



Annual Scholarship Dinner takes place at Wings Field

On June 15, fifty-two Aero Club and Ninety-Nines members, scholarship recipients, and their families attended the annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony at Wings Field. The Aero Club of Pennsylvania Memorial Scholarship Fund awarded \$45,000 to eleven young men and women, while the Eastern PA Chapter of the Ninety-Nines provided \$9,000 to three deserving women (see pages 6, 7). Since the year 2000, the Aero Club of Pennsylvania has awarded over \$600,000 to 250 recipients. The event began with a buffet dinner, followed by the award ceremony, and culminating in a speech by a former scholarship recipient.

Past recipient speaks to scholarship awardees

David King, a past recipient, provided an emotional speech to our recipients at the scholarship dinner. David got started in aviation from the unlikely position of a Mennonite construction worker with an eighth grade education. After get-

ting a ride in a small plane, he became enamored with the possibility of learning to fly. He walked into flight school at Chester County and asked Steve if he could teach him how to fly. He successfully got through his private with instructor Jeff Bennett and started on his instrument rating, which he finished with Bob Sanford, a part time flight instructor. He spoke about struggles to get through all the reading materials, given his modest reading skills. Then, to get to the airlines, he was encouraged to get his GED, which he did successfully. He worked his way through his ratings and eventually made it to the airlines.

Tim Cwik speaks about drones at board meeting

After our July Aero Club board meeting at Wings Field, guest speaker Tim Cwik gave a speech and demonstration about modern drone technologies. Tim is the Chairperson for Avia-

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Charlie Pydych, 1933-2023

Friends recount stories as an old Aero Club of Pennsylvania friend flies west.

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Johnsonville Centrifuge

The world's largest centrifuge was used to train pilots and astronauts for decades.

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President's Message

Greetings, fellow aviation enthusiasts! We have made it through another summer and are looking forward to the crisp days of Autumn. The annual migration of fall colors will bring many back into the skies to observe the wonderful transition from summer to winter. The weather can become unpredictable, so remain vigilant and know your limits.

Changing subjects, a report was issued forecasting aviation personnel requirements for 2023 to 2042. Worldwide, the demand is for 649,000 pilots, 690,000 technicians, and 938,000 cabin crew. For North America, this breaks down to 127,000 pilots, 125,000 technicians, and 177,000 cabin crew. The future is looking bright for those interested in a career in aviation. Supporting the club and the various aviation scholarships will go a long *(Continued next page...)*

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tion Operations for Atlantic Cape Community College in Atlantic and Cape May counties in New Jersey. His presentation covered the recent upsurge in Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems, known as drones. He spoke of the history of drones going back to 1936 and about FAA regulation changes. The FAA continues to tweak the regulations to help drones interact safely within the National Airspace System. The newest drones will be required to have identification beacons to help identify both the aircraft and the operator. Tom brought along a number of small and large drones, including one with advanced multi-functional cameras used to survey crops for areas needing water or other attention. These drones, with cameras, can cost into the tens of thousands of dollars, but for a large agriculture application, can save many times that amount by allowing farmers to tend to crops more efficiently to increase crop yields.

Tim Cwik has been a pilot for over 50 years, accumulating more than 13,000 hours as a flight instructor, corporate pilot, and airline pilot with Ransome Airlines, Pan Am, and Shuttle America.

Presidents Message

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way in helping to fill those future positions.

On a more sober note, a Chinook helicopter being used for fire fighting in northern Idaho crashed while approaching a river to fill the bucket. The reason I mention this accident is that the possible cause was an iPad that had fallen into the pedal assembly. Sadly, the aircraft was not equipped with a recorder, so the NTSB can only conjecture from the evidence what may have happened. For those interested, the NTSB report is CEN22FA331. Many pilots are using these useful tools, but bad things can still happen. Please be careful. As the well-known aviation poster of the aircraft in the tree says, "Aviation in itself is not inherently dangerous. But to an even greater degree than the sea, it is terribly unforgiving of carelessness, incapacity, or neglect."

"The future is looking bright for those interested in a career in aviation."

Enjoy the colors, enjoy the crisp air, and keep the blue side up!

Erik Kocher

Aero recipient represents Club at balloon fest

The Aero Club was invited to set up an information booth at the Chesapeake Bay Balloon Festival held at Delta, PA on August 4-6. Bob Mills, Jr. and Walt Ellis manned the booth on Friday. On Sunday, balloonist and former Aero Club President Debbie Harding managed the booth. And on Saturday, scholarship recipient Gavin Zellers drove down with his family from the Wilkes-Barre area. Gavin recounted: "When I received my scholarship from the Aero Club of PA, I was unsure of what benefits I should expect from membership. I have since found there to be many. Since joining the Club, I have been honored to meet many people with different involvements within aviation, including this festival. This really changed and opened a whole new world to me. From talking with Bob Sparks, a world-renowned hot air balloon pilot, to watching the pilots perform a night glow. Without the Aero Club of PA, my family and I would have never even thought to experience that wonderful event! I am truly honored to be part of the club!"



Gavin Zellers and family at the Chesapeake Bay Balloon Festival



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Airport Highlights

by Elaine Farashian

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PHILADELPHIA INTL [PHL]

PHL has completed phase 2 of its Queue Management System (QMS) to provide passengers with real-time updates at security checkpoints via in-terminal digital signage and on phl.org. Terminal A-East and A-West are the most recent security checkpoints to monitor and display passengers wait times in real time. Monitors were first installed at D/E checkpoint in November 2021. QMS signage digital displays in ticketing and along approach to security checkpoint from all points of entry, let passengers know exactly how long it will take to get through the checkpoint. There are 12 monitors at A-East and A-West, 9 at terminal D/E and monitors at terminals B & C are expected at year-end.

Philadelphia Dept. of Aviation and its airline partners have agreed to a 3-year use and lease agreement for PHL and PNE that includes options for 2 one-year extensions. This agreement provides \$395 million in funding for capital projects over the proposed 3-5 year term including mechanical and systems upgrades throughout the airport, airfield rehabilitation, preliminary design for cargo projects, design and development of closed portion of former economy lot, funding to support terminal access and movement of people.

Taxiway L is scheduled for full-depth reconstruction to bring it up to date and in compliance with FAA requirements. \$3.5 million for this project will be funded by FAA.

NORTHEAST AIRPORT [PNE]

PHL's taxiway L project is considered necessary for PNE to be used as a reliever airport.

BRANDYWINE [OQN]

The FAA recently flew the IFR approaches in order to reinstate night GPS and VOR operations. The approach plates are expected to be updated with the August release. More approach obstructions for runway 9/27 will be mitigated this fall. Runway widening depends on runway safety area determination by FAA. Runway lighting rehab is also awaiting FAA approval. Phase 1 of corporate hangar infrastructure and east ramp re-construction is expected to start soon with Phase 2 of procuring hangar materials, constructing footers, foundations and floors to be completed by winter.

CHESTER COUNTY [MQS]

The taxiway ramp renovation and hangar taxiway is complete. The fence project is on hold pending BOA approval. Piasecki took over Sikorsky helicopter facility and plans to add hundreds of well-paying careers to the local community.

HERITAGE FIELD [PTW]

David and Rachel Pitcairn took over the airport last May. The Pitcairn Flight Academy has begun lessons. Ongoing is obstruction removal south side of runway 10. A project of 13 corporate hangars depends on the approval of township requested improvements. An Antique Fly-In took place for the second year in May and the desire is to make it an annual event. PAOP

(Pottstown Aircraft Owners and Pilots) holds monthly dinner meetings. A washbay was built for Enterprise Rental. The company has been operating since March.

DOYLESTOWN [DYL]

The airport has created a new plan for future development and is working with PennDOT to update the ALP to show the new plans. Grants are expected for rehab of hangars and taxiway lighting.

NEW GARDEN [N57]

The airfield electrical power supply has been completed. The project for state of the art restrooms is on hold due to PA laws governing contracting work. The new full-service aircraft maintenance shop provides annual inspections, ADS-B solutions, fabric restorations and avionics installations. Future Aviators Camps are scheduled for July 10-14 and August 7-11.

QUAKERTOWN [UKT]

Easement procurement and obstruction removal are ongoing projects. Terminal renovation is complete. The terminal apron rehab project is ready for bid. The snow removal equipment is ready for winter use. Construction of new taxi lanes to commercial hangars has begun. The monthly Young Eagle Flights are being held.

VAN SANT [9N1]

The airport obstruction report is complete.

WINGS [LOM]

Hangar 4A construction is on hold until there is financing for the project. The East itinerant apron was done in 2011, but now there is need for West itinerant apron so that more hangars can be built. The airport has submitted paperwork to BOA for construction and is waiting for grants to be issued. Wings N'Wheels is scheduled for Sept. 9. PennStar, an invaluable medical service in operation for 30 years, has a base at Wings with 15 people ready for service when needed.

CLOSED AIRPORTS

Morgantown Airport (O03) in Pennsylvania and Oldmans Township Airport (7N7) in New Jersey are NOTAMed closed and expected to be developed as housing and industrial respectively.

Aviation Committee to cease regular meetings

The Regional Aviation Committee (RAC) at DVPRC (Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission) that provides much of the Airport News that we print here will no longer hold regular meetings, since funding for the RAC will no longer be provided by DVPRC. The fate of this committee is unknown. They have provided important guidance concerning regional airport planning to the FAA, the states, and the DVPRC for many decades. Some members of the committee are seeking alternative means to keep their important work going. The Aero Club plans to continue to independently collect airport information for this report.

Charlie Pydych, 1933-2023

Compiled by Robert Dant

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Charlie Pydych, longtime Aero Club member and a former B-47 copilot, passed away in June at that age of 90. Charlie was a finance professional, artist, and pilot. Charlie served in the post-Korea Air Force during the cold war when the U.S. had bombers in the air at all times. They slept near their airplanes and were expected to be ready to depart within 15 minutes notice.

Born in Longmeadow, MA, Charlie was a graduate of Deerfield Academy, Amherst College in 1955, and the Wharton School of Business. Charlie met his wife Connie at Amherst College. She passed away in 2018. Charlie is survived by three children and six grandchildren.

Charlie served in the US Air Force and trained in Laredo, Tucson, and Lake Charles. He was a First Lieutenant and flew jet fighters and bombers in the Strategic Air Command. He continued flying throughout his life serving as a flight instructor at Wings Field, Blue Bell, PA. Flying was his true passion, and he would regale others with tales



**Lt. Charles P Pycych
USAF 38th Fighter Training Wing,
Laredo Air Base, Texas, 1954**

of elation and fear, such as nearly running out of fuel and being forced to land at a small airstrip. Charlie's career began in institutional bond sales for First Boston after earning an MBA from the Wharton School. He was a great salesman, securing large accounts in the areas of trust and wealth management. He utilized his finance skills in volunteer positions as treasurer for the Gladwyne Fire Co, his church, and the local Philadelphia chapter of the Kosciusko Foundation. Charlie's civic spirit brought him into roles as president of the Philadelphia Securities Association and Harrilton High School PTA. A tireless worker, he finished out his career working the second shift in account management for the Internal Revenue Service until he retired in 2006.

One of Charlie's hobbies was building aircraft models. His planes were masters of detail and beauty, always flying well. The Pinewood Derby car that he helped his son build won



B-29 ride in 2016

blue ribbons for design, beauty and speed. An artist at heart, he played the accordion and jazz piano and consistently produced the largest tomato in the annual office contest! He played a mean game of tennis, once squaring off with Ted Williams after a Red Sox game. He and Connie took their four children vacationing on Cape Cod and family camping from Florida to Nova Scotia to the Pacific Northwest.

A longtime resident of Philadelphia, Charlie moved to Minneapolis a few years back after his wife's death to be closer to family.

At the Mount Olivet Home in Minneapolis, he developed new friendships. Charlie was a kind and caring person whose positive energy was contagious.

I met Charlie at my first Aero Club meeting in 1991. What an enthusiastic fan of aviation! He was welcoming, truly interested in what I had to say, always had interesting advice & stories, and ever since that first meeting, he always brought a smile to my face. We lost a great friend. Blue skies and Tail winds, dear Charlie! 'Til we meet again. - Nancy Kyle

I met Charlie in the 1970's at Wings Field. I recommended him as a candidate for Flight Instructor Certificate. Charlie used any occasion to talk flying. He earned his seaplane rating in Connecticut and was a frequent attendee at the annual seaplane convention in Speculator, N.Y. Charlie was a member of the Philly QBs and the Aero Club of PA. He will be greatly missed. - Al Schnur

Funeral Service: Church of the Redeemer Episcopal, Bryn Mawr, PA; 9/30/2023, 11am. Memorials & letters can be sent c/o Charlie Pydych, 7409 Coventry Way, Edina, MN 55439; 612-919-4629.

An historic ride on Fifi

Charlie was the recipient of the 2016 Aero Club membership appreciation warbird ride on the B-29, "Fifi." Robert Dant chauffeured Charlie from his home on 21st street in Philadelphia to the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum at Reading. There were nine passengers plus three crew on the flight. Charlie sat at the radio operator station aft of the cockpit. The navigator seat was taken by a Swiss gentleman on a U.S. aviation tour.

Once in level flight, the flight observer seat aft of the pilot was available for everyone to take turns observing. Additional passengers rode in the aft compartment and were able to try out the tail gunner positions. The flight lasted nearly an hour.



Pegging the G-meter

by James Kilduff

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In the Summer 2022 edition of this newsletter, Nancy Kyle wrote about her ride in a centrifuge, located in Southampton, PA. Recently, several Aero Club members had a slightly different experience in the centrifuge chamber at the former Naval Air Development Center in Warminster.

Closed in 2004, the Center is now open again for tours and events. Our good friends at Angel Flight East held their annual Spring Gala at the Center, in the building that houses the centrifuge. The machine has quite a history, which can be explored here:

www.coldwarhistory.org/projects/dynamic-flight-simulator

Built in 1950 and operated until 1996, most of the early astronaut corps trained here, including John Glenn and Neil Armstrong. The facility was used for training of X-15 pilots as well as the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo and several early Space Shuttle programs. During its operating years, it was the largest human centrifuge in the world.

Read an excerpt from the article:

"...this centrifuge was the world's largest and most powerful... Much of our modern understanding of G forces was elucidated by researchers at that facility."

"A 4,000-horsepower DC electric motor at the center of the centrifuge chamber rotated the arm and gondola around the chamber in a circular path. The motor ...was mounted through 18 feet of reinforced concrete on a solid bedrock foundation. It is notable that bedrock is only 5 to 6 feet below the soil in Warminster, PA, where the centrifuge building is located; thus, this location turned out to be an ideal place for anchoring this machine securely into the ground."

The facility is open for tours and has three large spaces available for events. See rentthefuge.com.



Astronaut Wally Schirra boarding original centrifuge



Current-day spheroid gondola



Centrifuge control center

Angel Flight East

Angel flight East is a charitable organization, which provides free transportation to patients and families who need medical treatment far from home. Angel Flight pilots generously donate their time and airplanes to provide that transportation at no cost to the families. See the website for photos and further information.

Angel Flight East is based at Wings Field, where the Aero Club of PA holds its meetings. The boards of both AFE and ACPA have members in common.

www.angelflighteast.org

2023 Aero Club of Pennsylvania Scholarship Awards

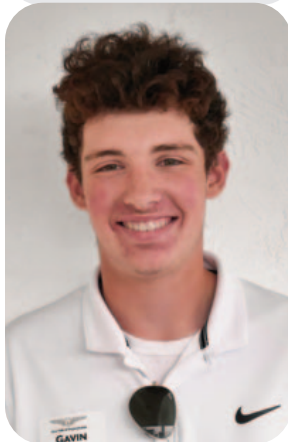
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**HATCHER
AWARD****MATHEW SHERMAN**

Setting aside aviation plans due to cost; Mathew pursued a career as a merchant marine officer for the Navy. He was injured in a typhoon and, while recovering, decided to pursue his lifelong dream of flying. He currently has his private and instrument and is working on commercial. He wants to instruct and fly charter.

**SHREFFLER
AWARD****KRISTINA SIRY**

Returning from a Bahamas pandemic-related teaching assignment on a Beech 99, Kristina was intrigued with the possibility of flying. Today, she is a dispatcher and flight instructor at Fly Legacy Aviation at the NE Philadelphia. She has her private, instrument, commercial, CFI, and CFII She will be using her scholarship to complete her Multi.

**SHANNON
AWARD****GAVIN ZELLERS**

Gavin's love of flying started with flight simulators and R.C. airplanes. The summer after high school freshman year, he began taking flying lessons. He is now a sophomore, and has about 10 hours of flight time at the Wyoming Valley Airport. He plans on pursuing a degree in engineering, with the goal of becoming an airline pilot.

**SHANNON
AWARD****MATEO RODRIGUEZ**

Mateo is 16 years and a sophomore at Phoenixville Area High School. His interest in aviation began with Microsoft Flight Simulator. He is completing his private pilot training at Brandywine Airport. He plans to attend a college with an aviation program. After graduation, he will build time with the goal of flying for either a cargo or passenger airline.

**DON EICHER
AWARD****WILL MIKULICH**

Will is currently a student at West Chester University and also works as a firefighter. He has been working on his private pilot certificate at the Chester County Airport, and is just about ready to take his check ride. After finishing his training and building time, he plans to work as a professional pilot, as either a corporate pilot or an airline pilot.

**PETER YORK
WOOD AWARD****DEVIN RUFÉ**

Devin graduated from Upper Mooreland High School and has completed his private at Trenton. He has over 100 hours. This will jumpstart his education at Aviation Flight Technology at Mercer County Community College. After graduation, he plans to gain experience at the regional airlines before working for a major airline.

**JORDAN
AWARD****NAIEM ASADI**

Naiem was a helicopter pilot in Afghanistan, trained by the US Army. He fought the Taliban along side US forces and is seeking asylum here. He flies at Delaware State University where he received his private, instrument and commercial and commercial multi. He will use scholarship for his CFI and plans a career as an airline pilot.

**MEMORIAL
AWARD****COLIN ZUCCHI**

Colin used his last scholarship to obtain his private pilot certificate at Aerotech Services in Lancaster. He has started at Purdue University. As a freshman, he began instrument and commercial training. After graduation, he will build hours for the ATP and would then like to work for a passenger airline.

**MEMORIAL
AWARD****MICHAEL KRAJCI**

Michael completed his private while in high school with Infinity Flight Group at Trenton. He attends Purdue and has completed the instrument. He is working on commercial and CFI. During school breaks, he works at Trenton, fueling, towing, and deicing corporate aircraft. After graduating, he hopes to fly for FedEx or UPS.

**MEMORIAL
AWARD****MEREDITH RICH**

Meredith started out as a flight attendant, but with help from pilots, she earned her private pilot certificate and instrument rating. She is enrolled in the American Airlines Cadet Program. She is on her way to a guaranteed job at American Airlines after she gets her ratings and hours, and flies for a wholly owned regional.

**BOB MILLS
AWARD****KREIDER LINTZ**

Kreider currently flies out of the Lancaster airport at Aerotech service. He has been flying for one year, has 77 hours and earned his private pilot certificate this last March. He is attending Auburn University this fall, where he will study to professional flight. Having already finished his private, he plans on graduation a year early. After graduation, he wants to return to the Lancaster area to flight instruct and build hours. Eventually, he would like to enroll in Delta's propol cadet program.

**SARAH CROSBY**

KATE MACARIO AWARD

Sarah Crosby is a student pilot at Orlandi Flight Center at Blairstown Airport in New Jersey. She is currently a middle school teacher at Ridge and Valley Charter school in Blairstown. As an educator who loves the thrill of flying and bringing new experiences to students, Sarah's goal is to combine her passions for teaching and aviation by becoming a flight instructor. When she's not flying, she also hosts an Aviation Club for her students, she is the webmaster for the 99s NJ chapter, and she works at Solberg Airport on the weekends.

**JULIA LEVITINA**

LOUISE SACCHI/CONNIE WOLF AWARD

Julia immigrated from Ukraine with her parents at age 14. She holds degrees in Philosophy, French, and Fine Arts and is a full-time sculptor. Julia came to flying by way of art and music. Her original song, Apricot Sky was inspired by the Wright Brothers and led to an adventure of piloting a 1946 Aeronca Champion. Julia earned her private pilot in 2020 at Freeflight Aviation in Medford, NJ, where she's currently pursuing her instrument rating. She volunteers for Camden Youth Aviation Program & Pilots 'N Paws. She has contributed to Pilot magazine and has held a solo bronze exhibition celebrating aviation, titled Fundamentals of Flight. Julia's goal is to combine aeronautic and artistic passions to make a contribution to NASA and spaceflight.

**MADISON BROWN**

THERESA DELLAQUILA AWARD

23-year old Madison, from Kennett Square, PA, developed a love for aviation from her godmother, a pilot. Madison began volunteering at New Garden Flying Field's Future Aviators Camp while in high school and continued for 8 consecutive years. After graduating from Kennett High School, she attended Syracuse University, where she completed the Air Force ROTC program and earned her Bachelor's degree. Currently, Madison works as an Assistant at New Garden and is grateful for the 99s scholarship that will enable her to finally obtain her Private Pilot's Certificate.

The Ninety-Nines awards help women foster their interest in aviation

2023 Memorial Scholarship Award Honorees**Robert "Bob" Shannon**

Operated West Chester Airport (Brandywine) and Downingtown Airport (Shannon) in the 60's and 70's.

Terry Hatcher

Aero Club President and long-time Bob Shannon Scholarship fund trustee. Member of Aero Club for over 50 years. Passed away in 2013.

Dr. Jack & Joyce Schreffler

Past Aero Club president, long-time Shannon Scholarship supporter and trustee, lifelong private pilot and podiatrist. He passed away in 2022, while his wife of 63 years, a school teacher, passed away in 2017.

C. Robert Mills, Jr

Operated the Philadelphia Seaplane Base for over 50 years. WWII Naval Aviator, awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for operations in Leyte Gulf.

Peter York Wood

Aviation idealist and visionary, past Aero Club officer and longest continuous member of Aero Club. Operated Benedict Airport. Compiled first nationwide Air Travel Guide.

James & Millie Jordan

Millie was an ardent aviation supporter and role model for her son and grandson as they pursued their careers in aviation. Both son and grandson received Aero Club scholarships.

Louise Sacchi

Instructor, pilot, mechanic, and engineer. Taught advanced navigation to the RAF during WWII. Operated ferry service and completed over 300 ocean crossings.

Connie Wolf

Flew hydrogen balloons in the 50's and 60's and set 15 world records. First woman to cross the Alps in a balloon. Had a life-long love of aviation, adven-

ture and public service.

Theresa Dellaquila

Longtime local fixed wing and helicopter pilot and Ninety-Nine. Well known within the local aviation community.

Kate Macario

Learned to fly as a young woman, when told that "women don't do that sort of thing." Joined the local chapter of the Ninety-Nines in 1955 and became Chair. Champion for women in aviation. Helped grow the Pennies-a-Pound fundraiser event. Aero Club member.

Michael Dunleavy (2024)

Our own Michael Dunleavy, past President and board member, is turning 80, and his good friends are making scholarship donations in his name in order to provide a 2024 Dunleavy Scholarship. At least 10 donations have been received so far.

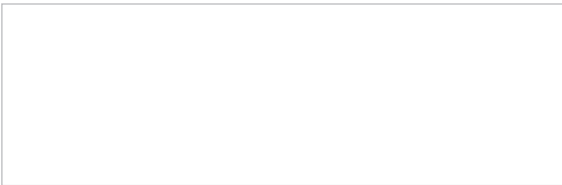


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2023 Fall Calendar

Aero Club

Sep 2 Cape May Fly-In, (WWD) (see Aero website)
Sep 30 Charlie Pydych Service (see page 4)
Oct 19 Board of Directors Meeting

Local

Aug 26-27 Wilkes-Barre Airshow (Thunderbirds)
Sep 2 Smoketown Fly-In, Cruise In (S37)
Sep 9 Angel Flight East, Wings 'N Wheels, (LOM)
Sep 10 PAOP Annual Pancake Breakfast (PTW)
Oct 9-11 PA Aviation Conference (Bethlehem)

National

Sept 2-4 Cleveland National Air Show
Sept 18-24 Triple Tree Aerodrome Fly-in, Woodruff, SC
Sept 7-10 International Seaplane Fly-In Greenville, ME
Oct 7-15 Albuquerque Intl Balloon Fiesta
Oct 27-28 Ninety-Nines Intl Conference (Jordan)



Board of Directors Report

The Board of Directors meeting was held on July 20 at Wings Field. Reports were provided on financials, membership, scholarships, communications and events.

An Aero Club fly-out is being organized for the Air Fest at NAS Wildwood in September. See www.aeroclubpa.org for details about participating.

The meeting adjourned to dinner and a presentation from Tim Cwik, a pilot for over 50 years. Tim presented on the recent upsurge in drone usage. He reported on the history of UAS, common uses, FAA regs and future possibilities. He brought along a number of various-sized drones to view.

The next board meeting will be on October 19.

Call for donations for silent auction

Donations are much appreciated for our Wright Brothers Dinner silent auction to raise scholarship funds. Donations do not have to be aviation related. Examples from past auctions included gift baskets, gift certificates, homemade items, wine and spirits, aviation-related momentos, unique books, and aircraft rides.

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