



## Wright Brothers event attracts 71 for in-person dinner

The Aero Club of Pennsylvania held an in-person dinner at the Desmond Hotel on December 17, the anniversary of the Wright Brothers first flight. Our guest speaker was Dorothy Cochrane from the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum who spoke about recent renovations at the museum in downtown D.C. (see page 6). 71 members and friends attended the dinner. Also in attendance were eight former Aero Club presidents, past scholarship recipients, and prominent donors.

We once again held a silent auction to raise funds for our Scholarship program. Over \$3000 was raised by auctioning gift packages, books, a hot air balloon flight and other nice items (story page 2).

President Erik Kocher presided over a short, "annual member meeting" to vote for board members for the next three years. Erik also presented a 2022 year-in-review of the Aero Club activities. The club was active with in-person events, including a visit to the Hindenburg crash site, a splash-in at the Philadelphia Seaplane Base, and participation in the annual Holly Run to Tangier Island.



**Aero Club Dinner at Desmond Hotel**

Before the evening ended, President Kocher thanked our generous scholarship donors and invited past Aero Club Presidents up to present Robert Dant, our newsletter editor, with a Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service to the club over the last 20 years (story page 7). Ceremonies for the evening ended around 9PM.

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## President's Message

Greetings, fellow aviation enthusiasts. A new year and new opportunities await us. We closed out 2022 with our annual membership meeting combined with the Wright Brothers Dinner. We had a full turnout for the dinner, a successful silent auction and a surprise award for Rob Dant. Congratulations, Rob, for a well-earned Distinguished Service Award. Five new directors were elected to the Board. Congratulations to Anthony DiMaio, Daniel Sundt, Bruce Thompson, John Stubbs and Steve Jordan. I would like to thank Steve Devine, Elaine Farashian, Jim Kilduff, David Harnitchek and Alicia Sikes for their three years of service and support.

Our next big event will be the annual Scholarship Awards Dinner to be held on June 16, 2023. All applications need to be in

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## Silent Auction *by Sarah Wolfe*

Thank you to all those who attended this year's Wright Brother's dinner and a huge thank you to those who donated items to and helped prepare for the silent auction. This year, we raised over \$3,000 - and all of these funds contribute directly to our scholarship fund for flight and aviation maintenance students in the greater Delaware Valley.

As a previous Aero Club scholarship recipient myself, I can personally attest to the major impact financial aid and mentorship has had on my aviation education and the course of my flying career. The Aero Club has given me the opportunity to form relationships with some truly incredible aviation enthusiasts and I am honored to be able to give back to the club by serving as the silent auction head and by serving on the scholarship committee.

For those who were unable to attend this year's event, you may have missed some incredible items like aviation-themed whiskey, glider and hot air balloon flights, antique aviation books, and more - but no need to fret! Our annual silent auction has an online pre-auction so if you missed out this year, be sure to hop online next year for your chance to win some of these unique items.

For 2023, we will accept donations all year round and we can pick up items. Items do not have to be aviation-related, although aviation-themed is always great! If you are interested in donating, please contact me at sarah-wolfe@windstream.net. See you next year!



Silent Auction table

## Presidents Message

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by April 15, 2023.

As we transition from Winter to Spring, warmer weather will entice many to take to the air. During this time wind can become a major factor and provide opportunity to practice some serious cross-wind landings. As the earth comes alive again, a bird's eye view provides a wonderful panoramic perspective. The club is working on some fly-ins and tours throughout the year, so please keep checking in to the website. The club will hopefully have a presence once again at Angel Flight East Wings and Wheels and the Chester County Balloon Festival events. Volunteers will always be appreciated, so please keep an ear to the ground and sign up if you can to join us.

Stay warm,

*Erik Kocher*

**"A new year and new opportunities await us"**



## Aviation Book Donations

If anyone is clearing out bookshelves of aviation-related books, please consider donating them to the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum (MAAM.org). They are raising funds to build a replica WWII air traffic control tower and expect to include an aviation library on the ground floor. They are accepting all (aviation) book donations. If they receive duplicates, or receive unnecessary titles, the excess books will be sold at their WWII weekend event on June 2, 3, 4, 2023. Just plan a road trip with your boxes to 1054 Arnold Rd, Reading, PA during regular business hours: Monday through Thursday and Saturday from 9:30 AM to 4 PM, or fly in to RDG and ask ATC to park at the museum. You can also purchase a Victory Brick to help build the control tower at <http://maam.org/tower.htm>.



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**Organized December 17, 1909** to promote aviation in the Greater Delaware Valley. We are a social and civic organization which awards aviation scholarships, plans field trips, holds an annual dinner, sponsors presentations, and produces this quarterly newsletter.

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# Scholarship Report

by Steve Jordan

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Although it feels like we're just getting into the thick of winter, spring will be here before we know it. While most of us are probably thinking about the warmer weather and spring flying opportunities, the scholarship committee is gearing up for the opening of our scholarship application window for 2023.

Building upon the success of prior years, we are hoping to continue our trend of giving out larger sums to help aid students tackle the ever-increasing cost of learning to fly. Our success is mostly dependent on generous gifts by local aviators, and this year is no different. If you are interested in "passing it on" to the next generation of aviators, please keep the scholarship fund in mind. On that same note, the more people who know about our scholarship, the higher the caliber of our recipients. Please spread the word around your

local flight school or airport!

The scholarship portal will open for applicants in February and will remain open until midnight on April 9. The committee will engage in the difficult task of narrowing down the list of applicants for detailed personal interviews. Interviews for our highest scoring applicants will be held on May 14th at Brandywine Airport.

Our scholarship awards dinner will take place in June at Wings Field at the Philadelphia Aviation Country Club. The venue is a great spot to have the awards dinner, and we're grateful to have such a wonderful location to celebrate.

The scholarship committee is excited to continue our great tradition of helping future aviators achieve their dreams, all of which would not be possible without the generous members of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania.

## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all our donors, particularly our most generous donors for 2022:

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## New Lifetime Memberships:

Steven Lindrooth  
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## 2023 Scholarships



### Aero Club Scholarships

The Aero Club of Pennsylvania Memorial Scholarship Fund offers awards to men and women who reside in the Delaware Valley. Scholarships are available to pre- and post-solo flight students and to those seeking careers in other aviation-related fields.

The Aero Club of Pennsylvania Memorial Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for scholarships to be awarded in June. Applications are now available online at [www.aeroclubpa.org](http://www.aeroclubpa.org) and are due in April.

### Ninety-Nines Scholarships

The Eastern PA Chapter of The Ninety-Nines awards scholarships to women from age 16+ who reside, work, or attend school in the Delaware Valley or who are members of the Eastern PA Chapter. Please contact Risa Altman at [scholarship@epa99s.org](mailto:scholarship@epa99s.org) to request an application. The deadline is April 20th at 7 pm.

For more information about the chapter, contact Michelle Held at [info@epa99s.org](mailto:info@epa99s.org) or visit the website at [www.epa99s.org](http://www.epa99s.org).

# Airport Highlights

by Elaine Farashian

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## PHILADELPHIA INTL

New Facial Biometric Technology will be used for travelers who are not US citizens that will use a camera to match their face with their passport or visa. With the exception of Canadian citizens, all foreign nationals entering and exiting the US must undergo a process called "simplified arrival". The

process is congressionally mandated due to 9/11. Stephen Sapp of CBP said that the technology is already in use at many US airports. Face scanning is now operational at PHL in international gates A10-A17. 10 more gates will be equipped mid-January to February and the remaining five will be installed late March through mid-April. TSA has installed this technology at 16 major domestic airports and contends that the technology can streamline a slow process.

Atif Saeed, the new CEO, reports that the airport has recovered about 80% from the pandemic hiatus. He hopes to see improvement in business travel and international connectivity. A volunteer assistance program begun in 2019 provides volunteers and service to create customer-centric experience. The \$1.3 billion approval in capital programs and the master planning effort should reveal a much enhanced PHL.

## NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA [PNE]

Leonardo's AgustaWestland plant was awarded \$110.6 million to produce and deliver an additional 26 Thrasher training helicopters for the Navy, extending a 2020 contract to set up the program and build initial ships. About 80% of the work will be done in Philadelphia, the rest in other Leonardo plants. AgustaWestland is also building GreyWolf MH-139A helicopters for the Air Force. Tailwinds Flight School has been offering lessons to many high school students.

## BRANDYWINE [OQN]

The East ramp revitalization project will begin this spring pending bids from contractors. The project includes new grading, new paving and a pad site for 4 corporate hangars. A small D-row ramp revitalization effort will happen early spring to provide good parking for aircraft displaced during East ramp work. A delay has occurred in taxi/runway lighting project and the airport is awaiting approval from the FAA. An ongoing deer

mitigation effort seems to have been successful to date in paring the local deer population. Over 70 deer have been eliminated. The airport expects the FAA to flight test the airport approaches later this year in anticipation of restoring night instrument approaches.

## DOYLESTOWN [DYL]

Recent projects are refurbishing of existing hangars, rehab of airport pavements and taxiway lighting. Phase I design has begun for West apron rehab.

## HERITAGE FIELD [PTW]

The airport is working on rehab of terminal and based aircraft aprons. It is also involved with construction of corporate hangars and is performing ALP update and narrative report.

## NEW CASTLE [ILG]

Avelo Airlines will begin operation at ILG on February 1. Pavement rehab for runway 1/19 as well as safety area improvement will begin Spring 2023.

## NEW GARDEN [N57]

Projects include phase 3 East end T-hangar development, terminal improvements, installation of PAPI and REILS runway 6/24 and reconstruction of East parallel taxiway.

## QUAKERTOWN [UKT]

The airport is renovating the terminal building, expanding terminal apron to include Crack Seal and Remarketing. It is mitigating approach obstructions and acquiring easements.

## WINGS FIELD [LOM]

Current project include west hangar site development, construction of West itinerant apron and rehab of parallel taxiway.

## Pilot-owned Wings Field turns 25!

In 1994, the then-owner of Wings Field (KLOM), decided to close Wings and sell the land parcel. The news was stunning. Against all odds, three men, Frank Frey, Bob Driscoll, and Paul Heintz, sprung into action, and after intense work and negotiations over 4 years, managed to save the airport. The transfer closed on October 30, 1998; 2023 is the 25th anniversary of this remarkable achievement. Today, Wings is a thriving field which is a great asset to the community. Frank and Bob are both deceased, but would be truly delighted with the results. We expect to hear about a celebration later this year.

# Master Pilot awarded to local pilot

by Jim Kilduff

On the next page is a great article about an FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award for one of our past presidents. In late January, another of our members was awarded the same. Dennis Daly was given his award by Eric Sieracki of the local FAA Philadelphia FSDO. The presentation took place at the Philadelphia Aviation Country Club, a frequent site of Aero Club meetings.

Dennis learned to fly at Pemberton Airport in

New Jersey. He has flown and instructed at now closed Montgomeryville Airport and Turner Field. For the past 25 years Dennis has been active in preserving Wings Field in Blue Bell.

There are now at least four Aero Club members with the MPA. Dennis, Walt Ellis, Paul Heintz and Al Schnur. In one of life's coincidences, Walt and Dennis used to fly from the same airport, Pemberton at least 50 years ago!



## Former Aero President Recognized by FAA

by Nancy Kyle

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You would have to look long and hard to match the aviation career of Al Schnur. He was recently awarded the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award by the Orlando Flight Standards District Office. That is just the latest in a lifetime of contributions to aviation.

Al served as President of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania from 1988 to 2000, the longest-held term of office for our Club since its inception in 1909. He was responsible for a number of achievements during that time, not the least of which was the formal establishment of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania Memorial Scholarship Fund as a tax-exempt organization.

A few highlights from his career illustrate the incredible impact he has had on aviation. Originally hailing from the Bronx, he began his professional career as an aeronautical engineer for Fairchild Guided Missiles Division on Long Island. His academic achievements consisted of earning a diploma in Aircraft Design and Technology from the Academy of Aeronautics, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, and then a BS, MS, and PhD in aeronautical engineering. Al also worked at Sperry Rand, and was hired by the Grumman Company as the lead design engineer, successfully developing the backup guidance system for the LEM (Lunar Excursion Module) which landed on the moon. He moved to the Philadelphia area after being hired by Unisys and later General Electric Company in Valley Forge to serve as a research engineer on advanced weapon reentry systems.

Al's personal flying career began in a J-3 Cub out of Deer Park Airport, Long Island. He soloed in the early '60s and eventually achieved private, commercial, and single engine ATP certificates; and instrument, multi-engine, CFI/CFII, and ground instructor-advanced and instrument ratings. He started instructing at Deer Park

and then at Moorestown, East Hanover, Quakertown, Doylestown, and Wings Field in Blue Bell. He jokes about being checked out in complex, high performance, and high altitude aircraft long before they were required logbook endorsements! Bobby Mills at the Philadelphia Seaplane Base in Essington



**Al Schnur (middle) and friends showing off plaque**

gave him his seaplane rating, after which Al became a Gold Seal Flight Instructor. Al stopped counting his logbook hours after 12,000 and estimates he has had well over 1000 students.

Al eventually became a full-time instructor at Wings and then Assistant Chief Flight Instructor. He served as an Aviation Safety Counselor for the PHL-FSDO and received numerous FAA and GAMA (General Aviation Manufacturers Association) awards, including Accident Prevention Counselor of the Year in 1984 and 1985. He taught ground school at Montgomery County Community College, and then was hired by Ray Conway at Chester County Aviation as Chief Flight Instructor where he set up an FAA-certified 141 school. Ray eventually gave him his multi engine ATP certificate.

Al went on to receive the Accident Prevention Safety Counselor of the Year award in 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996. He achieved the FAA's Phase X Wings. He was awarded NATA's (National Air Transportation Association) Excellence in Pilot Training Award by GE's CEO, Jack Welch in 1992, and the Aero Club

of PA awarded him our annual Wright Brothers Award on the 90th Anniversary of the first flight in 1993.

Al was always very generous with his time and energy for his students. Many, many local pilots took instruction under his guidance; he has been a well-known aviation personality in our area for decades. He wasn't done!

In the late 90s, Al applied for, and was accepted by, the FAA as the Safety Program Manager at the Farmingdale FSDO. Coming full circle, he happily returned to New York where it all began. While performing his numerous FAA duties, he found time to obtain his Commercial Glider and Flight Instructor Certificate. There may be a few ratings and certificates he doesn't have, but I don't know what they would be! While at the FAA, he was recognized for Superior Efforts on behalf of the Flight Standards Mission in 2008, 2012, and 2013, and went on to

receive the Eastern Region's 2012 Award for Mission Possible. Uniquely, Al started giving safety seminars in Manhattan during the lunch hour—probably never been done before, or since! This provided aviation safety services to a community that had previously been unable to conveniently receive them.

Al retired from the FAA in 2013, but not really knowing the meaning of retirement (or maybe he does!), he moved to sunny Florida and is currently active with various chapters of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association), teaching ground school, taking on a few flying students by appointment, and acting as Program Coordinator for IMC and VMC presentations. Not resting on his laurels, he added to his long list of awards by getting the prestigious Larry D. Enlow Award by EAA Chapter 74 at their Christmas gathering in 2021.

And now, the Master Pilot Award! Well done, Al. Your aviation friendships are countless; your influence extends to several generations of pilots. You have personally made the skies around you safer for all pilots. We are forever grateful for your contributions.



## Don Eicher, instructor and mentor

by Steve Jordan

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Long time Aero Club member and former speaker at the Wright Brothers Dinner, Don Eicher, passed away peacefully on November 11th, 2022, Veteran's Day. Don was a Vietnam veteran of the United States Air Force.

It is impossible to summarize someone's life on a sheet of paper. I could tell you that Don Eicher was a successful businessman at Proctor and Gamble where he had a large and positive impact on his coworkers. I could write that in Vietnam he piloted the F-4 Phantom – a supersonic fighter-bomber. I could tell you that he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, an accolade given to pilots for heroism or extraordinary achievement in flight operations that are not routine – our nation's highest award for aerial achievement. He was also awarded the Air Medal, not once, but four times. On paper, you can gather that he was a successful guy with an impressive history. The part that is much harder to capture is that Don was, simply put, a really cool guy.

I first met Don when I started my commercial training. I was 20, and he was 70. He had a way of teaching such that you didn't really feel as if you were being taught. It was more like you just went flying with a friend, and by the time you tied the plane down you were just a little bit better of a pilot. Power off 180s weren't so much a lesson as they were a competition, as Don was known to say "that

was pretty darn good, mind if I see if I can do better?" And he almost always would!

Don and I did most of my commercial training in an Archer. The plan was to demonstrate landings in an Arrow during my check ride, and then complete the rest of the maneuvers in the Archer. The Examiner called me with a last-minute opening, but there was a problem—only the Arrow was available. Disappointed, I told the examiner the bad news. He must have really wanted to fly that day, because he somehow talked me into taking a check ride in a plane I had never flown the required maneuvers in. Off I went to KLNS, where I luckily passed the ride.

I called Don and told him the news, and he almost couldn't believe what I'd done. Little did I know that Don had never had a student fail a check ride in his 10 years of flight instructing, and that wasn't by chance – he was thorough. I'm not so sure I would have taken the chance of failing that day had I known. By the time he passed away, Don had 20 years of flight instructing under his belt and a 100% pass rate.



If you were lucky enough to have known Don Eicher, you know how much of a loss the local aviation community took when we lost him. If you didn't, I hope you take the time to talk to someone who did. He was a truly a special guy whose legacy lives on in those who with whom he flew and taught. I know I am a much better pilot having been taught by Don, and so are the others who were fortunate enough to have shared the controls with him.

Cheers, my friend. "Möge Gott dich in seiner Hand halten."

## Smithsonian improvements

by Elaine Farashian

Wright Brothers Dinner guest speaker, Dorothy Cochrane, who is the museum curator for general aviation, was glad to announce that the West End of the Aeronautics Division of the National Air and Space Museum reopened in October. Because it had become structurally unsound, the decision was to renovate completely. The West End now has nine galleries open. Tickets may be purchased online. East End renovations are beginning now. The Museum is marking 119 years of flight.



**Dorothy Cochrane speaks at dinner**

Upon consultation with members of the Wright family, a gallery honoring Orville

and Wilbur was put in place with the Wright planes, their statues and other memorabilia. The two brothers, who had been bicycle shop owners, began a new venture in 1903 in Kitty Hawk in 1903. They produced a design that has been incorporated in every airplane since. Their airplane had been taken out of the Museum in 2018, cleaned and brought back into the new gallery. The Wrights kept innovating, producing a 3-axis control system and a movable rudder.

# A deserving surprise

by Nancy Kyle

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A rather large group of past presidents of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania managed to pull off what we thought was the impossible. We surprised our long time editor, Robert Dant with a distinguished service award.

On December 17, 2022, after several weeks of secret Zoom calls, and at the end of a very successful Wright Brothers Dinner celebration, with almost all of the living past presidents present, Rob Dant was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for a decades-long commitment to this Club.

Rob has done more for the success of this organization than anyone in recent memory. Most of his contributions have occurred behind the scenes. They have been so ubiquitous, that you would assume they just happen without much effort. They don't. Rob has singularly been responsible for so much of what we do, and has accomplished a wide variety of projects, month after month, without a word of complaint.

Since our inception in 1909, the activities of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania have had ups and downs. In the late 1990s, a small group of people dedicated themselves to its revival. Much was accomplished at that time, including getting the 501-C-3 tax status for our scholarship fund, and consistently producing an interesting publication. In one of those, we asked for a volunteer to take on the job of that newsletter, called Pennsylvania Pilot. A young pilot answered the call. That pilot was Rob Dant. A remarkable revival of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania was immediately given a jump-start.

Rob published his first issue in 2000, and continues to produce a publication comparable to any aviation newsletter or magazine. That, in itself, is a laudable achievement, but he didn't stop there. We were so pleased to get a new newsletter editor, but little did we know how valuable Rob would become to this Club.

When we needed technical help with presentations, Rob was there with ideas, equipment, set-up and advice. He came early; he stayed late, and the presentations became ever more professional and seamless.

When we needed a website, Rob set it up. And continues to keep it updated. When we needed a better system of mailing and membership records, Rob researched the options, recommended

Rob has helped to revive the Philadelphia Seaplane Base by organizing all the logistics for "Splash-ins" there. Those of you who do not yet hold a seaplane rating might not be aware that seaplanes land along the Delaware River for those events. To make these events work, one not only has to select a day with favorable tides, but you have to be aware of recent storms which carry debris down the river in the days before the event, hope for good weather, reach out to the small cadre of seaplane pilots to encourage them to come, arrange with the local dignitaries and Essington folks to set up at the Base, and see that there is a safe docking area and refreshments. All necessary logistics before the first plane ever splashes in. Our own Rob Dant performs that role.

I'm sure I missed some things, but you get the idea. For these 23 years, Rob has always made himself available to this organization. He is an indispensable resource, allowing us to accomplish

things we would not otherwise have done. Every past president has relied on him, and he is usually the first person they call when there is a question.

From his singular patience in gathering articles from writers for timely publication of the newsletter (and that is sometimes like pulling teeth), to his professionalism, technical competence, and initiative in doing the work that we do, to exhibiting fortitude, determination, and devotion to duty in promoting the reputation of the Aero Club, to his loyalty, and willingness to serve Rob has served the Aero Club with good cheer in countless roles. His tireless devotion and unwavering support have served to broaden the prestige of the organization.

We awarded Rob a plaque, a crystal and a silver sculpture of a seaplane. He would have preferred a real seaplane, but our budget was a little tight! To our friend and fellow aviator, Rob Dant, we appreciate you more than we can ever describe. And we are still patting ourselves on the back that we were able to surprise you!



**Rob Dant is given award by past Aero Club presidents**

Wild Apricot and Google Groups, and still keeps the system up and running.

Rob agreed to serve as our President in 2010-11 while continuing to produce the newsletter. That was double duty in spades. He always steps up to organize logistics, including fly-outs, events, scholarship matters, and speakers. He operates behind the scenes to help us maintain a presence at local aviation gatherings, and, naturally, shows up to 'man the table.' He is a true ambassador.

He is the perfect diplomat—telling those of us who mess something up—how dumb we were in such a nice way!

Rob acts as the perfect liaison to other organizations, including the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Angel Flight East, AOPA, the Seaplane Pilots Association, local Balloon groups, and many airports and community organizations.

Rob continues to influence a new generation of pilots by his work with our scholarship committee and the annual scholarship awards event in June.

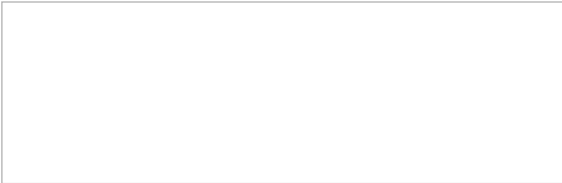


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## AVIATION EVENT CALENDAR

### Aero Club

**April 20** Board of Directors Meeting  
**June 15** Annual Aero Club Scholarship Dinner

### Local

**Mar 5** Angel Flight Game Dinner ([angelflighteast.org](http://angelflighteast.org))  
**May 6** Angel Flight East Gala (The Fuge/Johnsonville)  
**May 5-7** Vintage Airplane Fly-In, Camp-in (PTW)  
**May 13** Chili Fiesta Fly-in, Massey (MD1) (Tentative)  
**May 20-21** McGuire AFB Open House & Airshow  
**May 20-21** Dover AFB Open House & Airshow  
**June 2-4** MAAM Reading WWII Weekend (RDG)  
**June 9-11** Greenwood Lake Air Show  
**June 10** Antique Fly-in, Massey Aerodrome (MD1)  
**June 10-11** Ocean City Maryland Air Show (T-birds)  
**July 10-14** Future Aviator Camp, New Garden Airport  
**Aug 7-11** Future Aviator Camp, New Garden Airport  
**Aug 16** Atlantic City Airshow (Wednesday T-Birds)  
**Aug 26-27** Wilkes-Barre Airshow (Thunderbirds)  
**Sep 8-10** Chester County Balloon Festival (Willowdale)  
**Oct 9-11** PA Aviation Conference (Bethlehem)

### National

**March 28-A2** Sun 'n Fun Fly-In; Lakeland Florida  
**July 24-30** Airventure Oshkosh  
**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 Thursday, January 19 at Wings Field. The agenda included reports on financials, membership, newsletter, and events.

Early planning is underway for our June Scholarship Awards Dinner. A discussion was held about possible speakers at the dinner.

In new business, the board debated on a date and planning for a private tour at the Smithsonian's Air & Space Museum at the Udvar Hazy Center at Dulles International Airport, hosted by our Wright Brothers Dinner speaker, Dorothy Cochrane. More planning is being done to consider logistics and to determine a good date.

The board meeting was then adjourned for dinner.

### Vintage Airplane Fly-In in May

A Vintage Airplane Fly-in, Camp-in will be held at Pottstown Heritage Field on the weekend of May 5-7, including special procedures for aircraft that are not ADS-B compliant. A Spring Fling Hangar Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday evening hosted by the Pottstown Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (PAOP).