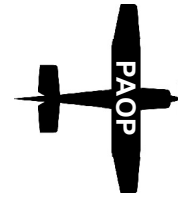


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## Regular Monthly Meeting

### DINNER CONVERSATION-FLYING THE ALASKA HIGHWAY

This month's meeting will be on Thursday, November 30 at the Copperfield Inn at Lakeside, 594 W Ridge Pike, Limerick. Join us for cocktails and conversation starting at 1800, with dinner around 1830, or just for the presentation about 1930. Contact Gene Poppel (610-647-1332 or [genepoppel@comcast.net](mailto:genepoppel@comcast.net)) and let him know you're coming, by Tuesday, October 28.

## Flyout

Flyout Notice for November, 2017

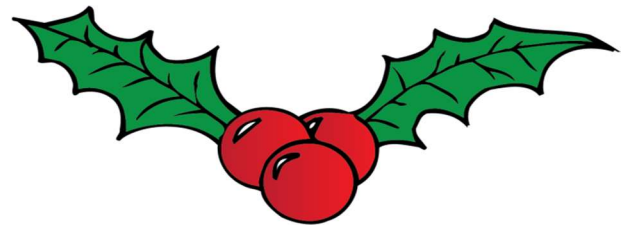
It's hard to imagine now, but until the 1950s Anthracite, or hard coal, was the principal home heating fuel in the east. Much of it came from northeastern Pennsylvania, with the Wyoming Valley or eastern Susquehanna Valley, forming the heart of the region. The railroads that served this area and carried 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 26 flyout. Judging by the size and style of the hangar, it appears that this airport was designed for much bigger planes than it sees now.

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](mailto:genepoppel@comcast.net) if you want a ride or have an available seat in your plane.



### SAVE THE DATE—HOLIDAYS ARE COMING

It may not be winter yet, but it is time to think of Holiday Parties and good times to come.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 9, 2017 for the PAOP annual holiday dinner party.

We have the room reserved at Sunny Brook Ballroom and hope you will join us there for good food and good company.

Details and menu choices will be available soon.

Laura Poppel

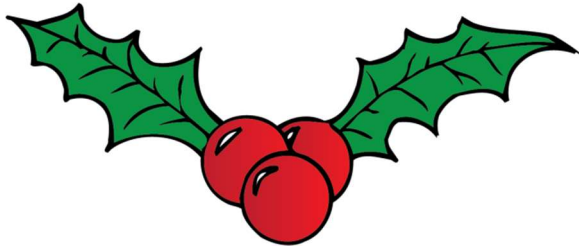
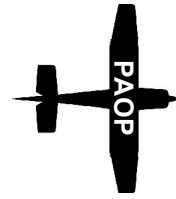
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## From the Prez

Two Facets  
by Tim Drager

11/6/2017

There are two facets of aviation: Exploration and Humanity.

The exploration, adventure and fun facets of aviation is covered by numerous publications, so let's focus on the human side of aviation. Sharing aviation with others includes:

- Relatives
- Children (Young Eagles)
- Friends
- Animals
- Cameras

Sharing the beauty and adventure of aviation with people amplifies the experience. Why do YOU fly? One of the most rewarding things one can do is to improve life for others. Bobby Kennedy said in his astounding 1966 Africa Speech:

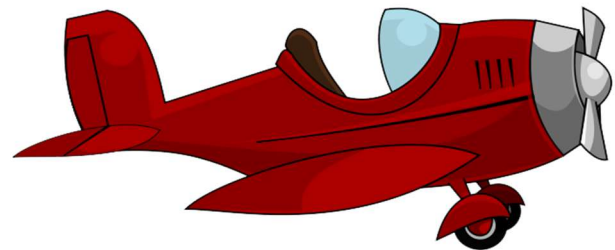
"It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

When we share aviation, we share the awe-inspiring majesty of this planet and start a ripple whose destination is an unknown shore.

Our Holiday Party will give you a chance to share the humanity of aviation by celebrating another great year, do some hangar flying and relax in the company of intrepid friends. I hope to see you there.

Yours in Aviation,

Tim Drager



## Board Minutes

### PAOP Executive Board Meeting

Nov. 2, 2017

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**Attendees:** Gene Poppel, Laura Poppel, Mike McNamara, John Green, Mike Sehl, Barry Kerchner

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

**Treasurer Report:** Oct. 2017

Starting Balance	\$5,106.72
Income	\$ 104.50
Expenses	\$1,434.88
Ending Balance	\$3,776.34
Gain (Loss)	\$(1330.38)

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

Fly-In breakfast: After final bills were paid we netted \$1,509.02.

## Old Business:

- Discussion on ways to increase membership, including a new Director of Marketing, Sponsorship, and Media. Tim Drager to start making contacts to try and get this moving forward. We discussed asking the flight instructors to mention PAOP and hand out the newsletter, Also discussed free one year membership for students. Mike has drafted a letter to be sent to local schools as an

invitation to STEM teachers to either come visit us or for us to meet with them. **OPEN**

- Discussion on creating a new Director of Youth Outreach, to make connections through Vo-Tech schools, community colleges, and the Hill School. **OPEN**
- Discussion on expanding PAOP presence on Facebook to improve our social media exposure. **OPEN**
- Flyers Roost task list:
  - New roof on the shed-Erik and John-plywood and corrugated steel roofing. \$300 approved expense. **OPEN - Need more time**
  - Pavers around food prep area-Barry to search for replacement slate tiles. **FINISHED**
  - Find out what went wrong and fix the one griddle. **FINISHED**

## New Business:

- The Roost has been winterized.
- Next general membership meeting at Copperfields on 11/30/17. Contact Gene if you intend to be there.
- Barry suggested that for future Holiday Parties we have a two-tiered pricing system to entice people to pre-pay earlier.
- Discussion on longer flights as either our monthly fly-out or as a special fly-out during the month. Suggestions included Kill Devil Hills, Tangier Island, or even overnight trips.
- Fly-out to Wilkes-Barre Wyoming Valley, KWBW, on 11/26.
- Next executive board meeting is Jan. 4th in the Heritage Field pilots lounge.

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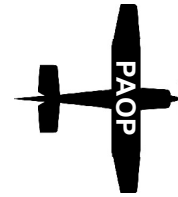
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Motion made and carried to adjourn at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
John Green



## From Mike

As Dr. Sydney Freedman, Army Psychologist on the television show M.A.S.H. used to say: “Take my advice, pull down your pants and slide on the ice”. I never did know what it meant, but the phrase always stayed in my mind waiting for a time when it would be appropriate. Well, here it is: January-February 2018 is your next opportunity to fly up to Alton Bay on Lake Winnepesaukee and slide on the ice.

You do the work, there is information on the New Hampshire Bureau of Aviation’s website, and google B-18, or look for youtube videos about it. The rest is up to you

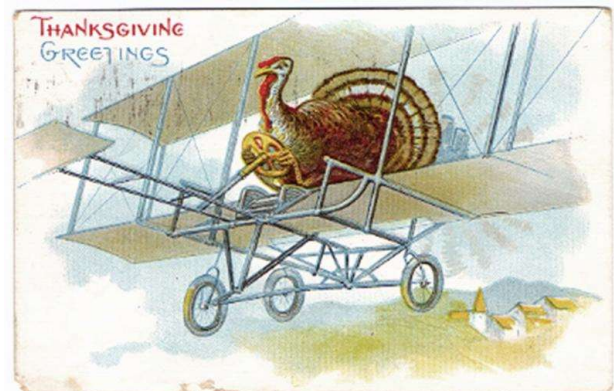
Follow-up to my Washington D.C. SFRA adventure from way back in October. Sometimes, even if you are an IFR pilot (which I am not) the weather will get in your way. To refresh the plan was to file two vfr flight plans from KPTW to KJYO in Leesburg Virginia. The first flight plan is to cover the overall flight. The second and necessary flight plan is for the section of the plan that you enter the SFRA (gate and time) and exit the SFRA (gate and time). The overall flight should have taken

One hour and fourteen minutes. The trick was figuring out the time for the 26 miles of SFRA (an estimated 16 minute flight). Landing at Leesburg was going to be the “piece of cake” at the end.

But on that Sunday morning when I had to leave there was no ceiling, that is unless you could get a snake to see the runway clearly. So, since it was the same all along the east coast – we went to plan “B”. We drove. Just remember, you need two separate and distinct flight plans.

Suzanne and I hope to see you all at the PAOP Holiday Dinner Party on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Happy Thanksgiving!

Mike “Sky-hawk” Sehl



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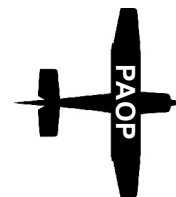
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## Tentative 2017 PAOP Event Calendar

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

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