



Regular Monthly Meeting

This month's membership meeting will be a Halloween Party hosted by Gene and Laura Poppel at Copperfield's on Thursday, October 29. They are providing Supper and non-alcoholic beverages. While costumes are desired, they are not required.

Please RSVP to either Laura (215-917-1071) or Gene Poppel at (484-431-9660) by the 26th.

P.S. It's also Laura's Birthday.



Flyout

EARLY LEAF-PEEPING

Every year we try to schedule a flyout to Cherry Ridge (N30), in the scenic Poconos. On October 25, we'll take the 78 nm jaunt over some of our state's most beautiful areas. Each year we try to plan this trip for prime leaf season, and usually are too early or too late. Nobody really seems able to predict the right time, so we'll give it a shot. It's a nice flight, regardless.

The nearest town is Honesdale, site of the first commercial operation of a steam train in the United States. 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.

The food at the restaurant on our last visit a couple of years ago was disappointing to say the least. The good news is that the former operators of the restaurant at Sky Manor have taken over, and they are getting rave reviews. It sounds like something to look forward to.

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, mid-fall days.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0930 for 1000 takeoff. 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) and let him know if you'll need a ride or have a seat available in your plane.

From The President

About Tim Drager

With a rubber band powered balsa airplane and vision, a kid can make imaginary journeys. For this space-age kid, imagination became reality and in 1985 the Private Pilot license was achieved.

Inspired by Frank Smith's book "Weekend Pilot" about breaking out of my workaday rut, I became free as a bird. It focused on the fun, safety and utility of private aircraft ownership and gave me the impetus to earn the instrument and commercial ratings and take family trips to the Bahamas, Arizona, Montana and Canada. After retiring in 2014, I sold the Cessna T210 and began planning the next phase of my life.

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About Tim Continued:

About 24 years ago, I had the privilege of visiting Alvin "Gabby" Renninger's home. Gabby was PAOP president for an unprecedented 32 years. His home was more museum than home and the walls chocked full of awards and memorabilia.

Under his leadership, PAOP received an award from the FAA for our long service and inspiration to aviation. In February 1991 PAOP celebrated its 43rd birthday and elected a new president. Gabby Renninger decided to retire. At that time the PAOP had grown to 339 members, including 29 women pilots, and 86 privately-owned airplanes. He received the Governor's Award trophy on October 1975 in Hershey, Pennsylvania, making him "Mr. Aviation of Pennsylvania". Each one of us can only hope to achieve a fraction of what Gabby did.

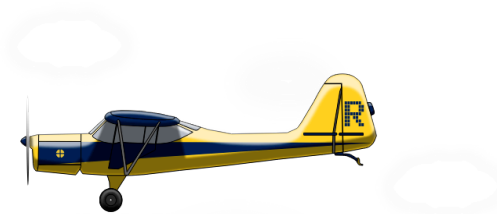
Here are some facts about my flying experience:

- 30 years Private Pilot with Single Engine Land aircraft
- 24 years PAOP membership, most of which having been the web master
- Fly Cessna, Mooney and Piper single engine piston airplanes
- Never been in a balloon, helicopter or space ship, although I interviewed to be an astronaut
- Now restoring a 1985 Fisher Koala wooden airplane, a 3/4 scale Piper Cub
- Working with EAA Chapter 1250 on a 1940's Fairchild restoration and a Cub build
- As a Merit Badge counselor for Pottstown

Boy Scout Troop 129, I want to continue to teach science and technology to youth through aviation.

As PAOP president, I will lead us to "aviate it forward" and give back to the future of aviation and the community that supports our flying endeavors.

Tim



Seminars and classes

<https://www.faa.gov/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx>

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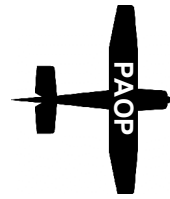
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2014 PAOP Event Calendar

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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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
11/29/15	Flyout— Wyoming Valley (KWBW)	
12/2/15	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/17/15	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party	Location To Be Announced
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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