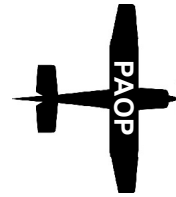


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Regular Monthly Meeting

OCTOBER MEETING

The October 2018 of Pottstown Aircraft Owners and Pilots, Inc. will be held at 7:30PM on Thursday, October 29, 2018 at the Copperfield Inn at Lakeside, 594 West Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA 19468.

Folks coming for dinner should contact Gene Poppel by January 24 at 610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net.

Flyout

FLYOUT TO AN OLD FAVORITE

Gene and Laura are on a much-deserved vacation to Mexico for the next couple of weeks. As a result, It appears that I am in charge of organizing this month's flyout to Sky Acres (44N) in New Jersey.

As announced in the Board minutes, this month's Flyout to Sky Acres has been moved from Saturday, October 27, to Sunday, October 28.

We will gather at Heritage Field's the Main Hanger at 9:30 for a 10:00 departure.

Contact Tom Kozel at 610-970-2958 or thkozel@aol.com to let him know if your are coming and if you want a ride or have an available seat in your plane.



From the Prez

Numbers

by Tim Drager

15 October, 2018

PAOP's relevancy should not be judged only by the numbers, but by how we serve our fellow aviators, the local community, our fellowship and the readout on the fun-o-meter. It was a difficult year for PAOP in terms of numbers. The following table shows some key numbers, approximatey:

- 58 - Number of paying members
- 15 - Average meeting attendance
- 5 - Average Fly-Out attendance
- 200 Fly-In Breakfast attendance (Ground Fog)
- 100 Aviation Camporee attendance
- 4 - Months left in our budget to pay rent, insurance and electricity

We are relevant to 100's of aviators, enthusiasts and youth. We have fun at our meetings. The question is: How can we make PAOP even more relevant, fun, and stay financialy solvent?

Some ideas are:

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Tim Drager

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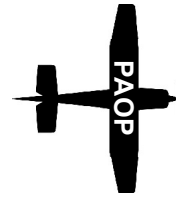
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- Better partnership with our community: Businesses, Municipality, Youth groups, etc...
 - Reduce the rent for the Roost. I will pursue this with airport management.
 - Have a fund raiser. I am looking for a Director of Fund Raising. Any volunteers?
 - Elect a new President. We are looking for new president for next year. This President will have the time, aptitude and attitude to move PAOP forward.
 - Have more fun events. E.g. Luau, pig roast, air rally, etc...
 - Membership drive initiatives.
- A. Five hundred post cards were distributed around the Pottstown airports. A few new people joined PAOP. Should we do this every year?
- B. We could open the Roost as a pilot “Hangout” and equip it with a TV and WiFi.
- C. Become a non-Profit and solicit tax-deductible donations.
- D. Give up the Roost and get free meeting space, an emotional option.
- E. How can we appeal to the upcoming generations?

I have enjoyed being your President for the last four years, will continue to update the paop.org website and be an active member. I invite you to the monthly fall meetings at Copperfields and the Holiday Party at Sunnybrook. Until I see you again, safe flying! I leave you with a photo taken at our Fly-In Breakfast.

Tim

Board Minutes

PAOP Executive Board meeting

Oct. 4, 2018



Attendees: John Green, Gene Poppel, Mike Sehl, Tim Drager, Barry Kerchner, Mike McNamara, Erik Forde

Secretary Report: Minutes from the Sept. 2018 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Report: Sept. 2018

Starting Balance	\$ 3,275.68
Income	\$ 3,895.00
Expenses	\$ 1,676.65
Ending Balance	\$ 4,080.97 (\$1,413.06 held for Scout Camporee)
Gain (Loss)	\$ 2,218.35

Breakfast financials:

Income	\$3,148.00
Expenses	\$1,897.51
Total	\$1,250.49

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

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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**
 - Tim has contacted the Hill School and Western Vo-Tech. He's also looking for a local school to consider a Build-A-Plane program.
- Discussion on expanding PAOP presence on Facebook to improve our social media exposure. We had a further discussion on using Snapchat, other social media and personal contact for reaching out to other pilots. Fred Van Ryn has already started working on this. **OPEN**
- Flyers Roost task list:
 - Painting of the pavilion **OPEN**
 - Painting Party, Saturday. Oct. 6th at 09:00
- Regarding changing PAOP to a non-Profit: Mike Sehl suggested holding off until Feb. 2019 which is the start of our fiscal year. **OPEN**
- Discussion on increasing membership involvement. We do not have any projects to get people interested or involved. **OPEN**
- Scouts are interested in holding Aviation Explorers at KPTW and have asked us to consider mentoring. Tim to talk to Chris Jordan to see if Penn Airways will allow them to meet in main hangar.

New Business:

- Tim Drager showed a short video on Aviation Explorers. To start a Post would require 4 adults with proper paperwork to work with children ages 14-18. Tim to send letters to PAOP members, 99's members and EAA members to find volunteers.
- As a means to attract new members the board discussed leaving the Roost open for weekends in warm weather months for all pilots to use without charge. We could leave sign-in sheets and membership forms on the table. Trial run in November, but water will be secured. We will need someone to open and close each weekend. **OPEN**
- The monthly dinner meeting will be at Copperfields on Oct. 25th at 6 PM.
- Holiday Party at Sunnybrook on Dec. 8th. Details to follow.
- Fly-out on Sunday Oct. 28th to Sky Acres, 44N
- Executive Board nominations will be made at the November Board meeting. Please contact a Board member with your interest in serving.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,
John Green



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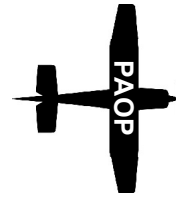
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From Mike

"PAOP is a Not For Profit Corporation (not yet a 501C3), but a not for profit in reality.

The Executive Committee and Officers of PAOP work hard to make PAOP a fun and educational experience for it's Members and friends. There are programs we would like to continue in the future.

I am fresh from the October Executive Committee Meeting at the Roost last evening. Gene Poppel, our Treasurer (of many years) proved to us once again how much we rely on a successful Fly IN Drive In Pancake Breakfast to be viable. As you know, we were rained out, and the back up day started with morning ground fog. With that we still fed 206 Guests and 51 unpaid volunteers. We still had a gain – But not enough. We hope to co-sponsor a Community Day at the airport in the Spring with Penn Aero and other airport organizations.

We are small, not like the American Red Cross, The American Cancer Society, or the MS Society with National organizations and the ability to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars with national events. Quite frankly, our raffle and silent auction saved our bacon this year.

Neither our President Tim Drager, nor our Executive Committee asked me to write a piece about our needs. But, I felt compelled to put it on the line. We Need Your Help!

Halloween, Thanksgiving and the Christmas Holidays are fast approaching. The end of the calendar year is not far behind.

Here it is: We need your contributions to PAOP in order to take care of our physical plant, provide dinners and programs to educate the public about the sport and science of General Aviation, and continue our mission.

If you or your company can afford a FIVE THOUSAND Dollar gift to PAOP, it will not only be appreciated, it will be conservatively and well spent. If you or your business can afford a ONE THOUSAND Dollar gift to PAOP, it will help us maintain our mission and keep our heads above water. If you, your family and business can afford to donate FIVE HUNDRED dollars to PAOP, it will help us move forward into 2019. IF Twenty of you can afford to donate \$100.00, it will help PAOP support our activities and programs. ANY GIFT to PAOP will be appreciated large and small: \$100 or \$50.

Send your Check payable to PAOP to Gene Poppel, our Treasurer as soon as you can arrange it, to 15 L'Fleur, 500 Berwyn Baptist Road, Berwyn, Pa. 19333-1038."

I'm offering my 1/3 share in N4306B for sale for a pilot who wants to fly a stable and well equipped Piper Archer II with two great partners. Call me at 610-783-7345 for more information or write to me at sky-hwak@earthlink.net. I'm not giving up flying, just closing a chapter.

Fly on- be safe and plan well.
Mike Sehl, Past President – PAOP



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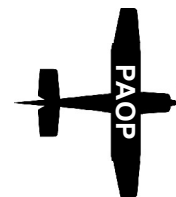
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Planned 2018 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
1/10/18	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/25/18	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
1/28/18	Flyout— Millville Executive Airport (KMIV)	
2/1/18	Board Meeting	
2/22/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
2/25/18	Flyout— Millville Executive Airport (KMIV)	
3/1/18	Board Meeting	
3/25/18	Flyout—Cambridge, MD (KCGE)	
3/29/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
4/5/18	Board Meeting	
4/28/18	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
4/26/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
4/29/18	Flyout—Cherry Ridge (N30)	Brunch
5/3/18	Board Meeting	
5/26/18 (Sat)	Flyout—Delaware Coastal Airport (KGED)	Brunch
5/31/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
6/7/18	Board Meeting	
6/24/18	Flyout— Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)	Crabs!
6/28/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Chicken*
7/5/18	Board Meeting	
7/26/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
7/29/18	Flyout— Ocean City, NJ (26N)	Brunch
8/2/18	Board Meeting	
8/26/18	Flyout—Tangier Island (KTGI)	Crab lunch and sightseeing
8/30/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
9/6/18	Board Meeting	
9/9/18*	Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast	
9/27/18	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Lobster (and optional steak)
9/29-30/18	99s Pennies a Pound	
9/30/18 (Sat)	Flyout—Gettysburg (W05)	Lunch and Tour the Battlefield
10/4/18	Board Meeting	
10/25/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
10/28/18	Flyout— Sky Acres (44N)	
11/1/18	Board Meeting	
11/25/18	Flyout— Sky Manor (N40)	Brunch
11/29/18	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield's, Limerick
12/6/18	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/8/18*	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party	Sunnybrook Ballroom, Pottstown
12/16/18	Flyout— Flying W (N14)	AYCE Pancake Breakfast
1/3/19	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/27/19	Flyout—Frederick, MD (KFDK)	Brunch
1/31/19	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside

* Steak is also available at these meeting

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