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## Regular Monthly Meeting

### CRUSTACEAN SENSATION

Our final outdoor dinner meeting of the season is always a feast. Dig into a steaming Maine lobster, fresh from the icy waters off New England, with fresh steamed corn and crispy salad. Grill-your-own steak is an option, or get both as a surf and turf dinner. This year, we'll be enjoying all this on September 28. Price is \$20 for lobster, \$15 for steak, or \$30 for the combo.

You can enhance our enjoyment by bringing an appetizer or dessert. We start gathering around 1800 for beverages and fellowship, and begin cooking around 1830 or 1900.

Reservations are important. Lobsters are pricey, and we'll buy only enough to meet the reservation list; no extras. Please R.S.V.P. to Gene Poppel (610-647-1332) or [genepoppel@comcast.net](mailto:genepoppel@comcast.net)) by Tuesday, September 26. We also 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.

## Flyout

### A RELIC OF A LONG-GONE VACATIONLAND

In the early and mid twentieth century, areas of Sullivan, Ulster, and Orange County in the Catskills of New York became populated with a group of resorts, known as the Borscht Belt. These reached a clientele of primarily Jewish vacationers from New York, and honed the

show business skills of many entertainers old-time and new, including some as recent as Jerry Seinfeld. In fact, the movie Dirty Dancing was set in such a hotel, though it was filmed elsewhere. In the 1960s, Sullivan County International Airport was developed to serve these resorts. Unfortunately, this coincided with the growth of economical jet travel to Miami, the Bahamas, and beyond, which spelled the end of the Catskills resorts. Today, most are either gone or are ghosts.

Those of us old enough remember Bethel, NY as the site of Woodstock. Bethel is just a few miles from the airport.

The airport, KMSV, is still there, with its 6,298 foot runway awaiting our arrival. Served by five instrument approaches, but with light traffic, Sullivan County will be a welcome sight after our 94 nm flight, among some spectacular scenery, maybe even some early autumn leaves. Brunch will be at the café in the airport terminal.

Although this month's flyout was originally planned for Saturday, September 23, that would conflict with the 99s' event, Pennies a Pound. That would both occupy the ramp and cause interference for the members who will be helping out with that event. Instead, it's been moved to Sunday, October 1.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0930 for 1000 takeoff. Take a non-pilot or a student along, for an introduction to the world of general aviation—the fun and camaraderie. Contact Gene Poppel (610-647-1332 or [genepoppel@comcast.net](mailto:genepoppel@comcast.net)) and let him know if you'll need a ride or have a seat available in your plane.

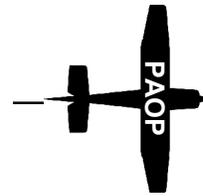
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## SAVE THE DATE—HOLIDAYS ARE COMING

It may not be winter yet, but it is time to think of Holiday Parties and good times to come.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 9, 2017 for the PAOP annual holiday dinner party.

We have the room reserved at Sunnybrook Ballroom and hope you will join us there for good food and good company.

Details and menu choices will be available soon.

Laura Poppel



## From the Prez

Action by Tim Drager 9/13/17

PAOP is in a unique position to improve local aviation. We encourage pilots to not only join but to actively participate. Respect for PAOP is earned both by our actions and by being

relevant to our local pilots. We need not only your ideas, but your follow-through to increase our relevance.

Here are some ideas from our board members. Please send me your ideas and together we'll take action and make Pottstown the premier place for aviation in Pennsylvania.

## Website Improvements

- List NOTAMS, including runway closures
- List services available at the airports (N47 and KPTW), like fuel prices for self and full serve. Phone numbers. Are the prices competitive? Offer fuel discount for PAOP members.
- Educate pilots about airport maintenance, like grass mowing. Is it continuous? Does it affect the runway?
- Share the airport master plan? What is it?
- Is the airport for sale? What is the realistic likelihood of something changing?
- Flight school. How many airplanes, information for students, check rides, BFRs, etc...
- Charter services available. They now have Cirrus doing charter. Did you know that?
- Hangar availability. Wait lists? How does it work?
- Share messages from our airport and hangar managers, Chris Jordan, Wayne Long, Fly Elite, Pottstown Borough, etc...
- Our website should have a picture of the current board.
- Update the membership document is a little outdated but maybe an abbreviated version of that for the back the card?

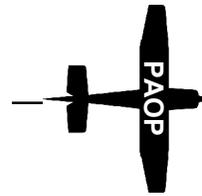
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- AOPA has a local club network on which should be linked from the PAOP website. We need to determine how to utilize this and other internet links.

### Leadership Improvements

- The board should reach out to all CFIs training from either airport and encourage them to ask all students to join PAOP. Discuss the benefits of local support with the student will convince him or her to participate in PAOP. We have a post card with a returnable form to fill out. It has simple instructions for joining and link to PAOP website. CFIs can say "if you're flying with me this is required" and hand them the card. Dues are free until the end of the year, then an email reminder is sent to pay dues.

- Follow up with persuasive dues collection similar to the most of the other aviation clubs.

- Arrange incentives: Discount coupons at local services: Avgas, maintenance (Ned and Heller), NAPA for oil, Eastwood Tools, Snap-On Tools, etc... Discount balloon and airplane rides. Improve synergies with EAA Chapter 1250.

- Reach out to schools, both Vo-Tech and academic.

- Partner with local related organizations: CAP, Scouts, radio control, hobby stores, drones, ham radio, muscle cars, amateur astronomy and motorcycles. FYI: We plan to have a weekend Aviation Camporee with 500 scouts in October 2018.

In conclusion, lets gather all your great ideas and make history by taking action.

Tim

## Board Minutes

PAOP Executive Board Meeting

Sept. 7, 2017



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

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from the Aug 2017 meeting were read. Motion made and carried to approve the minutes.

<b>Treasurer Report:</b>	July 2017
Starting Balance	\$3,456.98
Income	\$ 23.00
Expenses	\$ 531.72
Ending Balance	\$2,948.26
Gain (Loss)	\$ (508.72)

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

### **Old Business:**

- Flyer's Roost lease: Motion made and carried to accept and sign the 5 year lease as negotiated by Mike Sehl and Tim Drager.
- Discussion on ways to increase membership, including a new

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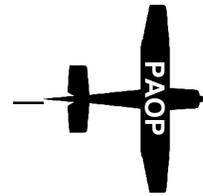
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- Director of Marketing, Sponsorship, and Media. Tim Drager to start making contacts to try and get this moving forward. We discussed asking the flight instructors to mention PAOP and hand out the newsletter, Also discussed free one year membership 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**
- Discussion on creating a new Director of Youth Outreach, to make connections through Vo-Tech schools, community colleges, and the Hill School. **OPEN**
- Discussion on expanding PAOP presence on Facebook to improve our social media exposure. **OPEN**
- Flyers Roost task list:
  - New roof on the shed-Erik and John-plywood and corrugated steel roofing. \$300 approved expense. **OPEN - Need more time**
  - Add lettering to PAOP sign for our web address-Mike Sehl. By Sept 10, 2017 **OPEN**
  - Pavers around food prep area-Barry to search for replacement slate tiles. **OPEN**
- Fly-In Breakfast: Laura covered past year's numbers. She ordered enough for 500 from Benjamin foods. 8 football hams, 5 cases of eggs, 7 cases of OJ, 24 bags of pancake mix, 2 cases of butter cups, 4 gallons syrup, 2 cases of creamers.
- Looking to schedule a painting party for after the breakfast, time frame of September 16.

## New Business:

- Barry to pick up donuts for Saturday
- We will borrow a grille from EAA for the breakfast

- Bar top has been refinished
- Refrigerator truck will be here at 0900 on Saturday
- Laura has already bought and delivered the non-perishable items
- Request for large coolers for Sunday
- Reviewed breakfast task list
- Reviewed layout of the property for Sunday
- Holiday Party at Sunnybrook on Sat., December 9<sup>th</sup>, cocktails starting at 6 and dinner from 7-11
- Mike Sehl requested permission from the Board to allow him to solicit support from breakfast attendees for this year's MS-150 bike ride. Permission granted.
- Mike McNamara to assume duties from Tim Drager after the breakfast.
- Mike Sehl talked about the rumors/possibilities of KPTW being for sale

Motion made and carried to adjourn at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Green

## PLANE RIDES FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Ninety-Nines, International Association of Women Pilots, sponsors a variety of activities to inspire women to fly—for fun and for careers. Among their important activities is awarding scholarships for women to learn to fly or advance in aviation education.

One of the most fun ways that they raise money is by selling plane rides for just pennies a pound (minimum \$10, maximum \$30) to the public.

This year the Eastern PA Chapter will host Pennies a Pound at Heritage Field (KPTW) on Saturday, September 23, 10-5 and Sunday,

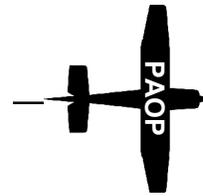
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September 24, 11-4. The event was postponed from its original May date due to rain all weekend.

All are welcome, and it's a great way to introduce your friends and neighbors to general aviation. And it's a good way to show young women that there are opportunities for them in the front seat of a plane. There will be lots of women pilots to meet, from students to airline captains.

Pilots (male or female) and ground volunteers are still needed. If you're interested, contact Mary Wunder at [marywunder@gmail.com](mailto:marywunder@gmail.com) for details.



## From Mike

The beauty of our Pancake Breakfast is in many things. I sat at a table with a friend of Suzanne's who brought her two grandchildren to "see the airplanes". There were questions about the planes, questions about the people. The little boy was close to ten and his little sister was about four years old. What they will remember will only be told in time, but their wonder at watching the planes coming in for landings and also taking off was worth the visit.

My next door neighbor and his wife brought their two youngsters to the breakfast to see what goes on. The big sister is four and little brother is two. They sat at the edge of the taxiway with their parents watching the planes and the people. We all walked over to the hangar and they got to sit in the Archer and move the control wheel left and right. There was wonder in their eyes. It was worth the visit.

While we did not have the biggest crowd ever, nor even the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest crowd, the most important thing about our day was weather (whether) or not people had fun.

I saw Alan proudly displaying his RV, and more importantly happy to be explaining his own built airplane to strangers of all ages. Families, couples and friends came to the airport, ate breakfast, and enjoyed the morning with us in our aviation world.

By the way, my wife's friend's grandson told her that he wanted to come back next year.

Mike "Sky-hawk" Sehl

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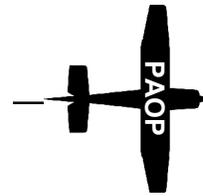
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## PAOP Clothing for Sale

The club has tee shirts and hats for sale.

Tee shirts:

Front



Back



Hats:



Contact Dennis Galvin if you're interested in obtaining any of these items

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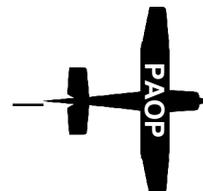
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## Tentative 2017 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
1/4/17	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
<b>1/26/17</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
1/29/17	Flyout— Frederick Md. KFDK	Brunch
2/2/17	Board Meeting	
<b>2/23/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	
2/26/17	Flyout—Sky Manor, Pittstown, NJ	Brunch
3/2/17	Board Meeting	
3/26/17	Flyout—Smoketown, PA	Breakfast and Old Plane Collection
<b>3/30/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
4/6/17	Board Meeting	
4/??/17	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
<b>4/27/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>AOPA Presentation</b>
4/30/17	Flyout— South Jersey Regional, Mt. Holly, NJ (KVAJ)	Brunch and Air Victory Museum
5/4/17	Board Meeting	
<b>5/6-7/17</b>	<b>99's Pennies a Pound at PTW</b>	
<b>5/25/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Steak</b>
5/27/17 (Sat)	Flyout— Sky Acres, Lagrangeville, NY (44N)	Brunch
6/1/17	Board Meeting	
6/25/17	Flyout— Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)	Crabs Feast!
<b>6/29/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Chicken*</b>
7/6/17	Board Meeting	
<b>7/27/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Steak</b>
7/30/17	Flyout— Cape May, NJ (KWWD)	Lunch, NAS Wildwood Museum
8/3/17	Board Meeting	
8/27/17	Flyout—St.Michaels, MD (Fly to Easton, MD)	Lunch and Maritime Museum
8/31/17	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
9/7/17	Board Meeting	
<b>9/10/17*</b>	<b>Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast</b>	
9/23/17	Flyout— Sullivan County, Monticello, NY (KMSV)	Brunch
<b>9/28/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Lobster (and optional steak)</b>
10/5/17	Board Meeting	
<b>10/26/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield's, Limerick</b>
10/28/17 (Sat)	Flyout— Cherry Ridge, Honesdale, NY	Brunch
11/2/17	Board Meeting	
11/26/17	Flyout— Wyoming Valley, PA (WBN)	Brunch
<b>11/30/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield's, Limerick</b>
12/7/17	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
<b>12/9/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party</b>	<b>Sunnybrook Ballroom, Pottstown</b>
12/17/17	Flyout— Ocean City, NJ (26N)	Brunch
1/4/18	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
<b>1/26/18</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
1/28/18	Flyout— Millville, NJ (KMIV)	Brunch

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