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## Regular Monthly Meeting

January's Annual Meeting will be held at Copperfield's (594 West Ridge Pike, Limerick, PA, 484-938-7082) on Thursday January 26, 2017.

Dinner and Drinks at 6:00, followed by Dinner at 7:00 and the Annual Meeting immediately following.

After the meeting, there will be a presentation about Reading's Mid-Atlantic Air Museum (MAAM) by Ron Gosdeck.



## Flyout

### A Wintry Ride to the Mountains to the West

This month we had planned to fly to Greenwood Lake in New Jersey, but it turns out that the restaurant on the field has closed. So instead, our January 29 destination will be Frederick, MD (KFDK) since we couldn't get there last month.

It's uncertain who is honored by the naming of Frederick, but one of the candidates is Frederick "the Great" of Prussia, for whom King of Prussia is also named (actually after the King of Prussia Tavern, named after the king). No matter, this charming colonial-era

town, a center of shopping and antiquing and also part of Civil War history, will be our flyout destination. Today, it's also the home of AOPA and AVEMCO Insurance, both on the airport ramp. We'll travel a quick 97 nm to Frederick Municipal Airport (KFDK) for brunch at the Airways Inn on the field.

Take care with your navigation and check NOTAMS carefully for any possible expansion of the Camp David Prohibited Area (P-40). Also, Frederick is well within a 60 nm circle centered on the DCA VORTAC, which means that the pilot in command must have completed the online course about operation in the Washington DC Special Flight Rules Area. We may be threading a needle between P-40 and the SFRA. The course is available through the AOPA web site or [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov).

New since our last visit is a control tower, so it's now Class D airspace.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 0930 for 1000 takeoff. Bring a friend or bring a student pilot (or bring a friend who is a student pilot). Contact Gene Poppel ( [genepoppel@comcast.net](mailto:genepoppel@comcast.net) or 610-647-1332) if you want a ride or have an available seat in your plane.

## Amendments to PAOP Constitution and Bylaws

A few amendments have been proposed and agreed to by the Executive Committee. According to our Constitution, these need to be presented in writing to the Executive Committee at least thirty days prior to the regular meeting at which they will be voted on. The following proposed amendments were presented at the August Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee has decided to present them for approval at the Annual Meeting on January 26, 2017.

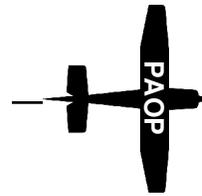
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Approval requires a two-thirds vote of those present.

Here are the proposed amendments, along with a brief explanation.

## Types of Membership

Several years ago, we stopped using the four classifications that were then in place, but never updated the Constitution accordingly. This amendment updates the document to match our current practice.

### Revise Article 3, Section 1 to read:

#### Section 1. Types of membership

- A. Regular Member
- B. Life Member
  - 1. Voted upon by the general membership.
  - 2. No annual dues required.
  - 3. The President automatically becomes a Life Member upon leaving office.

## Flexibility of Scheduling the Executive Committee Meeting

Instead of the specific wording calling for the Executive Committee to meet on the Wednesday following the regular meeting, the amendment allows the Committee to select a date, still within the same week, convenient to the members.

### Revise Article 4, Section 2 to read:

Section 2. The Executive Committee will meet generally on the first Wednesday after each month's regular membership meeting, or another date agreed to by the members of the Executive Committee or compatible with holidays, etc.

## Number of Directors

At times, it has been difficult to get enough volunteers to fill the six seats on the Executive

Committee mandated by the Constitution. This amendment recognizes that at times there may be fewer than six.

### Revise Article 5, Section 2 to read:

#### F. Up to Six Directors

## Correct Succession Procedure

Article 5 explains what must be done in the event an officer resigns or is otherwise unable to serve. However, it specifies reference to a rule that doesn't actually exist. This amendment deletes the reference and renumbers the following sections.

Delete Article 5, Section 4 and Renumber following Sections Accordingly (There is no such thing as "Roberts' Rules of Succession.")

## Change Bylaws Regarding Number of Directors

This changes the Bylaws to agree with the change to number of directors discussed above.

### Modify Bylaws, Article VII, Section 5 to read:

#### Section 5. Directors

## From the Prez

Certainty

Tim Drager

January 8, 2017

As I write this article, Spirit Airlines has me on a 30-minute phone hold for updating a cancelled flight reservation. Their website is incapable of fully managing our flight changes. Frustration is at a maximum for our party of four. I know, First World problem, but our mobile society can benefit from knowing the options for airplane transportation.

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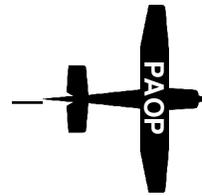
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We drove to the airport only to find the flight was cancelled. The only option for Spirit is to take another Spirit flight...24 hours later. They do not allow transfers to other airlines. On the drive home from the airport, the weather was VFR. A pilot always wonders...why. Some questions are better left unanswered, but I am sure there was a good reason. The reasons for a cancellation should be broadcast without reservation (pun intended). Our reasons for cancellation may have been Winter Storm Helena or the FLL (Fort Lauderdale) Airport Incident. We may never know.

For the last three years, Spirit has provided safe, low-cost, on-time transportation. You really get to know the personality of a corporation in the stressful times because last night a cancellation occurred. We received no emails and no explanation. The reverse is true of GA: We revolve around explanation, facts and pre-flight planning; Certainty.

The value of General Aviation is increased because we have better control of our flights in terms:

- Flexibility
- Reliability
- Certainty

I urge you to have certainty about your flights related to your capability, weather, fuel and aircraft mechanical condition.

To learn more, come to the January 26 PAOP Annual meeting at 6PM at Copperfield's by Lakeside where we will:

AGENDA, January 26

6:00 Share stories and lies. Scrumptious food and drink (optional)

7:30 Vote on our 2017 Officers and Executive Committee and approve constitution updates

7:45 Listen to the story of Reading's Mid-Atlantic Air Museum (MAAM) with Ron Gosdeck

If you are having dinner, please RSVP to [genepoppel@comcast.net](mailto:genepoppel@comcast.net) or 610-647-1332 so we can make reservations.

Happy New Year to all.

Tim

## From Mike

### Mystery, Intrigue and Suspicion

These are not three words usually found in general aviation articles. But in 2017 after having survived (so far) the 2016 Presidential Election, and all of the consternation and hype, I feel good about planting additional seeds of anxiety.

A D S – B. Four letters that mean much to so few, and yet also much to so many. If you are not a pilot, nor in an aviation related business (most of the population), it will mean close to nothing to you. If you are a Pilot, or someone who is in an aviation related business, it could mean something that has to be bought, or it could be something bringing additional business to you and your employees and families.

I'm not going to explain ADS-B because if you are a pilot or airplane owner or lessee, you already know a great deal. You also know that the Federal Government mandates adding ADS-B out capability to your airplane. It must

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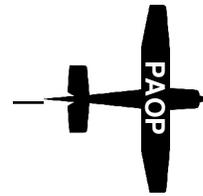
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be done by January 1, 2020 in order to be able to fly your airplane legally. In that way, Controllers and all other aircraft (at least the ones with ADS-B “in”) can identify your airplane and type, its registration number, it’s altitude, direction and speed. All in the name of increased air safety. That’s all good, or at least seems so on the surface.

Here’s where the suspicion, intrigue and mystery comes into play. I am a product of the sixties, a time when many people in the good old USA became suspicious and mistrustful of the government. There was rioting in many Cities across the nation. Civil Rights were being fought for in marches, sit-ins and rallies. The Hippie drug culture separated itself from the mainstream for various reasons. And much anti government feeling and resentment came because of an increasing dissatisfaction with the war in Viet Nam.

It’s a long time since the sixties. Most people will tell you all of those things are irrelevant. But maybe a little skepticism is healthy after all.

A fellow pilot, with years of Cherokee experience out in the southwest as well as back east, sent me a link to an email about ADS-B. Just like a coin has two sides and a fifty dollar bill has both a front and a back, could there be a “dark side” to the ADS-B mandate? The YouTube video is seventeen minutes and twenty eight seconds long, but for some, it may be worth watching. I will set out the link at the end of this writing.

The FAA has a great deal about us already as Pilots and or Aircraft owners. I recently was registered so that I have a secret code and the ability to legally fly into the “Maryland Three” airports in the Washington ADIZ. In order to qualify, I turned in my fingerprints, had a background check and was approved by the

TSA. Basically, there is not much the FAA doesn’t know about me, so much for my own paranoia.

Here’s the perceived “Dark Side” of ADS-B as discussed on the video: 1. The FAA will know where you are, where you have been, and where you are going (a nice tool for prosecutors); 2. If some federal employee or even worse an elected official decided that we should pay for flying through USA airspace per trip, per mile, or per hour, the FAA will almost have a way to collect; 3. If you fly in contact with a control towers (now as in the future) your voice transmission (conversation) and your flight path are recorded by the FAA, It’s both good and bad. Now here’s where Rod Serling is seen standing on the tarmac explaining the mystery about to unfold to the viewers (for those too young – Rod Serling was the host of a mystery TV show called the Twilight Zone).

There are probably more issues both good (advertised to heaven and back) and bad (not even whispered except for the cost). So, if you feel like questioning authority, or at least watch a cogent discussion of the potential negatives go online and goto:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuATnRUC2A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuATnRUC2A)

Mike “Sky-hawk” Sehl

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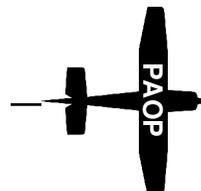
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## Tentative 2017 PAOP Event Calendar

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	
2/2/17	Board Meeting	
<b>2/23/17</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	
2/26/17	Flyout—	
3/2/17	Board Meeting	
3/26/16	Flyout—	
<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>4/27/16</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>AOPA Presentation</b>
4/30/17		
5/4/16	Board Meeting	
<b>5/13-14/17</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—	
<b>6/2-4/17</b>	<b>Scouts at PTW</b>	<b>Roost</b>
6/1/17	Board Meeting	
6/25/17	Flyout— Kentmorr Marina, Stevensville, MD (3W3)	Crabs!
<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—	Lunch
8/3/17	Board Meeting	
8/27/17	Flyout—	
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—	
<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—	
11/2/17	Board Meeting	
11/26/17	Flyout—	
<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—	
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—	

\* Steak is also available at these meeting

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