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## **Regular Monthly Meeting**

The February meeting will be held at Copperfield's (594 West Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA, 484-938-7082) on Thursday February 25, 2016. Dinner and Drinks at 6:00, followed by Dinner at 7:00 and the meeting immediately following.

This month's program will be a presentation by Chris Jordan, the airport manager of Pottstown Heritage Field. He will let you in on learn what it's like to run an airport.

Please RSVP with Gene Poppel (610-647-1332 or [genepoppel@comcast.net](mailto:genepoppel@comcast.net)).

## **Flyout**

### **LET'S GO TO A NEW AIRPORT RESTAURANT**

Named for William Pitt, an 18<sup>th</sup> Century British statesman, who was also known as William Pitt the Elder, Pittstown, NJ was originally the site of the Hoff Mill. In fact, the original name was Hofftown, later changed. It was the site of a revolutionary war quartermaster, and later developed as a trading and industrial crossroads.

On Sunday, February 28, we journey to Sky Manor airport in Pittstown(N40). It's long been a popular destination, with attractive surroundings, interesting runway, and eclectic collection of planes. The scenic setting, slightly challenging approach (mind the power lines across the approach to 25), and cozy restaurant all add up to a worthy destination for our April 28 flyout. The trip is only 33 nm and features a quick tour of several interesting airports along the way, including the strangely named Elephant Path. Our course takes us near Vansant airport, with its two grass

runways. If it's been dry for a while, there may be gliders, Cubs, and Stearmans rising to meet us, or at least to make us worry about a suddenly crowded sky.

A new restaurant, the Sky Café, opened last year to rave reviews. Its operator also runs the nearby Frenchtown Café. There's a full breakfast menu until noon, with lunch to follow. The restaurant space has been completely transformed, accompanied by an updated kitchen. It looks out right on the runway threshold, so you can judge landings. They are always fun at Sky Manor.

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.



## **From the Prez**

Presentations - Learn more from these aviation spark plugs. We have two interesting presentations coming up in the next two months that will ignite your passion for flying:

February 25 at 6PM

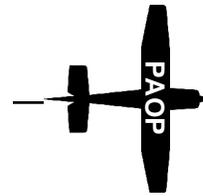
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The first one is by Chris Jordan, the airport manager of Pottstown Heritage Field. Wouldn't it be interesting to learn what it's like to run an airport? For those of you who do not know Chris, he is quite a character and will certainly have interesting stories to tell. As long as I have known Chris, he has always wholeheartedly supported PAOP and has helped us set up for and conduct the Fly-in Breakfast. Last year for example, Chris did the following:

### 1. Egg Buyer

Responded to our egg emergency and bought us 12 dozen eggs when we ran out.

### 2. Safety

Chris' main focus is safety. He took action to ensure that our crowd did not cross the warning tapes nor get too close to moving aircraft.

### 3. Roost maintenance

Chris' crew removed our huge pile of brush, replaced light bulbs and did a number of others helpful things for the Roost.

And now, we can hear Chris' story, learn how to return the favor and be a better citizen of the airport. Come out on February 25 at 7:45PM to hear the presentation. At 6PM, we will have our usual Dinner meeting at Copperfield's at Lakeside followed by Chris Jordan's talk.

April 23 at 10AM

The second presentation is by AOPA about our "You Can Fly" effort. This talk relates to lowering the cost and maximizing the fun of aviation. I just spoke with Les Smith, AOPA's Senior Director of Pilot Community Development. Les leads two teams, with very

parallel goals, focused on You Can Fly. These teams are Ambassadors out in the field and the Pilot Community Development team.

Ambassadors work to help pilots and future pilots take advantage of more affordable ways to fly, find easier entry points into aviation and become part of a more connected GA Community. The Pilot Community Development team identifies and creates tools and resources for use in accomplishing those goals.

Les served three terms as the president of the Washington (State) Pilots Association. A pizza lunch will be available for \$2 a slice.

Tim

### Flying for fun—PAOP's monthly flyouts

Since the early days of PAOP, the monthly flyout was practically a signature happening. Generally on the last weekend of the month and usually on Sunday, a group of pilots, friends, and aviation enthusiasts took off for a destination featuring breakfast or brunch, an interesting aviation site (museum, etc.), or a place of general interest. We've continued this program, which is still one of our most popular activities.

Fortunately, within an hour or so of flying, we have a wide choice of these destinations. Unfortunately, the number of airport restaurants or those walkable from an airport has been dwindling. So has the number of PAOP members with access to planes.

Still, there's a great selection to choose from. The listing in each issue of the newsletter is really just a draft. Weather, opening of new destinations and closure or old ones, or just the preferences of the members will dictate changes as we go. Generally, when weather makes it impossible to complete the planned

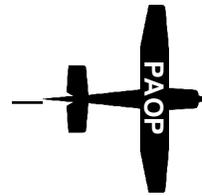
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mission, there's always the option of a drive to a local restaurant.

This year, some trips are scheduled on Saturdays, to accommodate those for whom Sundays are unavailable. Gathering and departure times are selected to fit the length of the flight, hours of operation of the restaurant or attraction, or even the sleeping-in preferences of the participants. We'll also be looking into flying to fly-in breakfasts and other events at other airports.

If we're not meeting your interests for the flyouts, just notify a Board member, and give us your preferences. It's all about fun, so if we can do better, we will.

### **It's That Time Again—Rejoin PAOP**

With the start of our new fiscal year on February 1, we need to address that old reality—it's time to renew your membership by paying your dues. We've had a busy year, including some updates and repairs to the Roost and our equipment. Of course, we need to meet our fixed expenses—rent, insurance, utilities—as well. With a good return at the fly-in breakfast, and increasing membership rolls, we've been able to keep the dues at \$29 per year. Also, consider making an additional donation to PAOP. While it's not tax-deductible, it still would help us fulfill our mission.

There are two convenient ways to renew.

You can send a check for \$29 made out to PAOP, Inc. to PAOP, 3310 W. Ridge Pike, Pottstown, PA 19464. Please include the filled-out coupon below, so we can keep your info up to date in our database.

You can save a stamp and pay with a credit card through PayPal. Just go to our web site [www.paop.org](http://www.paop.org), and click on the *Buy Now* link in the middle of the page. If you do it this way, please email the info on the coupon to [www.genepoppel@comcast.net](mailto:www.genepoppel@comcast.net). You don't have to use the form.

We will be doing a mailing, but if you pay promptly, you can save PAOP the cost of printing, envelope, and postage.

Take a moment now to pay your dues, and help ensure PAOP's continuing success.

### **Board Minutes**

PAOP Executive Board

Feb. 3, 2016

Attendees: Tim Drager, John Green, Bob Nesspor, Gene Poppel, Laura Poppel, Mike Sehl, Barb Zeigler, Dennis Galvin

Minutes from Jan. 6, 2016 meeting were read. Motion made and carried to accept the minutes.

#### **Treasurer Report: Jan. 2016**

Starting balance	\$ 5557.26
Expenses	\$ (-232.10)
Income	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 5325.16 (232.10) Gain (Loss)

Motion made and carried to accept the report.

Reviewed Treasurer's report for 2015 and the years 1999-2015.

Old Business:

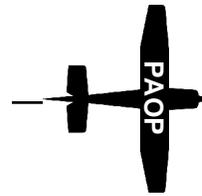
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- Mike Sehl and Gene Poppel to work on combining mailing lists as we currently have several members on different email lists. DUE 3/2/16
- John Green working on formatting address list into booklet form. Reformatted into Excel, next step to reformat into mailing lists, then into booklet form. DONE Create booklet DUE 3/2/16
- Following or changing Constitution and By-Laws: Suggestions for changes should be submitted to Gene Poppel. He will be working on incorporating previous amendments into a new revision. He will take the new suggestions and put them in a document for review by the executive board. The proposed revision will be presented to the entire membership for voting in accordance with our by-laws.
- Rick Jones looking to purchase wood for picnic table repair, he needs to know number and size of boards. Bob Nesspor to measure and provide to Rick.
- Tom Kozel distributed 2016 events calendar. Gene has updated with some revisions based on holidays and previously scheduled events.
- Consensus on Wings Logo on membership booklet cover
- Lifetime membership? Already in the current by-laws.
- Discussion on new griddle(s) purchase. Motion made and carried to purchase one new griddle, similar to the one purchased last year.
- Tim covered AOPA presentation by Kelby Ferwada covering “Lower the cost of flying” April 23rd. We will sell pizza @ \$2/slice, and sodas and water as a fund raiser. Discussion on what is needed (tables, chairs, coffee & donuts (Suzy Jo’s)) for April 23rd from 10 AM-1 PM AOPA presentation. AOPA is advertising on their website and we are advertising on Social Flight, We are asking for RSVP to help us better estimate how much food to buy and how many tables/chairs we will need.
- Aviation Camporee-May 13-15, boys and girls ages 9-21. Participation in various stations will ‘earn’ points towards a free ride by EAA. Discussion was held on the overall outline of the Aviation Camporee, role of PAOP and the role of other organizations. PAOP will man 4 stations covering navigation, communication, weather, and ????. PAOP will consider selling branded clothing at the Camporee. Motion made and carried to sponsor the Camporee event at Heritage Field.
- Gyrocopter Fly-In dates should be Aug. 8-14th, but Tim will try and get a firm date.

#### New Business:

- Spring cleanup at the Flyers Roost is set up for April 30th from 08:00-12:00 with coffee and donuts provided.
- Civil Air Patrol recently lost funding and approached PAOP for a donation for assistance with parking at Fly-In breakfast. We could possibly have a fund raiser. One suggestion was a joint summer meeting (they meet on

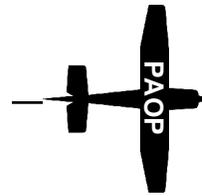
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Thursday evenings also) where we could serve hamburgers and hot dogs and raise funds. This was tabled for further discussion.

Motion made and carried to adjourn at 21:15

Respectfully submitted,

John Green



## Lancaster Fly-in and Seminar

### Lunch and owner maintenance seminar

Lancaster Airport (KLNS) has instituted a new series of combined brunch or lunch and seminar events. They combine an inexpensive meal (\$7 for adults, children 6-12 \$3) with a safety seminar. This is an easy choice to get Wings knowledge credit. It's held in the airport terminal building.

On March 6, 2016, the presentation is, "Preventive Maintenance—What a Pilot Should, May, and May Not Do." You can register either through a link on [www.lancasterairport.com](http://www.lancasterairport.com) or on the FAA site [www.aviationsafety.gov](http://www.aviationsafety.gov) after February 19. For more information, go to the airport web site, [www.lancasterairport.com](http://www.lancasterairport.com).

As the date draws nearer, we can organize a group flyout to this event, or even set up carpooling to drive.

### Upcoming FAA Seminars

#### **"FREE WEBINAR - Best Tricks Tips and Sites for Self Briefing"**

Topic: Tricks, tips and best sites for conducting a safe self briefing.

On Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 12:30 Eastern Standard Time

Location:

ONLINE ONLY--Webinar  
16501 Sherman Way

Van Nuys, CA 91406

#### **Select Number:**

WP0167383

#### **Description:**

In this 60 minute webinar, Delia Colvin, aviation weather expert, international bestselling author and 15 year veteran of Air Traffic Control will walk you through her favorite sites and tools for conducting a SAFE self briefing;

- Learn the 8 MUST CHECK points to any brief
- What extremely hazardous weather pilots doesn't qualify as an "Adverse Condition"
- 4 Features of 1800wxbrief you may not know about
- The proposed replacement for Area Forecast
- The best forecast tool available
- Fantastic new tools that could save your life
- Tips for assessing unforecast severe weather

Basic Knowledge 3 - 1 Credit

Advanced Knowledge 1 - 1 Credit

Master Knowledge 1 - 1 Credit

#### **"Unusual Approaches-Encore Presentation"**

Topic: Learn how to interpret unusual approaches and how plan for and navigate them successfully.

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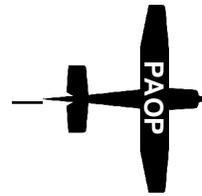
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On Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 16:00 Mountain Standard Time (15:00 PST, 17:00 CST, 18:00 EST, 13:00 HST, 14:00 AKST, 16:00 AZST, 23:00 GMT)

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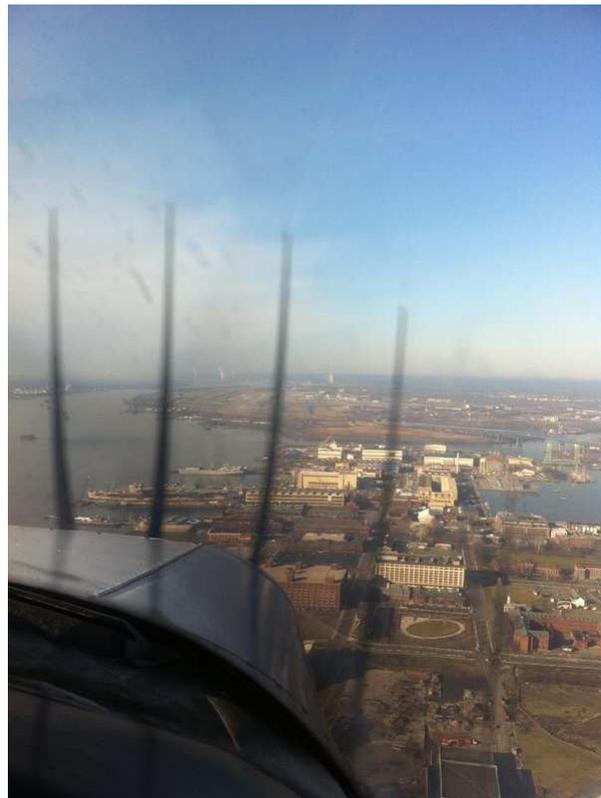
## Description:

The term "unusual approaches" conjures up images of Aspen, CO; Bozeman, MT; Jackson Hole, WY; and just about every airport in Alaska. But unusual approaches are just as common in places like Baltimore, Boston and New York. They're everywhere, and they can turn a standard approach into a head scratcher at the most inopportune time. In our Unusual Approaches webinar, we'll talk about the terrain, obstacles and airspace designs that turn standard approaches into the unusual. We'll show you how to break down several unusual approaches, the keys to planning and navigating them successfully, and give you the kind of confidence that will make a straight-in approach to 200 and ½ seem, well, mind-numbing. This is a live encore (including Q&A) of our popular 2015 presentation!

To view further details and registration information for this webinar, [click here](#).

The following credit(s) are available for the WINGS/AMT Programs:

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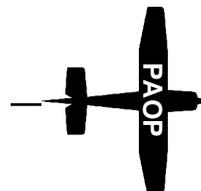
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### Tentative 2016 PAOP Event Calendar

Date	Event	Comment
1/6/16	Board Meeting	
<b>1/28/16</b>	<b>ANNUAL Meeting (Including Elections &amp; Speaker)</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
<a href="#">1/31/16</a>	<a href="#">Flyout— Millville (KMIV) Brunch</a>	
2/3/16	Board Meeting	
<b>2/25/16</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
<a href="#">2/28/16</a>	<a href="#">Flyout— Sky Manor, Pittstown.NJ (N40)</a>	<a href="#">Brunch</a>
3/2/16	Board Meeting	
<a href="#">3/20/16</a>	<a href="#">Flyout—Smoketown, PA (S37)</a>	<a href="#">Breakfast and Old Plane Collection</a>
<b>3/31/16</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
4/6/16	Board Meeting	
4/??/16	Cleanup	Roost 9AM
<a href="#">4/24/16</a>	<a href="#">Flyout— Sky Acres Millbrook, NJ (44N)</a>	<a href="#">Brunch</a>
<b>4/23/16</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>AOPA Presentation</b>
5/4/16	Board Meeting	
<b>5/13-15/16</b>	<b>Scouts at PTW</b>	<b>Roost</b>
<b>5/14-15/16</b>	<b>99's Pennies a Pound at PTW</b>	
<b>5/26/16</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Steak</b>
<a href="#">5/21/16 (Sat)</a>	<a href="#">Flyout— Grimes, Bethel, PA (8N1)</a>	<a href="#">Golden Age Museum</a>
6/1/16	Board Meeting	
<a href="#">6/26/16</a>	<a href="#">Flyout— Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)</a>	<a href="#">Crabs!</a>
<b>6/30/16</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Chicken*</b>
7/6/16	Board Meeting	
<b>7/28/16</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Steak</b>
<a href="#">7/31/16</a>	<a href="#">Flyout— St. Michaels, MD (Fly to Easton, MD)</a>	<a href="#">Lunch and Maritime Museum</a>
8/3/16	Board Meeting	
8/25/16	Monthly Meeting @ The Roost	
<a href="#">8/28/16</a>	<a href="#">Flyout— Massey Aerodrome, Massey, MD (MD1)</a>	<a href="#">Massey Air Museum</a>
9/7/16	Board Meeting	
<b>9/11/16*</b>	<b>Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast</b>	
<a href="#">9/25/16</a>	<a href="#">Flyout—Sullivan County, Monticello, NY (KMSV)</a>	<a href="#">Brunch at the New Restaurant</a>
<b>9/29/16</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	<b>Lobster (and optional steak)</b>
10/5/16	Board Meeting	
<b>10/27/16</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting @ The Roost</b>	
<a href="#">10/29/16 (Sat)</a>	<a href="#">Flyout— Cherry Ridge, Honesdale, PA (N30)</a>	<a href="#">Brunch</a>
11/2/16	Board Meeting	
<a href="#">11/27/16</a>	<a href="#">Flyout— South Jersey Regional, Mt. Holly, NJ (KVAY)</a>	<a href="#">Brunch and Air Victory Museum</a>
<b>11/17/16</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	
12/7/16	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
<b>12/29/16</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party</b>	<b>Cutillos</b>
<a href="#">12/18/16</a>	<a href="#">Flyout— Frederick, MD (KFDK)</a>	
1/4/17	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
<b>1/26/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Copperfield Inn at Lakeside</b>
<a href="#">1/29/17</a>	<a href="#">Flyout— Greenwood Lake, West Milford, NJ (4N1)</a>	<a href="#">Brunch and a visit to a Constellation</a>

\* Steak is also available at these meeting

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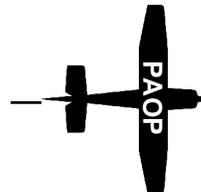
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