your Will. (Or as part of your Estate planning and Will). It is as simple as writing: "I give the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars to the Pottstown Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Inc." or "I give my P51 Mustang Model "D" to the "Pottstown Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Inc. of Pottstown, Pennsylvania", or "PAOP" for short.

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The good thing about using this example is that I do not know anyone with a P51D Mustang.

Your gift could be whatever amount you feel moved to make. It could be fifty dollars or seven hundred dollars, or more. If you have any questions about how to add this to your will or codicil, give me a call.

I hope to see you at the annual Holiday Party at Cutillos, and at the Airport too.

Mike Sehl, Executive Committee Member and VFR Pilot

Can you name this airport?



Photo: 3 Pilots & their Dad in Palm Springs

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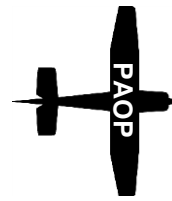
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2014 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
1/8/2015	Board Meeting	
1/25/2015	Flyout—	
1/29/2015	Monthly Meeting Annual Meeting and Elections	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
2/4/15	Board Meeting	
2/22/15	Flyout—	
2/26/15	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
3/4/15	Board Meeting	
3/26/15	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
3/29/15	Flyout—Flying W (N14) All-you-can-eat Pancakes	
4/1/15	Board Meeting	
4/18/15	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
4/30/15	Monthly Meeting	Pot-luck Dinner
4/26/15	Flyout— Frederick, MD (KFDK)	
5/3/15	Board Meeting	
5/16-17/15	99's Pennies a Pound at PTW	
5/28/15	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
5/31/15	Flyout— Sky Manor (N40)	
6/3/15	Board Meeting	
6/25/15	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Chicken*
6/28/15	Flyout— Kentmorr (3W3) Crabs!	
7/1/15	Board Meeting	
7/26/15	Flyout— South Jersey Regional (KVAY) Brunch and Air Victory Museum	
7/30/15	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak

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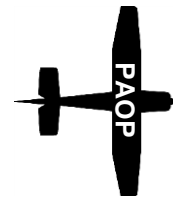
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8/5/15	Board Meeting	
8/15/15	Monthly Meeting @ N47 4PM	Free Hot Dogs and Hamburgers Saturday Afternoon at the Airport - Raindate 8/22
8/30/15	Flyout— Orange County, NY (KMGJ) Brunch	
9/2/15	Board Meeting	
9/20/15*	Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast	*Weathered out on the 13th
9/24/15	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Lobster (and optional steak)
9/26/15	Community Days – Pottstown Muni	
10/4/15	Flyout— Altoona (KAOO) Brunch	September Flyout
10/7/15	Board Meeting	
10/25/15	Flyout— Cherry Ridge (N30)	
10/29/15	Monthly Meeting and	Costume Party at Copperfield Inn at Lakeside with the Poppels?
11/5/15	Board Meeting	
11/19/15	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
11/22/15	Flyout— Wyoming Valley (KWBW)	
12/2/15	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/17/15	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party	Cutillos
12/27/15	Flyout— Easton, MD (KESN) Brunch	
1/6/16	Board Meeting	
1/28/16	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
1/31/16	Flyout— Millville (KMIV) Brunch	

* Steak is also available at these meeting

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