

Regular Monthly Meetin

LOBSTERS RULE THE ROOST

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 26. Unfortunately, prices for both lobster (nearly double last year) and steak have jumped. Price is now \$25 for lobster, \$18 for steak, or \$32 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 satisfy the reservation list; no extras. R.S.V.P. to Gene Poppel (484-431-9660 or genepoppel@comcast.net) by Tuesday, September 24. 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.

Special Announcement

"Flight Instructor - Registered Nurse Ethel Bailey will be honored at the September Diner with her very own Lobster and some of the many students she taught in her years as a Flight Instructor at KPTW. It is rumored that Champagne will also be served for a toast to her addition to the dinner."

Flyout

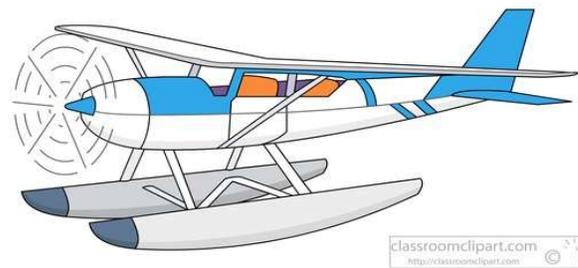
SEE ANY LEAVES YET?

The Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania can put on a spectacular show of Autumn leaf color. Or they can tantalize us with color unrealized. Either way, a flight to Cherry Ridge (N30) is a pleasant way to usher in the season. We'll try September 29 and see how it looks. It's 78 nm over some of our state's most beautiful areas.

The nearest town is Honesdale. Located in a coal mining region, during the 19th century it was the starting point of the Delaware and Hudson Canal, which ultimately brought coal to New York City. Today, it's home to history, shopping, and outdoor sports.

Practice up on your short field takeoffs. While the runway is 2,420 feet long, the elevation is 1,357 feet, so you might have to think about density altitude, especially if we get one of those warm, mid-fall days.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0900 for 0930 takeoff. Weekend breakfast is served only until 1100. Take a student pilot or even a non-pilot along, for an introduction to the world of general aviation—the fun and camaraderie. Contact Gene Poppel (610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net) and let him know if you'll need a ride or have a seat available in your plane.

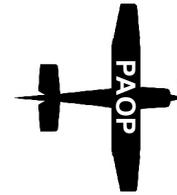


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From the Prez

I would like to start by thanking all that volunteered to help make the Pancake Breakfast a success. A Special thanks to Laura Poppel who helped organize this event and make my load a bit lighter. Andy reintroduced "Annie's Home Fries" which were a big hit with me and everyone I talked to. It was cool to see all the classic tail draggers from the era fly in this year. Fred and Cathy did a great job of greeting everyone, selling raffle tickets and selling club merchandise. The list goes on and on, great job, Thanks to everyone.

Tim Dragger helped me replace the PA system that was not working before the event, however it soon became apparent that 3 of the 4 speakers have failed. That will be another project on my list of things to get fixed.

With the help of Gene Poppel, John Green and I were able to create a reviewed and edited Constitution and Bylaws for a vote to enact at the upcoming meeting. They are being e-mailed for your review. The changes are mostly minor from the last version (punctuation, capitalization, and a few words changed).

WOW, time moves on. It is Lobster fest again. Come on out to the dinner meeting Sept 26 and put your bibs on for a whole lobster with all the complements. I never miss that one. See you there. Erik Forde

Board Minutes

PAOP Executive Board meeting



Sept. 5, 2019

Attendees: John Green, Erik Forde, Gene Poppel, Laura Poppel

Secretary Report: Minutes from the July 2019 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Report: Aug 2019

Starting Balance	\$ 2,691.18
Income	\$ 344.00
Expenses	\$ 446.47
Ending Balance	\$ 2,588.71 - incl.
\$235.23 for Youth Education Fund and \$600 for 501(c)3/7 filing	
Gain (Loss)	\$ (\$ 102.47)

Motion made and carried to accept the Treasurer's report

Old Business:

- Electronic interior sign for in the FBO at Municipal to advertise our events. **ON HOLD**

New Business:

Annual Breakfast

- Covered the various positions for the breakfast
- Will need an additional warmer for the home fries
- One Stearman coming for display, possibly a Breezy

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- Fly Elite will have a C-182 for rides
- Helicopter will be here for rides also

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
John Green

PAOP Monthly Dinner and General Membership meeting

Aug 28, 2019

Attendees: About 20 members and guests were present

New Business

- Posters for 2019 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast were distributed.
- Reviewed questions previously asked about the flying club.
 - Most questions were answered to the satisfaction of the membership
 - Erik asked for a hand vote on who supports continuing efforts to revise the Constitution and By-Laws to allow setting up a Flying Club within PAOP. The vote was 10 for, 0 against, and 6 abstentions.
- Bob Davison spoke about his experience as an American Airlines captain re-entering the world of General Aviation. Some of the topics he covered were the advancements in GA and the differences between what we do to fly and what the staff at a major airline does for him before each flight. He has purchased a Baron 55 and keeps it hangered at Heritage where he uses it for frequent trips to Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,
John Green



From Mike

September is a beautiful month for those of us in the Northeastern United States. It is a month of transition for weather and for people. Summers almost over, School is back in session, most days are sunny with a few rainy days thrown in for good measure. Once in a while a stray hurricane will come up the coast and remind us we too are part of the Atlantic community.

September is an Aviation Month for me as well as for many others. Suzanne took me to the Collegeville Airport (Perkiomen or N10) to sign up for flying lessons as a gift. She knows that ever since I was a teen, I always had an interest in flying, but it was never a top priority. We stood at the counter with a flight instructor behind it looking for forms and calendars. There was a small television mounted high on the wall over the counter so those behind the counter could see it as well as those standing out in the flight school. While I was answering questions and talking with the instructor, Suzanne's attention was drawn to the news. It was the morning after JFK Junior (John F. Kennedy, Jr. for you younger people) had gone into the sea with his wife and sister in law onboard, none of whom survived. The morning we were standing there was July 17, 1999.

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1999 was the year I began to fly as a student pilot beginning with a young Bill Ashmore as my instructor. September 23rd was my first flight with Bill. He was a nice man who was putting in his hours until he had enough to be hired by an airline to haul freight or maybe even people. His dream and my dream crossed each other's paths right there in Collegeville.

September is also a well-known month in aviation for many other reasons not so personal. September 20, 1902 Wilbur and Orville made the first of many gliding flights without power to prove their concepts. The following year they began tests of their first powered gliders or airplanes. On September 17, 1908 Army Lieutenant Thomas Selfridge became the first air casualty (after Icarus) when the craft he and Orville were flying crashed at Ft. Myer, Maryland. Orville Wright was injured and spent several weeks on crutches.

Bessica Raiche became the first woman to solo on September 16, 1910, and it was accredited by the Aeronautical Society of America.

By September of 2000, I had twenty hours of student time logged and on September 18, of 2000, Bill signed off for me to fly Solo. Pilots know how much it means to be given the airplane for the first time by yourself. It seems the fact that Bill had gotten one of those coveted moving up aviation jobs coincided neatly with my desire to be a pilot. Just like in the song by the Byrd's "Turn Turn Turn" there is a season for everything under heaven..." my logbook in September of 2001 was filled with turns. Turns slow stalls, turns on a point, slow flight. Barry Rothenberg, Art Houston and then Ethel Bailey were the flight instructors along the way. Barry aggravated me, Art didn't take me seriously, and then Ethel was forced to finish me up in 2001/2002.

September 11, 1920 the first U.S. Transcontinental airmail flight was completed in San Francisco. September 4, 1936 the prestigious coast-to-coast Bendix Trophy Race was won by Louise Thaden.

September 11, 2001, we all know what happened, the World Trade Center Attacks, Flight 93 down in Shanksville Pennsylvania and another hitting the Pentagon. The safety and security of America brought into reality. I saw the pictures that morning on a small office television in Reading Pennsylvania where I was working on a project. Those of us alive to witness it will never forget it. Four commercial airplanes used as weapons against us. There were some good stories: New Yorkers rushing to aid the people in the fallen towers, men, women, fire and police, many of them lost that day, many others lost to injury or illness over time.

On April 2nd William Standing signed off on my private pilot certificate endorsed with the words: "PRIVATE PILOT SINGLE ENGINE LAND". I could have flown that Cessna back to KPTW without starting the engine. What a feeling.

Since then, Suzanne and I have flown in September to exotic destinations such as: Vineland, NJ, Easton Maryland, Hazelton, Pa., Smoketown, Pa., Ocean City, NJ, Pottstown (N47 Young Eagles), Honesdale, Pa., New Cumberland, Pa., in various single engine airplanes. In between, I've piloted to New Hampshire three times, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, College Park, Maryland and more. My current logbook Adds up to over Seven Hundred and Fifty VFR hours beginning on that day in 1999. It has been twenty good years, although I've only been a certificated pilot since 2002.

September is a good time to fly.

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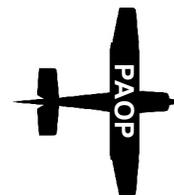
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Planned 2019 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
2/28/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
2/16, 17, or 18/19	Flyout—Alton Bay (B18)	The Ice Runway
3/28/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
3/31/19	Flyout— Flying W (N14)	AYCE Pancake Breakfast
4/4/19	Board Meeting	
4/??/19	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
4/25/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
4/28/19	Flyout—Delaware Coastal Airport (KGED)	Brunch
5/2/19	Board Meeting	
5/4-5/5/19	99s Pennies a Pound	Heritage Field
5/26/19	Flyout— Cherry Ridge (N30)	Brunch
5/30/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
6/6/19	Board Meeting	
6/27/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Chicken
6/30/19	Flyout— Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)	Crabs!
7/11/19	Board Meeting	
7/25/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
7/27/19 (Sat)	Flyout— Cape May, NJ (WWD)	Date Nite at the Shore
8/1/19	Board Meeting	
8/25/19	St. Michaels, MD (Fly into Easton (KESN))	Maritime Museum and Lunch
8/29/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
9/5/19	Board Meeting	
9/8/19	Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast (Rain Date 9/15/19)	
9/26/19	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Lobster (and optional steak)
9/29/19	Flyout— Cherry Ridge (N30)	Brunch
10/3/19	Board Meeting	
10/24/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
10/27/19	Flyout—Grimes Field	Pumpkin Drop
11/21/19	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield's, Limerick
11/24/19	Flyout— Sky Manor (N40)	Brunch
12/5/19	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/7/19	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party	SunnyBrook Ballroom, Pottstown
12/29/19	Flyout—Millville (KMIV)	Brunch at Verna's
1/2/20	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
1/26/20	Flyout—Frederick, MD (KFDK)	Brunch
1/30/20	ANNUAL MEETING and Election of Officers	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside

* Steak is also available at these meeting

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