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Regular Monthly Meeting

This month's membership meeting will be held at the Roost on Thursday, September 24. As traditional for our September meeting, the main course for the evening will be fresh LOBSTER (As always, steak will also be available for those who prefer it). Pricing for this year's dinner is \$20 for lobster, \$15 for steak and \$30 for both.

For Reservations contact Gene Poppel at 610-647-1332 by Monday the 21st or leave a message telling him how many dinners of Lobster and how many for Steak. As always we ask our members and guests to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to round out our dinner.

Aviation adventurer, Rob Dant, will be giving a presentation at this month's meeting.

Social Hour at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00 followed by a brief meeting. .



Flyout

Crossing the Mountains

Pope Francis' visit to the area on our usual flyout date and the attendant flight

restrictions causes us to go into early October for our "September" flyout.

The Allegheny Mountains that traverse central Pennsylvania were one of the most challenging parts of the early airmail routes, often bringing storms and ice. Now we cross them easily, at least in the kind of VFR weather we like for flyouts. We'll get up close and personal with them on our October 4, 127 nm lunch flight to Altoona-Blair County Airport (AOO). On the way back, take a little detour to marvel at historic Horseshoe Curve, where the Pennsylvania Railroad started its climb over the mountains on the way west. It's a spectacular sight, with the mainline track traversing a curve of more than 180 degrees surrounding the Kittanning Reservoir. You can even see some of the vestiges of the Altoona shops, where the railroad developed leading technology and manufactured thousands of locomotives and cars.

We'll enjoy the Kitty Hawk restaurant, on the upper level of the terminal building overlooking the runway. We might be in time for late breakfast, but there's also a full lunch menu.

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 at 610-647-1332 or genepoppel@comcast.net if you want a ride or have an available seat in your plane if you want a ride or have an available seat in your plane. These flights can be used to give student pilots a chance to plan and follow a cross-country flight, without having to simultaneously fly the plane—a good step in their training.

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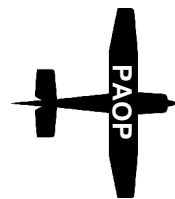
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From the Prez

Flying vs. Driving

In 2013 Debbie, Joey and Christian and I flew my 1967 Cessna Turbo 210 to Oshkosh EAA Airventure and then Montana to visit my brother, who lives near Glacier National Park. In Montana, we visited two national parks. The Cessna, a 200 MPH time machine, churned out miles five times faster than our 1985 six-wheeled earth-bound Recreational Vehicle (RV) since there were no traffic jams, construction zones or lakes to slow us down.

This year we drove our RV on an 80-day, 8000-mile trip. We visited 18 National Parks. Driving the RV for 160 hours was a chore but provided flexibility. It allowed us to experience "main street" American life because there are so many campgrounds in unexpected places: fairgrounds, sea shores, fields, Wal-Mart's, woods and riversides made for a diverse and pleasing experience. RV travel is a slow but sure way to experience the American dream.

Here are the Pros and Cons of flying and driving on long cross country trips:

PROS:

- Driving provides flexibility. Stop anywhere you like.
- Flying provides time efficiency. Get there quick and start exploring.
- Weather is not as much of a factor in an RV trip.
- The difference in sightseeing is different but equally good. Flying rewards you with the "macro" picture. Driving gives you a "micro" perspective.

CONS:

- Flying is more expensive in terms of ground transportation, food and lodging. We paid about \$20 per night for lodging in our RV and cooked most of our meals.
- Driving is less stressful, but the duration of the stress is five times longer.
- When driving, mundane issues like traffic jams, potholes and fender benders are much more likely to affect your trip. Our RV was "totaled" during the trip, another long story.

Please forgive my waxing philosophical, but I have learned something I'd like to share:

1. Americans are explorers, always looking to the next horizon. Just as Lewis and Clark explored the American frontier, followed by the Oregon Trail, followed by our lunar landings of the 1960s, we will eventually colonize other planets. It's no wonder why we lead in aviation and space, because our culture pushes us onward. This is because we use the scientific method to exploring this strange universe that lies before us. We embody Missouri's motto, the "Show Me" state.

2. Many living organisms are territorial and can be opportunistic and violent. For example, the wolf packs in Yellowstone Park mark their territories, killing rival

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wolves that stray across boundaries. This is the type of behavior that may lead to the destruction of our species. Other examples are the American Indian tragedy, the buffalo and the dinosaurs. If we will look beyond short-term profit and embrace sustainable, cooperative practices by sharing our knowledge, goods and land with less fortunate peoples we will be much stronger. Humans could be wiped off the face of Earth when an asteroid hits us, or the Yellowstone Super-Volcano erupts, so we should work together to create a planetary stewardship / defense system and colonize the galaxy. Geopolitical conflict and tyranny needs to be resolved accomplish this.

3. Humans are tenacious, clinging to ideals rooted in fantasy. The promise of a better America ignited by the gold rush, the Land Grant Act, flying and going to the moon resulted in a significant expansion of the American experiment.

Tim Drager

September 14, 2015



From Mike

Tim Drager and his family have returned from their excellent adventure crossing the

USA and back again. It is good to have PAOP President Tim back.

My article this month is limited to thanking the Executive Committee and our supportive members while I filled in to assist Vice President Bob Nesspor and the Executive Committee throughout the summer.

The 62nd Pancake Breakfast is coming fast, and your help in making that a success is vital. We are a Volunteer Association of Pilots and friends of Aviation and no event will ever be successful without your full participation. While I'm not going anywhere, and will be present around the airport and functions, please give Tim and the Officers and Directors of PAOP your full and continued support. Thanks,
Mike Sehl, Past President



Upcoming FAA Seminars

"You're Never Alone! Don't Be A Single Pilot!"

Topic: Single Pilot Resource Management
On Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 19:00

Location: NE Philadelphia Jet Center
11301 A Norcom Road, Philadelphia, PA

Select Number: EA1764479

Description:

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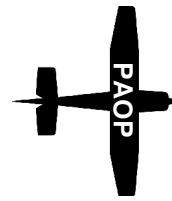
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At this seminar we will look at Single Pilot Resource Management. We will discuss what resources are available to pilots as well as how pilots can manage them. We will look at Aeronautical Decision Making (ADM) and some techniques to help with it such as PAVE, the 5P's, and IMSAFE. Under Risk Management, we will look at Personal Minimums as well as some techniques for Risk Assessment. Lastly, we will talk about CFIT Awareness and Situational Awareness, then go through several Mishap Scenarios. Don't miss this exclusive event. Click on the link below and register TODAY.

To view further details and registration information for this seminar, click here.

The sponsor for this seminar is: **FAASTeam**

Basic Knowledge 3 - 1 Credit



Descend Via-An Overview of STARS

Topic: Use charts more effectively in transition from enroute to arrival and, ultimately, set you up for a successful approach and landing.

Date and Time: Thursday, September 24, 2015, starting at 15:00 Mountain Daylight Time (14:00 PDT, 16:00 CDT, 17:00 EDT,

11:00 HST, 13:00 AKDT, 14:00 AZST, 22:00 GMT)

Speaker(s): James (Slim) Morgan, Emmy Jacobson, Nathan Kurth

Brief Description:

While your arrival chart looks and functions just like your departure and enroute charts, arrivals have unique challenges that are not to be overlooked. Transition, vertical navigation planning, communication, and other increases in cockpit workload mean that you need to be reading arrival charts, not deciphering them. In An Overview of STARS, our chart professionals will show you how to use your charts more effectively in your transition from enroute to arrival and, ultimately, set you up for a successful approach and landing. This is a LIVE encore presentation (including Q&A) of our popular 2014 webinar!

Select Number: CE0964733

Webinar Information In addition to registering at faasafety.gov site, webinar attendees must also register at:

<https://cc.readytalk.com/r/os0h4gl417po&eom>

Seating: 3500 seats at the facility, **2280 remaining for online registration.**

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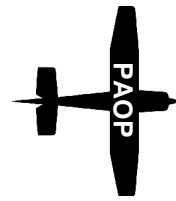
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"Cross Country Challenge"

Topic: Cross Country Challenge

On Wednesday, September 30,
2015 at 19:00

Location:

Crowne Plaza Reading Hotel
1741 Paper Mill Road
Reading, PA 19610

Select Number:

NR0363724

Description:

When we talk about safety, we normally tackle one issue at a time—thunderstorms one day, taxi clearances the next. But out in the real world, any given flight can bring together a whole range of interconnected safety issues:

Fly through that precip...or deviate and cut into my fuel reserve?

Climb above that scattered layer...or risk airsick passengers?

Fly with an underinflated nose strut...or delay and fly in worse wx?

Our new seminar reflects that reality. You'll follow along as we "fly" two fictional trips, answering questions (and debating answers) along the way. From preflight planning to tie-down technique, if it's related to the flight, it's fair game!

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

The sponsor for this seminar is: **AOPA Air Safety Institute**

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

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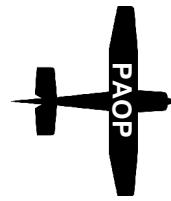
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2014 PAOP Event Calendar

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

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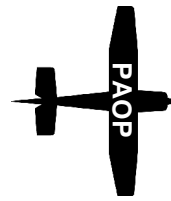
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8/5/15	Board Meeting	
8/15/15	Monthly Meeting @ N47 4PM	Free Hot Dogs and Hamburgers Saturday Afternoon at the Airport - Raindate 8/22
8/30/15	Flyout— Orange County, NY (KMGJ) Brunch	
9/2/15	Board Meeting	
9/20/15*	Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast	*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	
11/27/15	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
11/29/15	Flyout— Wyoming Valley (KWBW)	
12/2/15	Board Meeting	New Slate of Officers
12/5/15	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party	Cutillos
12/27/15	Flyout— Easton, MD (KESN) Brunch	
1/6/16	Board Meeting	
1/28/16	Monthly Meeting	Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
1/31/16	Flyout— Millville (KMIV) Brunch	

* Steak is also available at these meeting

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