



***ELECTRONS IN YOUR FLIGHT BAG?  
OCTOBER 25 AT THE SLY FOX***

**What the Heck is an EFB?**

We've been accustomed to having Tim Drager, our favorite early adopter of technology, bring us up to date on the latest for our cockpits. Now, he will be telling us about Electronic Flight Bags—complete data packages that can put VFR Sectionals, IFR Enroute Charts, and Terminal Procedures for the entire USA in your lap, in a 3 pound full-color, moving map package. They're already in the big iron, the airliners, and coming soon—maybe they're already here—to our smaller craft

Tim Drager holds a Commercial certificate with instrument rating. Owner of a 1964 Mooney M20C with a brand-new interior, he has been flying since 1982. All his planes have had their panels filled with electronic goodies, and you can believe he knows how to use them all. Tim is also a ham radio operator. His day job is at Vanguard, where he is a computer analyst.

This month, our first indoor meeting of the season on October 25, will be at the Sly Fox in Royersford. Call the restaurant (610-948-8088) to let them know you are coming. Tell them you are with PAOP. They offer a menu from bar snacks to full dinners, and a fine selection of home-made beers and ales. Cocktails and dinner start at 1800, with the meeting at 2000. Check out [www.slyfoxbeer.com](http://www.slyfoxbeer.com) for menu and directions.

**A Perfect Day for the Chesapeake**

Finally, good weather. We couldn't have asked for better for our September 30 trip to the Maryland Eastern Shore. There were clear skies and light winds for our flight to Easton, leading to lunch at the Crab Claw in St. Michaels. There were 16 for lunch, with several staying to extend the pleasure with a tour of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, followed by a bit of window shopping and welcome ice cream before cabbing back to the airport. All in all, a most excellent day.

**Wintertime at the Roost**

Now that all the scheduled activities at the Flyers' Roost have been completed, we will be winterizing the facility. Water will be turned off, pipes blown dry, and freezing protection put in place. Until spring, availability will be limited. If you do want to use the Roost, and can do so without water (or sanitary facilities), contact a Board member for a key. This arrangement is necessary to avoid

the extensive damage we had a few years ago due to freezing water in the pipes.

**Something New—Trying Again**

Several members had recommended the Perfect Landing Cafe and surroundings at Sky Acres (44N) in Millbrook, NY, a new destination for a PAOP flyout, so we scheduled it for last October. As has been our frequent luck with going north, weather intervened. Maybe after we make a brunch trip there on October 28, we'll recommend it, as well. It should be a pretty flight to the beginning of the Catskill region, with, perhaps, the last of the Autumn leaves putting on a show for us. It's 121 nm up into the Hudson valley, and maybe a trip down the Hudson River corridor on our return. We don't have to worry about a TFR for a Yankees' game.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0900 for 0930 takeoff. Bring a friend, or bring a student pilot. 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.

**New Members**

Congratulations to Mark Santoleri, a new private pilot who trained at Limerick Flight Center. He joins PAOP as our newest member. Kent Koederitz and Matthew Holmes joined us at the Fly-in Breakfast. Welcome to them all.

**Last Flight West**

Dottie Miller, a long-time PAOP member and 99, passed away last week at 87. We'll miss her on the Fly-in Breakfast serving line with here famous yellow egg spoon.

**Safety Seminars and the New Wings Program**

The FAA's Pilot Proficiency Program, better known as Wings, has undergone a substantial revision. For information, go to [www.faasafety.gov](http://www.faasafety.gov). It may take a bit of digging, but you will find many differences from the old program. Credit for seminars attended and training received prior to December 31, 2007 can be applied to the "old" program. In many cases, it will also count toward the new program.

The next seminar in this area is Monday, November 5, 1900, at International Plaza (adjacent to PHL). Dick Neher will present, "Aeronautical Charts- a Wealth of Information!" Dick heads the group that publishes the charts and the Airport/Facilities Directories.

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