



***NOT YOUR RED LOBSTER LOBSTERFEST
SEPTEMBER 28 AT THE FLYERS' ROOST***

We Do Lobsters Better

Sure, the chain restaurant advertises on television. But do they offer the ambience of the Flyers' Roost? No! Do they offer the fellowship of PAOP? No, again. But you can enjoy both. And you'll have a steaming, tasty 1 ½ pound crustacean treat, along with baked potato, salads, and, if we're lucky, corn. Don't forget your lobster tools for best results.

We get started with cold beverages and appetizers around 1800 on Thursday September 28, and then start dipping our lobsters in that melted butter about 1900, or whenever we can't wait any longer. Unfortunately, with the rising cost of lobsters, we will have to charge \$20. If you prefer steak, that will be available, too, for \$15. That favorite of the hearty eating set, surf and turf, will cost \$30. As always, we appreciate any appetizers or desserts you would like to bring.

Reservations are very important. Lobsters are expensive, and we don't plan for many extras or leftovers. People have been disappointed in the past when they didn't reserve their meal. **RSVP to Ethel Bailey at Limerick Flight Center (610) 495-6366 by Monday (NOT the usual Tuesday) September 25.** We need helpers to wipe the dust off the picnic tables, set up the bar, set up the food station, make coffee...the list goes on and on. Please call Barb Zeigler at 610-489-4031 and offer to help.

Fly-in Breakfast Fun

The weather committee did its job in the local area, but some of the surrounding area was marginal VFR or worse. The fly-in breakfast was a great success, though turnout was down somewhat from last year. Many of the guests took to the air with the Limerick Flight Center folks. The helicopter was a last-minute scratch.

PAOP president and flyout mom, Barb Zeigler summed it up. "We had lots of first-time volunteers and lots of regulars. Everyone worked hard to host this community favorite. Thanks to all, and welcome to our new members who joined at the breakfast. Aimless Pursuit, the bluegrass band was a final fun touch, thanks to sponsor and PAOP member Randy Dotterer and his Pottstown Auto Parts."

Raffle winners were William Houser, Gilbertsville(digital camera), Terri Kay, Limerick, (DVD player), and Frank Boyle, Norristown (airplane ride).

Gettysburg Weathered Out. Again!

For the second year in a row, our planned flyout to Gettysburg didn't happen, due to weather. We'll try again another time.

A Flight to the Past

Cole Palen made his life's work preserving and restoring planes from the earliest days of aviation. The result is the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in Rhinebeck, NY, a replica of a World War I airport. It's one of the few places you can actually see planes like a Sopwith Camel, Spad, or 1911 Bleriot actually flying. True, some are reproductions, but all bring back the days of open cockpits, rotary engines, castor oil exhaust, and "blip" switches that substitute for throttles. There's a museum, with lots of antique planes, cars, engines, and equipment.

The best part is the show, with dogfights, black barons, maidens in distress, and general mayhem. See more at www.olderhinebeck.org, including video clips of some remarkable aircraft.

We'll make the trip on Sunday, September 24. Let's gather at Penn Airways at 0930 for 1000 takeoff. We'll fly to Kingston, NY (20N), and ride from there. It's either a taxi ride or, if we get enough commitments ahead of time, we might be able to rent a van. Bring lunch or enjoy the food available for sale. The show starts at 1400. If there's no Yankees' game, you might even go down the Hudson corridor on the way home.

Last Flight West

Long-time member John Duma passed away on September 14. We will miss him on our flyouts, and will always remember him as one of PAOP's remaining links to World War II aviation, flying the B-24s that helped preserve our country.

Safety Seminars

Approach and Landing—how well are you prepared? October 3, Hortman Aviation, Northeast Philadelphia Airport.

Ballistic Parachute Safety for Pilots and 1st Responders, October 5, Hammonton Airport

For more info, go to www.aviationsafety.gov.

Wings Program Update

At the safety seminar in King of Prussia, they announced upcoming changes coming in the Wings program. If you are working toward Wings, you should plan to finish by December 31, 2006.

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