

3310 W. Ridge Pike, Pottstown, Pa. 19464

ANNUAL MEETING

The Next meeting will be the Annual meeting and Elections held at Copperfield's on Thursday, January 28th at Copperfield's. The program at the meeting will be the annual election of Officers and Directors for 2016. Please contact Tim Drager at (484-999-0060) or tdrager@yahoo.com.

Flyout

Due to the late issuing of this month's newsletter the December Flyout to Easton has already occurred.

Executive Committee Nominations

Officers:

President- Tim Drager
Vice President- Bob Nesspor
Treasurer- Gene Poppel
Secretary- John Green

Directors:

Mike Sehl, Tom Kozel, Erik Forde,
Barbara Zeigler and Dennis Galvin

Other nominations for Executive Committee Officers & Directors will be taken from the floor at the meeting.

A Notice to Our Members

PAOP Executive Board

Dec. 2, 2015

Attendees: Tim Drager, John Green, Bob Nesspor, Gene Poppel, Laura Poppel, Mike Sehl, Tom Kozel, Erik Forde, Sandy Belinski

Minutes from Nov.11, 2015 meeting were read. Motion made and carried to accept the minutes.

Treasurer Report: Nov. 2015

Starting balance \$ 6038.38

Expenses \$ (332.48)

Income \$ 0.00

Ending Balance \$ 5705.90

Old Business:

- Mike Sehl and Gene Poppel to work on combining mailing lists as we currently have several members on different email lists. DUE 1/1/16
- John Green working on formatting address list into booklet form. Reformatted into Excel, next step to reformat into mailing lists, then into booklet form. DONE Create booklet DUE 1/1/16
- Meeting type for monthly dinners? Change it to snacks only or a pizza dinner for the May 2016 meeting. 6 PM social hour, dinner at 7.
- Upcoming public events: possible school events here, Aviation Weekend/Camp-O-Ree May 13-15th w/PAOP to host tables for aviation training material, e.g. navigation, communication, weather, aircraft building, careers, ATC, maintenance. This date complements the 99s Pennies-a-Pound. Meeting in early January to discuss details.
 - Static displays, EMS copters, Balloon flights, T-shirts, raffle

President:

Tim Drager

Vice President:

Bob Nesspor

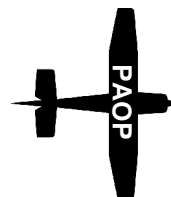
Secretary:

John Green

Treasurer:

Gene Poppel

Directors: Dennis Galvin, Thomas Kozel, Barbara Zeigler, Sandy Belinski, Eric Forde, Mike Sehl (Past Pres.)



3310 W. Ridge Pike, Pottstown, Pa. 19464

tickets, motor glider. Tim to work w/Ernie Scardecchio.

- Following or changing Constitution and By-Laws: Tabled until after elections at January meeting
- Officers and Directors for 2016, Tom Kozel to include in newsletter-nominations in Nov. & Dec. with voting in January 2016.
- Participation in Fly-Outs is low, possibility of using socialflight.com or meetup.com to attract new members. Discussed going at an earlier time, Saturday special events, going to destination airports.
 - 2016 Event calendar ideas: Grimes in Hamburg; Cambridge, MD; Easton, MD; St. Michaels, MD
- Kelby Ferwada from AOPA to present on Flying Clubs on Saturday, April 23, 2016 in Heritage hangar w/pizza (local shop), cookies and soda/water.

New Business:

- 50/50 at Holiday Party \$3 or 2 for \$5
 - Accepting donation of wine for raffle at Holiday Party **Accepted**
- Nominations for Officers 2016:
 - President- Tim Drager
 - Vice President- Bob Nesspor
 - Treasurer- Gene Poppel
 - Secretary- John Green
 - Pancake Breakfast Chair- Laura Poppel
 - Special events Director-

- Grounds Director-
- Roost Maintenance Director-
- Solicit feedback from Yahoo News group on ideas to increase participation in Fly-outs. Tim to create poll. **Accepted**
- Rick Jones looking to purchase wood for picnic table repair, he needs to know number and size of boards.
- Two levels of membership: Free and Full. Free membership for balance of fiscal year for new members. Full membership is an annual dues member who gets access to the Flyers Roost. **Accepted**
- Presentation by Mike Sehl re: History of PAOP and update on KPTW airport plans for future development, including the Flyers Roost.

Motion made and carried to adjourn at 21:00

Respectfully submitted,

John Green

An Interesting Question

I can only go so far back in PAOP history, as I have only been flying for about 13 years. Russ Appler, USN aviator from WWII, served as President for one year. In that year he raised a question of how can PAOP do more to be true to its founding documents (my wording, not Russ's). As has been pointed out and discussed at Executive Committee Meetings under Russ, Barb Zeigler, myself and now Tim Drager: How do we accomplish the stated goals of

President:

Tim Drager

Vice President:

Bob Nesspor

Secretary:

John Green

Treasurer:

Gene Poppel

Directors: Dennis Galvin, Thomas Kozel, Barbara Zeigler, Sandy Belinski, Eric Forde, Mike Sehl (Past Pres.)



3310 W. Ridge Pike, Pottstown, Pa. 19464

spreading the sport and science of general aviation?

At many meetings, it has been discussed that we need to find a way to bring young people in to our world, or bring the world of aviation to them. AOPA and EAA have both recognized the need to do that. But we are still only a local Pilots organization. We (on the Executive Committee) have had discussions about the local school districts, scouting and other youth groups that might give us an opportunity to share the sport and science of general aviation.

Our current President, Tim Drager, has worked in his short time in office to achieve some of these goals. He has succeeded and is working on the planning for a very big BSA camping and merit badge event at the Roost at PTW in May. In addition to that he is bringing in speakers to our monthly dinner meetings (something that I was not able to put together effectively during my three years). The first event alone calls for the cooperation of the airport management, the BSA Cradle of Liberty Council, and our own volunteers at PAOP to make a success. The second will enhance our monthly dinner meetings and make them more interesting and hopefully more appealing to attend. Look at the calendar on the newsletter to see the dates and the speakers.

Tim is questioning why we do things and how we do them, which is an excellent exercise in directing the organization. He has reached out to our members by phone prior to the Annual December Holiday Dinner. One conversation (with a one time member) brought back an old question that has been discussed in past years at past Board Meetings: Is PAOP merely a “Social Club” or is it more as outlined in our

Constitution and By-Laws, that is a Not for Profit with a mission?

When we look at our calendar the one item that stands out is the monthly dinner meeting. We eat, we drink (not necessarily alcoholic beverages) and we talk. Sometimes in the past we have had an occasional speaker or presentation. By building up our speakers and presentations, we are sharing our aviation knowledge – but only within our own circles. We have monthly fly-outs. While they have always been open to others, it mainly benefits our regular Sunday fliers. Tim is working on bringing in more people to participate by listing our fly-outs on “Social Flight”. If successful, that will enhance that experience for all of us as well.

As you can see, Tim has taken a lot to heart and is working on making PAOP better for all of us, as well as for potential new members and maybe even future flyers. The best thing that we can do is to support him and ask Tim: What can I do to help?

Then there is still the question remaining, Are we just a social club of flyers, or do we need to spread our wings and spread the word on the Sport and Science of Aviation? Can we do both, Should we do both, Why wouldn't we?

President:

Tim Drager

Vice President:

Bob Nesspor

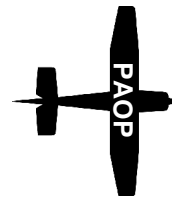
Secretary:

John Green

Treasurer:

Gene Poppel

Directors: Dennis Galvin, Thomas Kozel, Barbara Zeigler, Sandy Belinski, Eric Forde, Mike Sehl (Past Pres.)



3310 W. Ridge Pike, Pottstown, Pa. 19464

2014 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
1/8/2015	Board Meeting	
1/25/2015	Flyout—	
1/29/2015	Monthly Meeting Annual Meeting and Elections	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
2/4/15	Board Meeting	
2/22/15	Flyout—	
2/26/15	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
3/4/15	Board Meeting	
3/26/15	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
3/29/15	Flyout—Flying W (N14) All-you-can-eat Pancakes	
4/1/15	Board Meeting	
4/18/15	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
4/30/15	Monthly Meeting	Pot-luck Dinner
4/26/15	Flyout— Frederick, MD (KFDK)	
5/3/15	Board Meeting	
5/16-17/15	99's Pennies a Pound at PTW	
5/28/15	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak
5/31/15	Flyout— Sky Manor (N40)	
6/3/15	Board Meeting	
6/25/15	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Chicken*
6/28/15	Flyout— Kentmorr (3W3) Crabs!	
7/1/15	Board Meeting	
7/26/15	Flyout— South Jersey Regional (KVAY) Brunch and Air Victory Museum	
7/30/15	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Steak

President:

Tim Drager

Vice President:

Bob Nesspor

Secretary:

John Green

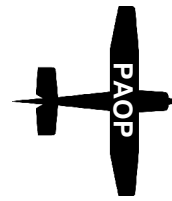
Treasurer:

Gene Poppel

Directors: Dennis Galvin, Thomas Kozel, Barbara Zeigler, Sandy Belinski, Eric Forde, Mike Sehl (Past Pres.)

Pottstown Aircraft Owners & Pilots, Inc.

Originated February 26, 1948 – Incorporated January 15, 1960



December, 2015

www.paop.org

3310 W. Ridge Pike, Pottstown, Pa. 19464

8/5/15	Board Meeting	
8/15/15	Monthly Meeting @ N47 4PM	Free Hot Dogs and Hamburgers Saturday Afternoon at the Airport - Raindate 8/22
8/30/15	Flyout— Orange County, NY (KMGJ) Brunch	
9/2/15	Board Meeting	
9/20/15*	Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast	*Weathered out on the 13th
9/24/15	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	Lobster (and optional steak)
9/26/15	Community Days – Pottstown Muni	
10/4/15	Flyout— Altoona (KAOO) Brunch	September Flyout
10/7/15	Board Meeting	
10/25/15	Flyout— Cherry Ridge (N30)	
10/29/15	Monthly Meeting and	Costume Party at Copperfield Inn at Lakeside with the Poppels?
11/5/15	Board Meeting	
11/19/15	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
11/22/15	Flyout— Wyoming Valley (KWBW)	
12/2/15	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/17/15	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party	Cutillos
12/27/15	Flyout— Easton, MD (KESN) Brunch	
1/6/16	Board Meeting	
1/28/16	ANNUAL Meeting (Including Elections & Speaker)	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
1/31/16	Flyout— Millville (KMIV) Brunch	

* Steak is also available at these meeting

President:

Tim Drager

Vice President:

Bob Nessor

Secretary:

John Green

Treasurer:

Gene Poppel

Directors: Dennis Galvin, Thomas Kozel, Barbara Zeigler, Sandy Belinski, Eric Forde, Mike Sehl (Past Pres.)