

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 fluffy, steaming baked potato 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 Thursday, September 27. Price is \$20 for lobster, \$15 for steak, or \$30 for the combo.

We'll be joined by guest speaker John Menninger, former president of Quakertown Pilots Association. He's a Mooney pilot and organizer for their very active Young Eagles program.

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 satisfy the reservation list; no extras. R.S.V.P. to Gene Poppel (484-431-9660 or genepoppel@comcast.net) by Tuesday, September 25. 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

FLY TO A TURNING POINT OF HISTORY

Over three fateful days at the beginning of July, 1863 at the sleepy crossroads village of Gettysburg, the tide of the Civil War turned. Over these days of bloody carnage, the Army of the Potomac under Gen. George Gordon Meade repelled the advance of Gen. Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia. This culminated with Pickett's charge up to what is now known as the "high water mark of the Confederacy." Lee's army retreated, leading to the eventual surrender at Appomattox Courthouse on April 9, 1865.

Our September 22 flyout (on a Saturday for a change) will be for a tour of the battlefield. Gettysburg Airport, W05, offers a recently paved runway and not much else. We have arranged for pickup at the airport to bring us to the tour center in the heart of Gettysburg. There we will board a double-decker bus for a comprehensive audio tour.

The tour begins at 1230, and the tour company wants us to be ready for pickup at the airport at 1130. We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0930 for 1000 takeoff, which will allow plenty of time.

We must purchase our tickets in advance, and they want to know by Wednesday, September 19 how many of us are coming. To purchase tickets, go to <https://tinyurl.com/ybn9tbss> and select the 12:30 Audio Double Decker Bus Tour on September 22. Somewhere in the checkout procedure, there will be a note section. Put in "Pick up at Gettysburg Airport." In case of bad weather, they promise a convenient refund procedure.

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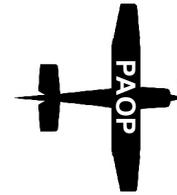
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Bring a friend or bring a student pilot (or a friend who is a student pilot), or maybe someone who may be a candidate for PAOP membership. Contact Gene Poppel at 484-431-9660 or genepoppel@comcast.net to let him know your are coming and if you want a ride or have an available seat in your plane.



From the Prez

Fall Fun

With the improving weather, I encourage you to participate in the following events:

September 22, Saturday - 10:00AM - Flyout to Gettysburg W05 for lunch and battlefield tour.

Please RSVP to Gene Poppel at genepoppel@comcast.net or 610-647-1332 if you need a ride or have open seats in your aircraft.

September 27, Thursday - 6:00PM - Dinner Meeting, Lobster and optional Steak, Silent Auction at the Roost. Aviation speaker John Minninger. Meal, sides and desserts for \$20(lobster) or \$15(steak). RSVP for dinner with Gene Poppel by prior Tuesday at genepoppel@comcast.net or 610-647-1332.

SILENT AUCTION: Donate your aviation-related goods to benefit PAOP. Or come and bid on items and get a good deal.

October 12-14, Friday to Sunday - 5PM Friday to Noon Sunday

Aviation Camporee. Five hundred youth will camp out at the airport and learn about aviation and science. Volunteer to:

1. Fly kids for Young Eagles, or be “ground crew” and help organize the flights.
2. Teach an aviation skill: Navigation, radio, instruments, weather, etc...
3. Hangar space: Provide your hangar space for 9 hours on October 13 to allow kids to learn about aviation. While your airplane is parked, it can be displayed to inspire our kids.
4. Airport docent or helper. We may have up to six hot air balloons, so come and assist the balloonists and/or provide airport logistics and security.

These events will be the last “warm weather” events for the year, so come have some fun while sharing your passion for aviation.

Tim Drager

Board Minutes

PAOP Executive Board meeting
Sept. 6, 2018



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

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

Treasurer Report: Aug. 2018

Starting Balance	\$	3,449.69
Income	\$	415.14
Expenses	\$	589.15
Ending Balance	\$	3,275.68 (\$1,413.06 held for Scout Camporee)
Gain (Loss)	\$	(174.01)

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

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:
 - New roof on the shed-Erik and John-plywood and corrugated steel roofing. \$300 approved expense. **OPEN - Need more time**
 - Painting of the pavilion **OPEN**
 - Painting Party, Sunday, Sept. 23rd 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 have 3 meetings a month between the board meeting, the dinner meeting and the Fly-Outs. Is this too many? We do not have any projects to get people interested or involved. **OPEN**
- Discussion on various fund-raising means, including getting raffle baskets, auction/yard sale, 50-50 raffle, raffle ticket jar, or raffling a plane ride. Motion made and carried for Jeff to pursue getting the ticket jar for raffling tickets at the monthly dinner, pending review by Mike Sehl of legal (gambling) questions. **OPEN**
- Update on Aviation Camporee, requests are out to all the hangar renters for space to ensure it is all indoors. **OPEN**

New Business:

- Motion made and carried (5 yea, 1 nay and 2 abstentions) to combine the executive board meeting with the dinner meeting in Nov., Feb., and March.
- The monthly dinner meeting will be Sept. 27th at 6 PM. Lobster dinner and John Minninger will be the speaker.
- Fly-out on Saturday Sept. 22nd to Gettysburg Regional, W05

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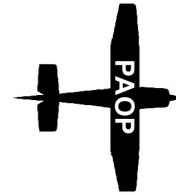
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- Breakfast plans: Hams are here, to be sliced and bagged on 9/8. The rest of the food will be delivered on 9/16. One case of oil donated by Aviation Oil Outlet. Fly-In setup on 9/15 at 9 AM.
- Scouts are interested in holding Aviation Explorers at 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.



Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,
John Green

From left to right: Tim Drager, Debbie McBride*, Colleen Layden*, Mike McNamara, Len Short*, Sol Sherman, Fred Van Ryn and Erik Forde*.

*denotes KOPSC member

Flying the Friendly Skies

On August 26, four King of Prussia Ski Club (KOPSC) members joined up with the Pottstown Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (PAOP) for a fly-in to Tangier Island along the Chesapeake Bay in Virginia. Tangier Island is a commercial fishing and crabbing town of 400 residents. The group enjoyed a delicious family-style meal at Hilda Crockett's Chesapeake House where everyone agreed they were served the best crabcakes ever! After lunch, the group took a golf-cart tour of the island's attractions, and learned the history and way of life for the people who call Tangier Island their home. Next stop was the Tangier Island History Museum with photos and artifacts of Tangier's development through the years. After a few gift shops and a stroll down to the ferry pier, the pilots called it a day and the group boarded their planes to fly back to PA. Perfect weather conditions made the fly-in event a great day for everyone!



From Mike

Seasons... What a better time of year to talk about seasons. We North American humans say we have four: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. For some people the seasons are welcome returns to favorite activities: such as hunting, Nordic or alpine skiing and ice skating, planting and fresh flowers, summer vacations, fresh strawberries and tomatoes (yes I know I added the "e"), and Fall when the summer trails off, pumpkins appear everywhere, kids are back

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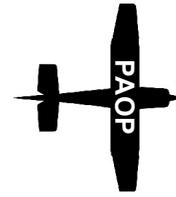
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in school, and the leaves turn a myriad of colors and fall off of the trees.

I've enjoyed Fall in my native New Jersey, New Hampshire, Texas and Pennsylvania. It's hard to find a favorite place. Each area has Fall in different ways, some colorful, some not so colorful. The most brilliant was Fall in New Hampshire, the most subdued was Texas. In September and October in Texas, I swore I could hear the leaves "back east" turning colors and gently falling to the earth.

Fall is a wonderful time to fly. Breakfast flights to Cherry Ridge in the Poconos are their own reward with the changing colors, and a friendly breakfast. Flying up to Penn Yan New York brings the more brilliant colors of New York State, or to Greenwood Lake in the eastern end of the state. A longer and more splendid flight is to fly to Laconia in the center of New Hampshire. But, since it is farther north it has to be earlier in the fall as the trees turn brilliant a little earlier than down here in the mid atlantic region. Even the short flight to 26N (Ocean City NJ) for breakfast at the airport or a walk on the beach seems more comfortable than in July.

They are all wonderful aviation experiences, along with researching the restaurants and the airports to fly into. Flight planning for the adventures is always a big part of the trip, partly for safe flying, but also for the education about the areas visited. The fall air is cooler and usually smoother than in the heat of the summer, and a smooth flight is enjoyable for all involved. The start of fall in my aviation world has been the Fly In Pancake Breakfast at the roost at KPTW. Most years the weather cooperates, some years it is a challenge as it was this year. But the Fall flying and travelling is both shortly before and mostly following the September tradition of

the Pottstown Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association event.

As the leaves fall and the trees become bare, we know that Winter is not far behind. Winter Flying is also a beautiful thing because the air is smooth, crisp and cool, not summer sun warming the aluminum tube to high temperatures. Even the landings seem smoother coming out of the cold winter skies, and the coffee at the destination seems even more welcome. Although the season seems to be increasingly shorter than before – back to Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire for the three or more week seasons of landing on Alton Bay is a great winter adventure. But if you prepare for it, and do it, stay and have an excellent lunch and walk around the small village before heading back.

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



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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
10/27/18 (Sat)	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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