



***THE BEST OF THE RANCH, THE BEST OF THE COOP
JUNE 25 AT THE FLYERS' ROOST***

Getting into the Summer Combo Groove

This month, our dinner meeting on June 25 gives you a choice of steak or chicken. Either way, it's a winner.

The chicken choice a succulent, rotisserie-broiled half. These tender, juicy birds will fill your plate, with maybe a little left over for sandwiches at home. There will be traditional salads and sides. The steak option is a prime Delmonico, grilled to your taste by your favorite chef—you. The price is only \$15 for either selection. As always, we appreciate any appetizers or desserts you would like to bring. Generally we enjoy a refreshing beverage and fellowship as we gather, starting around 1800, with dinner starting about 1900.

Reservations are important. Please R.S.V.P. to Ethel Bailey (leave a message of she's not there) at Limerick Flight Center (610) 495-6366 by Tuesday, June 23. We 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. Please call Barb Zeigler at 610-489-4031 and offer to help.

The Work Never Stops

The grass is still growing around the Flyers' Roost, and cleaning and maintenance needs never quite seem to end. We are looking for a few volunteers to do some of the chores. Take a ride on a riding mower on a nice summer day, and help make the Roost a better place to meet and play. Tom Kozel has taken on responsibility for coordination, so give him a call at 610-970-2958 and offer just a couple of hours of your time. Training and moral support are provided free.

Airport Changes Hands

The long-rumored change of ownership of Pottstown-Limerick Airport came to pass on Friday, June 12. John Desmond, of Malvern's Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, a long-time aviator and collector of classic planes, now owns both the airport and Penn Airways, the FBO. Stay tuned for exciting developments.

Nature Did it Again

Our May 31 flyout to the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, CT fell victim to forecast high winds and convective activity on the way home (and the thunderstorm on our return route actually did happen as forecast). Instead, nine hardy brunch-seekers flew in four planes to enjoy the cuisine of the Kitty Hawk restaurant at York, PA (KTHV), with a smooth ride both ways.

Once Again, Ladies and Gentlemen, Crab Time!

For months, now, Maryland Blue Crabs have been growing in the cool waters of the Chesapeake, just waiting for their guest appearance at the PAOP Kentmorr flyout, an annual favorite. On Sunday, June 28, they will have their moment in the sun (or on the paper-clad table). The Kentmorr Marina Restaurant features both indoor service and an outdoor deck. There's an extensive menu of seafood choices, and even a burger or two. Check it out at www.kentmorr.com.

The restaurant is just a short walk from our flight destination at Kentmorr Airpark (3W3), a pretty, residential airport on the Eastern Shore's Kent Island, a few miles south of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. This delightful spot is served by a 2,400 foot (displaced thresholds make it 2,200 feet for landing), well-tended grass airport. The airport's web site also has the current procedures for flying in. It is a short strip, and on the predictable warm day, you will want to be current on density altitude, and on short and soft field procedures. We'll be in contact with the airport manager for a last minute update on the condition of the field.

Take a look at www.3w3.us for airport details, including photos of some PAOP planes on a past visit. It's an easy trip down the east side of the Bay, with little concerns about the Special Flight Rules Area (formerly known as the ADIZ). However, you must not stray across the bay, lest you get a close-up view of some Coast Guard helicopters. **IMPORTANT** As this flight takes you within 60 nm of the DCA VORTAC, you are required to have taken the special online course, available on the FAA web site.

We'll gather at Penn Airways at 1030 for 1100 takeoff to arrive in time for lunch. All are welcome. Contact Gene Poppel at 610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net to let him know you're coming, if you want a ride, or have an available seat in your plane.

Breakfast is a Little Closer on the Horizon

Last month's newsletter had an incorrect date for the famous PAOP fly-in breakfast. It will be on Sunday, September 13, with setup on the previous day. Plan to help out on either or both days. It's a lot of fun, even if it's hard work. To make this successful, we need a full team of volunteers. As you probably realize, we've lost several of our stalwarts in the past couple of years, and everyone needs to pitch in to get the job done.

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