



**WHY WE FLY
OCTOBER 30 AT CUTILLO'S**

Share Your Story

We all have one. Why we want to fly. Maybe a family member took you on a trip by airliner or for a low flight in a Cub. Maybe Uncle Sam helped you make the decision. Whether it was a desire from the first time you looked up from your stroller to see that shiny thing in the sky or a career plan, you have a story to tell. Our October 30 meeting is the perfect time to tell it. It's been pointed out that sometimes PAOP gets too involved in the routine of our activities, and maybe it's time to get more into the personal side. So that's why this unusual request. Share your story. There will be plenty of time at the meeting, and plenty of folks to listen.

This month, our first indoor meeting of the season on October 30, will be at Cutillo's in Pottstown. Call the restaurant (610-327-2910) to let them know you are coming. Tell them you are with PAOP. They offer a menu from bar food to full dinners, and a full selection from the bar. Cocktails and dinner start at 1800, with the meeting at 2000. Check out www.cutillos.com for menu and directions.

Flight to the Eastern Shore—Not This Time

The weather for flyouts hasn't been too good, and our bad record continued on September 28. The flyout to Easton and St. Michaels got rained out. St. Michaels' loss was the Limerick Diner's gain.

Special Assessment—Not Fulfilled, Yet

At the time of writing this newsletter, about one third of our members have paid the \$15.00 assessment. This was a difficult decision for your Executive Committee, but one that had to be done if our bills are to be paid. Get your check in by October 31, and be eligible to win an iPod Shuffle. More important, you'll be supporting your organization. Send your check made payable to PAOP, Inc. to PAOP, PO Box 140, Devon, PA 19333.

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.

Autumn Leaves—Viewed from a Lofty Perch

What better way could there be to enjoy the beauties of autumn than from the air? This has been an exceptional season for leaf color. Let's make the most of it.

We'll wing our way over the Poconos on Sunday, October 26 enroute to Cherry Ridge (N30) in Honesdale, PA. The tidy restaurant overlooks the runway, and serves up a tasty breakfast or savory lunch.

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, Indian Summer days.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0930 for 1000 takeoff. Bring a friend, or bring a student pilot. Contact Gene Poppel at 610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net if you want a ride or have an available seat. This trip was originally scheduled for Saturday, October 25, but various schedule interferences (and long-range forecasts) made Sunday a better choice.

A PAOP Christmas

Mark your calendars for the PAOP Christmas party at Cutillo's on December 13. We'll have a sumptuous meal, dancing with DJ Rich Finn, and door prizes. It's always a gala event, so plan to be a part of it.

Flying Safer in Winter

Our planes fly all winter, but sometimes there's a cold evening when we don't want to fly, but do want to learn. The seminars from FAA's FFAST team can fill in some of those knowledge gaps and make us safer pilots. Coming up:

Managing the Hazards of Aircraft Icing!, October 22 at the Delaware National Guard Building, New Castle, DE

Don't be singing those ADIZ blues- avoid getting busted!, October 29, at the American Helicopter Museum, Brandywine Airport

Go to <http://faasafety.gov> for details.

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