

2017 Spring Newsletter

Happy spring, everyone. Hope you all had a nice winter and that you are all doing well. Things here at the airport are moving right along. We are gearing up for the 32nd annual Sentimental Journey to Cub Haven, which takes place Tuesday, June 20th through Saturday, June 24th at the William T. Piper Memorial Airport, Lock Haven, Pa.

We have also been working with Amy Gesch to establish a scholarship in honor of Leah Jones, a beloved member and friend. Leah is a former Piper manufacturing employee, ferry pilot, and longtime fly-in attendee. This year, the scholarship is in the amount of \$ 1000.00, and open to high school seniors who are planning on going into the field of aviation upon graduation, as well as any high school student age 15 or older who wants to learn to fly. To qualify, they must either be a member or child of a member of Sentimental Journey & reside in the U.S., or be a resident of Pa, regardless of membership or ties to Sentimental Journey. To get an application, etc. call 570-893-4200, or email j3cub@kcnet.org. Hurry, the deadline for the essay and application is May 31, 2017.

Now, Back to the Fly-In

It looks like Cal's party is going to kick things off Monday evening, beginning at 6:30. The party will be held at John Spencer's, on the island, approx. 1 mile east of the airport. Last year they roasted a pig, and I don't believe there were any leftovers! It was mighty delicious. No clue what's in store for this year, but they always throw a nice party.

This Year's Agenda, a Sneak Preview

The admission gates will open at 9:00am Tuesday, June 20th through Saturday, June 24th. Outside, the food court will have a really nice variety of food vendors again this year, who do a good job keeping their prices to a minimum for you. The food is delicious and quite different than the typical fast food. There is a big pavilion to keep you dry, should Mother Nature decide to cry upon us. The commercial vendors will also be on hand inside the blue vendor building. That building closes at 5pm each night, and at 2pm on Saturday, so we can prepare the room for the banquet, which will begin at 5pm Saturday. Daily admission to the fly-in is \$ 10.00 per day for ages 18 and above, \$ 5.00 per day for ages 13 – 17, children ages 12 and under are

free. Admission includes parking for the day, access to food court & vendor building, admission to the flight line/airplanes, and admission to the nightly entertainment. You must have a wristband to be on the field or ride on the wagon. Piper Aviation Museum is a separate organization, and admission to the museum is not included. We highly recommend you visit the museum while you are here.

Be sure to pack a lawn chair to park on the flight line. From there, you will have a front row seat to the bomb drop, spot landing competition and the golf ball drop. Greg Koontz will be here on Tuesday and Wednesday to give you a thrill or two. The guys and gals of camp FUBAR are planning on sponsoring the poker run again, on Friday morning. The route takes you over some very beautiful country, and takes a couple hours to complete.

The forums will be held Wednesday through Saturday, in the conference room in the museum. There will be transportation to the forums. Forums are free and open to the public. A list of forums will be posted on the bulletin boards throughout the fly-in, as well as in the program book. Be sure to thank the presenters.

The much loved corn boil will go on at 5pm, Tuesday – Friday, while supplies last. Gary's Cub Pub opens at 5pm, Tuesday – Saturday, with free entertainment from 7pm-10pm Tuesday – Friday. Tuesday night will feature D&B, playing a variety of music that I think you will like. Wednesday night, Rusty, from Hybrid Ice will wow you with his endless talent. The Lindy Sisters will be back by popular demand on Thursday night, and Dan Miles, Happy Hour will be the feature on Friday night, also playing a nice variety to please everyone.

Friday is William T. Piper & Sons Day, so free coffee for everyone on Friday morning from 8-10:00, compliments of Phil & Sharon Hoy. Get your free tickets at the pavilion on Friday morning, and turn them in to any vendor who has coffee!

*Saturday is Piper Employee Day, with free admission to all former Piper employees. The awards banquet is Saturday night at 5pm, in the blue vendor building. The guest speaker will be Gary Winter, who will be making a presentation on the trip he and wife, Judy took last summer to Alaska and back in their 1950 Piper Pacer. Word has it, it is a nice presentation that you won't want to miss. Be sure to purchase your tickets before they run out. You can call the office, 570-893-4200 to get them in advance, or purchase them at the fly-in, while they last. ***If you want your plane to be judged, you must fill out the poster card that is in your pilot pack, and place it***

in your window for the judges to see. The judging will end at noon on Friday, to give the engraver enough time to have the awards ready by Saturday afternoon. There are awards for various makes and models...not just Pipers. So if you think your plane is worthy of an award, get it entered. We encourage you to be present at the banquet, if you think you might win an award.*

Seeking Volunteers

If you think you might want to help with the breakfast or the fly-in, please call Betsy at 570-893-4200. We are always in need of volunteers. The breakfast is Sunday, May 7th, in Hanger 1. We'll need help with parking, cooking/serving and clean up. If you can volunteer for the fly-in, please call Betsy at the above number. Help is needed in various areas. There's no better way to meet everybody and make new friendships, than to be a volunteer. Everyone here at Sentimental Journey appreciates all the volunteers and their countless hours of hard work put in to make this the great fly-in that it is.

Bulletin Boards & Postings

Under the pavilion there is a large map for you to push a pin in, indicating where you live. Stop by and do that while you are here. Several free-standing bulletin boards have been placed throughout the grounds. Please take a moment to read them. That is where you will find updates, rules & regulations, schedules, forums, contests and pretty much everything you will need to know to keep out of trouble!
**** NEWS FLASH: There are new rules in place for personal golf carts and ATV's. Before hauling them to LHV, you might want to call our office to get the info.****

Pre-Registration

*Those who pre-register (Pre-Pay) for the fly-in and those who actually pilot a plane to get here will receive a pilot packet containing a program book, STOL Aircraft can coozie, 2017 patch, various pilot magazines, etc. while supplies last. To pre-register, go to the web site: www.sentimentaljourneyfly-in.com to download the form. *** All pilots must register their planes upon arrival. You must purchase a wristband upon arrival. That is your pass to be on the field. Registration/admission is in the white trailer next to the yellow Cub House.****

Camping

*Camping and under-wing camping is available. Under-wing camping on the airfield & tenting in the campground are \$ 20.00 per night, beginning on day of arrival. **Early birds do not camp free! If you are camping under-wing, please keep the size of your tent to a minimum, because we are limited on space. Under-wing means under-wing. If your tent is too large, you may be asked to move it to the campground. Sorry for any inconvenience, your cooperation is appreciated.** Self-contained RV camping, (without hook-ups) is \$ 25.00 per night, beginning on day of arrival. The registration/admission trailer will be open Tuesday through Friday, 9am-5pm, and Saturday, 9am-?. PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY FOR CAMPING, WE DO NOT TAKE RESERVATIONS. Camping is on a first come, first serve basis. (For the record, we've never run out of camping space).*

Memberships

To become a member of Sentimental Journey or to renew your membership, go to www.sentimentaljourneyfly-in.com and download the form. If your membership is current when we go to press, your name will be in the program book. You also get a discount on the breakfasts, and ½ price admission to the fly-in on Friday. We rely on our memberships and donations to keep the fly-in going. If you enjoy the fly-in, please consider joining. Memberships can also be paid during the fly-in, in the little yellow Cub House.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFASTS

If you haven't been to one of our breakfasts, you are missing a good meal! The spring breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th, from 8am-12:30pm, at the W.T. Piper Airport in Lock Haven, in Hanger 1. The fall breakfast is Sunday, Sept. 24th. Those hard working volunteers will be serving delicious buttermilk pancakes with PA. maple syrup, sausage links, sausage gravy & biscuits, eggs (scrambled or over easy), potato patty, fruit cup, coffee, tea, orange juice & water. It's ALL YOU CAN EAT, so you may return to the food line as many times as you wish! The cost for breakfast: ages 18 & over-\$ 8.00, ages 6 thru 17-\$ 4.00, ages 5 & under-FREE. Members receive discounts. Memberships can be purchased or renewed at the breakfast. Discovery flights with AV Sport will be offered from 12:00-5:00, at a cost

of \$ 75.00 for a 30 minute flight. Weight limit is 250 lbs. The Piper Museum will be open from 9:00-4:00. We hope to see you there. Plan to arrive hungry...it's ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Members Who Have Gone West

We would like to acknowledge our friends who have taken their final flight:

John C. Artley, Aurora, N.C.

Ernest G. Rupert, Beech Creek, PA.

Richard Gorski, Hazle Township, PA.

Mary Feik, Annapolis, MD.

May they always be looking over us, and during the fly-in, smiling at us and our beautiful sea of yellow. If you know of anyone who should be included in the program book this year, please let us know. Thank you all.

Children and Pets

Please understand our position when you're kindly asked to keep your pet on a leash or asked to lead them away from the food court, where people are eating. We love animals too, but our guests don't appreciate them being in the food area or near their planes. We also love children and want to keep yours safe. That is why ALL CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON THE FIELD, (within the fenced-in area). ALWAYS BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR SPINNING PROPS.

ACCOMMODATIONS

If you are searching for a place to hang your head during the fly-in, our web site has a list of hotels/motels and B&B's in the area. The list also shows which ones we provide transportation to & from. A very big thank you to the men & women in transportation who so eagerly donate their time during the fly-in. They put in very long hours and never complain. If you benefit from this service, please feel free to donate towards their fuel costs. Your donations are very much appreciated.

Vendors, Advertisers & Short Stories Needed

OK everyone...time's running out. I know that every one of you has a short story or two about a past fly-in, or your trip to get here. I have been here for 30 years and have heard MANY! Send me a story that you'd like to share. It can be funny, nostalgic or anything in between. If it was memorable, I'd like to hear it.

We're also nearing the deadlines for advertisers and vendors. If you are planning on being a vendor or advertiser, please get your forms in soon. Deadline for program book is:

Be There or Be Square

So tell the boss that you won't be in June 20th thru June 24th, you feel like you're going to have yellow fever that week. We hope to see you all in June, be safe getting here. Thank you for making this the number one grassroots fly-in in the country. Fly safe and pray for sunny skies.