



**PAOP'S VERSION OF THE RED LOBSTER
AT THE ROOST SEPTEMBER 25**

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT—All Members

With the cancellation of the fly-in breakfast and the constant increase in cost of operations, we find our organization to be in financial trouble. Our major funding sources are the annual dues and the fly-in. Along with donations for Roost rental and “profits” from the summer dinner meetings, we are able to cover our fixed costs, such as rent on the Roost, insurance, and utilities. Beyond that, we pay for maintenance on the Roost, gas and maintenance for the mowers, mailing, and other supplies. Lacking the income from the fly-in breakfast (in fact, we had to raise the price to \$6.00 per person), we will not be able to meet our expenses for another year with our remaining funds.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee has voted for a one-time assessment of \$15.00 per member. This applies to all members, including Life members. The assessment is payable by October 31, 2008. If you pay by October 31, you will be entered into a drawing for an iPod Shuffle, which was purchased as a raffle prize for the fly-in. The Executive Committee has taken this action reluctantly, but without it, we will be out of money and PAOP either will cease to exist, or will go forward in a very different form from that which has given us so much pride and enjoyment for over 60 years.

Make your check for \$15.00 payable to PAOP, Inc. and mail to PAOP, PO Box 140, Devon, PA 19333.

Bringing the Seashore to Limerick

Lobsters, a perennial favorite for PAOP, come to the Roost once again. Every year it's a highlight.

So Thursday, September 25 is your last chance to enjoy the outdoor ambience of the Flyers' Roost for a PAOP outdoor dinner meeting. You'll have a steaming, tasty 1¼ pounder, along with baked potato, and salad. Don't forget to bring your lobster tools for best results. You might want a bib, too.

We get started with cold beverages and appetizers around 1800, and then start dipping our lobsters in that melted butter about 1900. With lobsters costing considerably more than our other dinners, we need to charge \$20. If you prefer steak, that will be available, too, for \$15. A lobster and steak will cost \$30. As always, we appreciate any appetizers or desserts you would like to bring.

Reservations are important. R.S.V.P. to Ethel Bailey at (610) 933-4422 *by Monday, September 22*. Don't expect to

show up without a reservation and find an extra lobster—*there won't be any.*

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. Come early and lend a hand.

The Need for Crabs—Finally Satisfied

The third try was the charm. On August 24, 11 PAOP members and companions made the trip to Kentmorr for a crab lunch and a comfortable flight on a sparkling day.

Hard-hearted Hanna Flies In

The forecast wind and heavy rain that were the remains of Hurricane Hanna would have made setup for the fly-in breakfast on Saturday, September 6 impossible. The expected rain also would have made the ground too muddy to park planes and cars on the day of the fly-in, September 7, so we made the difficult decision to cancel the event.

Traditionally, we have not had a rain date. It's such a large undertaking to line up volunteers, food, rentals, etc., as well as doing the necessary publicity, it has not been practical to have one. In fact, this year, we would have had no more than a skeleton crew on the scheduled day, with the volunteer count for September 7 far below our normal tally; it's unknown what forces we could have gathered for a backup day.

Fly to the Eastern Shore—A Fall Feature

The eastern shore is a lovely land of agriculture and water culture, including crabbing, oystering, and clamming on the Chesapeake. The Easton, MD airport (KESN) serves the area well. The town of St. Michaels is a center of the aquatic culture, highlighted by the Maritime Museum and several fine seafood restaurants and lots of shopping. Since last year, Easton has added a control tower, so it's Class D airspace.

Our September 28th flyout will be to Easton, with a tour of St. Michaels. We will have ground transportation, and plan lunch at the scenic Crab Claw restaurant. We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0930 for 1000 takeoff.

In order to make the ground arrangements for transportation, we must know how many are coming. Let Gene Poppel know at 610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net, by Wednesday, September 24. As always, it's share the ride, so if you will have room in your plane for passengers, or will need a ride, let Gene put you on the list.

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From Barb Zeigler, President of PAOP

My fellow PAOP members

We have all seen the tough economic conditions around us and it isn't hard to see the problems that PAOP has been facing for some time. Declining membership and increased expenses have left us with little or no buffer for financial security in these tough times. I ask you to participate in this assessment but also I look for suggestions and ideas on how to keep the organization afloat for years to come. The two main issues we are experiencing are declining membership / participation and increased expenses. If you would like to provide your thoughts or comments you can e-mail me directly at bkzeigler@verizon.net or contact any other of our board members.