



## Program Schedule

### Thursday, September 4

**7:00pm-8:00pm EDT**

**Convention Arrivals  
Briefing**

**[Register via Zoom](#)**

*Presenter: Jacob Meyer, Archer Aircraft*

Are you unfamiliar with Kenosha, WI, located between busy Chicago O'Hare and Milwaukee airspace? Join PMOPA for an arrival briefing which will review forecasted weather, discuss expected arrival procedures, outline expectations for ground operations at the Kenosha Airport, and answer your questions about flying into Kenosha for the PMOPA Convention.

Register in advance via Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ZCqieiu6Tn6zvWk4U8Hwmg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZCqieiu6Tn6zvWk4U8Hwmg)

This webinar will be recorded and available for attendees to view afterwards if you are unable to attend the live presentation.

### Wednesday, September 10

**10:00am-6:00pm**

**Shuttle Service to the  
Grand Geneva Resort**

**AVP Kenosha Aviation**

Shuttle buses will run on a loop beginning at 10:00am. The last shuttle from the Kenosha Airport to the Grand Geneva Resort will depart at 6:00pm.

### Thursday, September 11

**10:00am-6:00pm**

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**9:00am-2:30pm**                      **Golf Tournament\*\***                      **Golf Course**

Scheduled tee times for our group begin at 9:05am. Lunch will be provided.

*\*\* Separate registration fee applies.*

**3:00pm-5:00pm**                      **Exhibit Hall Open**                      **Maple Lawn Ballroom**

Refreshments will be served.

**3:00pm-4:00pm**                      **First-time Attendee**                      **Linwood Room**  
**Welcome & Orientation**

First time attendees and their mentors will connect to ensure the most out of their first PMOPA Convention experience.

**5:30pm-7:30pm**                      **Welcome Reception**                      **Outdoor Pavillion &**  
**Putting Green**

Connect with long-time friends, make some new friends, and enjoy some fun activities at the kick-off reception! Drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. The Pavilion & Putting Green are located adjacent to the Golf Center, a five minute walk from the Conference Center, or take the Grand Geneva Trolley from the Main Lobby Porte Cochere.



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### Friday, September 12

**7:00am-8:00am**                      **Breakfast with Exhibitors**                      **Maple Lawn Ballroom**

**8:00am-8:15am**                      **Convention Opening Ceremony**                      **Grand Ballroom**

*Presenter: John Walters, PMOPA President*

**8:15am-9:45am**                      **Safety Briefing and Accident Review**                      **Grand Ballroom**

*Presented by: Dr. Manny Casiano, Chair, PMOPA Safety & Education Foundation*

Join us for a focused and informative review of Piper PA-46 accidents from the past year. This session will analyze real-world cases to identify common risk factors, pilot decision-making challenges, and safety trends affecting the PA-46 series. Attendees will gain valuable insights into accident prevention strategies, operational best practices, and actionable lessons learned from recent events. As Manny reviews previous year accidents, prepare yourself for the next two days of safety content as you think about your decision-making processes, training, and proactive safety measures, and what we as a community need to do to reduce our accident rate.

**8:15am-9:45am**                      **Introductory Companion Training - Part I**                      **Evergreen I**

*Presenter: Caitlin McCarthy, Legacy Flight Training*

This course, "The Empowered Passenger," is for anyone who flies frequently as a passenger in a Piper M-Class aircraft. We will discuss what you, as a passenger, can



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do to increase the comfort and safety of every flight. From preflight planning to loading the aircraft to assisting the pilot in an emergency, your participation can make a positive impact. You will develop a list of helpful questions to ask your pilot before your next flight. Finally, you will learn a procedure that can be used to safely land the airplane in the event of a worst-case scenario: an incapacitated pilot.

**9:45am-10:30am**

**Morning Break with  
Exhibitors**

**Maple Lawn Ballroom**

**10:30am-11:15am**

**Practical Risk  
Management**

**Grand Ballroom**

Risk management isn't only about checklists and procedures—it's also about making real decisions in real time. In this engaging session, participants will step into the cockpit and confront the very scenarios that have led to PA-46 accidents. Using live polling questions for audience participation, we'll explore how different decisions could have prevented these outcomes—and how to apply those lessons to your own flying. Guided by a panel of experienced flight instructors, this session will unpack the human factors, judgment calls, and operational pressures that often contribute to incidents. It's not just about what happened—it's about what you would do if you were the pilot.

**10:30am-11:15am**

**Introductory Companion  
Training - Part II**

**Evergreen I**

*Presenter: Caitlin McCarthy, Legacy Flight Training*



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**11:15am-12:00pm**

**Advocating for General  
Aviation**

**Grand Ballroom**

*Presenter: Darren Pleasance, President & CEO, Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association*

Join the new President & CEO of the AOPA for an engaging conversation about the future of general aviation and the critical role advocacy plays in protecting our freedom to fly. With a fresh perspective and a personal connection to the aircraft you fly—he owns and flies a Piper Meridian—Darren brings both passion and firsthand understanding to the issues that matter most to you. In this session, he'll share his vision for AOPA, discuss key challenges and opportunities facing GA today, and highlight how owners and pilots can play a part in shaping a stronger, more unified voice for aviation.

**12:00pm-1:30pm**

**Lunch with Exhibitors**

**Maple Lawn Ballroom**

**1:30pm-3:30pm**

**Companion Activity:  
Paint & Sip**

**TBD**

Unleash your inner artist and join us for a relaxing and laughter-filled Paint & Sip experience! Whether you're a seasoned painter or someone who hasn't picked up a brush since grade school, this guided painting session is all about having fun, making memories, and creating something uniquely yours. Enjoy a glass of wine or a refreshing non-alcoholic beverage as an instructor guides you through each step of a beautiful painting — no experience required! By the end of the session, you'll not only leave with your very own masterpiece, but also new friendships, smiles, and stories to share. This companion activity is a perfect way to unwind, get creative, and enjoy a lighthearted afternoon in great company. Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up early! Additional fee: \$80.



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**1:30pm-2:15pm**

**Piper Aircraft Update**

**Grand Ballroom**

Don't miss this annual fireside chat with Piper Aircraft executive, Ron Gunnarson, offering an insider's look at the company's current performance, recent successes, and the challenges that lie ahead. In a candid conversation with PMOPA's President, this session will share insights into the company's direction and support for our community of M-Class owners. This is a unique opportunity to hear directly from the top about what's next for Piper and how it impacts you as an owner and pilot.

**2:15pm-3:15pm**

**Loss of Control In-Flight**

**Grand Ballroom**

Loss of Control In-Flight (LOC-I) remains one of the leading causes of fatal accidents in general aviation, and has been cited as a cause of a spate of M-Class accidents. This panel discussion will explore the underlying factors that contribute to LOC-I events, including aircraft design/testing/certification, handling, metal fatigue, weather influences, pilot decision-making, and human factors. Our panel will share insights into real-world scenarios, effective training techniques, and proactive strategies to help pilots recognize and recover from situations that can lead to loss of control. Join us for a candid conversation aimed at improving safety and situational awareness for pilots of all experience levels.

**3:15pm-3:45pm**

**Afternoon Break with  
Exhibitors**

**Maple Lawn Ballroom**

**3:45pm-5:00pm**

**M-Class Airframe Breakouts**



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The airframes breakout sessions will focus on best practices for operations for each PA-46 variant while highlighting any new applicable service and maintenance items and hot topics.

**Malibu, Mirage, Matrix, M350**

**Grand Ballroom**

**JetPROP Operations**

**Evergreen I**

**Meridian & M500**

**Evergreen II**

**M600, M600/SLS, M700 Fury**

**Evergreen III**

**5:00pm-6:30pm**

**Reception with  
Exhibitors**

**Maple Lawn Ballroom**



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### Evening

### Dinner on Your Own

### Various Restaurant Options

The Grand Geneva Resort offers several dining outlets on-site for you, your companion, and friends to enjoy dinner together. Alternatively, visit the charming town of Lake Geneva, a 10 minute drive from the Grand Geneva Resort. Advance reservations for dining are recommended at the Resort or in town.

## Saturday, September 13

### 7:00am-8:00am

### Breakfast with Exhibitors

### Maple Lawn Ballroom

### 8:00am-9:00am

### Keynote: Learning to Love the Turbulence

### Grand Ballroom

*Presenter: Amelia Rose Earhart*

Amelia Rose Earhart is a modern-day aviation trailblazer who, in 2014, became the youngest woman to fly around the world in a single-engine turboprop aircraft, successfully completing the journey her namesake began in 1937. A former television news anchor, Amelia now dedicates her career to inspiring others through storytelling, drawing on her global flight to share lessons in courage, preparation, and resilience. As the founder of the Fly With Amelia Foundation, she has provided flight training scholarships to young women, fostering the next generation of aviators. Her keynote, *Learning to Love the Turbulence: Creating A Flight Plan To Clear Any Goal For Take-Off*, will resonate deeply with owner-pilots, offering a compelling perspective on leadership, risk management, and the enduring spirit of aviation.





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**9:00am-9:45am**

### **Advanced Companion Training - Part I**

**Evergreen I**

*Presenter: Caitlin McCarthy, Legacy Flight Training*

This advanced course, *Partners in Flight*, builds on the previous day with a review of the incapacitated pilot procedure followed by a discussion of how non-pilots can use intuition, situational awareness and technology to create a safer flight environment. We will discuss risk assessment, using a checklist to troubleshoot problems in-flight, and open the room for a group discussion of "dos" and "don'ts" in general aviation flying.

**9:00am-9:45am**

### **PMOPA Annual Business Meeting**

**Grand Ballroom**

*Presenters: John Walters, PMOPA President; Don Kukla, PMOPA Secretary-Treasurer; David McVinnie, McVinnie Aviation*

PMOPA officers will share the "state of PMOPA" highlighting achievements in the prior year and objectives for the upcoming year, as well as our financial health, and membership numbers. David McVinnie will introduce the PMOPA member(s) who earned the coveted Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award in the prior year. Established in 2003, this Award recognizes pilots who have maintained 50 or more years of safe, professional and skilled flying as active pilots.

**9:45am-10:30am**

### **Morning Break with Exhibitors**

**Maple Lawn Ballroom**



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**10:30am-11:45am**

**Advanced Companion  
Training - Part II**

**Evergreen I**

*Presenter: Caitlin McCarthy, Legacy Flight Training*

**10:30am-11:15am**

**Aviation Weather  
Planning**

**Grand Ballroom**

Learn the myriad of weather planning and tracking tools available to pilots, and how to establish best practices for planning and executing flights using the available tools, as well as the value of post-flight weather debriefing and recordkeeping.

**11:30am-12:15pm**

**Break-out Sessions: Avionics Insights for Every  
Cockpit**

Whether you're flying with a factory-installed Garmin G1000 or G3000, or managing a panel of mixed legacy avionics, these breakout sessions are designed to address your needs and questions. Join avionics experts for focused discussions tailored to your aircraft's specific avionics suite. From maximizing the capabilities of your G1000 or G3000 systems, to exploring upgrade paths and maintenance tips for older or custom-configured panels, these sessions offer practical insights, peer experiences, and expert guidance. No matter your panel setup, you'll leave with actionable ideas and a clearer path forward for getting the most from your avionics.

**G3000 Equipped Aircraft**

**Evergreen II**

**G1000/G1000 NXi Equipped Aircraft**

**Evergreen III**



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All Other Aircraft: Updates and Upgrades

Grand Ballroom

12:00pm-3:00pm

**Lake Geneva Cruise: A  
Scenic Escape for  
Companions**

PMOPA Registration

While the pilots are engaged in their safety education sessions, their companions are invited to embark on a delightful 2.25-hour Luncheon Cruise aboard the elegant The Duchess, a charming 52-foot vessel with classic steamboat appeal. This fully narrated tour offers a comprehensive journey around the entire lake, providing captivating stories about Lake Geneva's historic estates, including the iconic six-home Wrigley compound. Highlights include:

- Gilded Age Estates: Marvel at the opulent mansions that once served as summer retreats for Chicago's elite, including families like the Wrigleys and Maytags.
- Delicious Dining: Savor a rotating menu of delectable dishes served at your table, ensuring a delightful culinary experience.
- Comfortable Cruising: Enjoy the scenic beauty from the comfort of climate-controlled vessels, ensuring a pleasant experience regardless of the weather.
- Relaxed Atmosphere: Unwind and socialize with fellow companions in a relaxed setting, perfect for making new connections and enjoying a leisurely afternoon.

This Luncheon Cruise offers a perfect blend of history, scenic beauty, and dining, making it an ideal companion activity for your event in Lake Geneva. The tour departs at 12:00pm from the Main Lobby Porte Cochere and returns to the Grand Geneva Resort by 3:00pm. Lunch is included. **Additional fee: \$195.**



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**12:15pm-1:30pm**

**Lunch with Exhibitors**

**Maple Lawn Ballroom**

**1:30pm-2:15pm**

**Power Plant Break-out Sessions**

Your engine is the heart of your aircraft—and keeping it running smoothly is key to safe, efficient, and confident flying. These breakout sessions dive into the unique considerations for our Continental, Lycoming, or Pratt & Whitney engines. From maintenance best practices and operating tips to overhaul planning, company support, and parts availability, each session offers insight tailored to your powerplant. Whether you're flying behind a turbine or piston, you'll walk away with expert guidance and strategies to keep your engine performing at its best.

**Pratt & Whitney PT6**

**Grand Ballroom**

**Continental Engines**

**Evergreen II**

**Lycoming Engines**

**Evergreen III**

**2:30pm-3:15pm**

**Break-out Sessions**



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### **On-Board Weather Radar**

### **Evergreen I**

This session is all about understanding and using the on-board weather radar system in your aircraft. Walk you through the key features, best practices for interpreting radar data, and how to make real-time decisions to enhance safety and flight planning. Whether you're new to weather radar or looking to refine your skills, this session will help you gain the confidence to use this powerful tool effectively and with precision.

### **Aviation Taxes for Owner-Pilots**

### **Evergreen II**

Taxes don't have to be turbulent. This session breaks down key federal tax considerations for aircraft owners and pilots, including deductions, depreciation, and business use scenarios. We'll also touch on how state aviation taxes may apply, depending on where you're based or fly. Whether you're navigating ownership structures or planning for the next tax season, this session will help you stay compliant and maximize the benefits of aircraft ownership.

### **Maintenance Hot Topics for the Technically Inclined**

### **Evergreen III**

This session is designed for the engaged owner who wants to go beyond the basics and dive deeper into the technical side of maintaining an M-Class Piper aircraft. We'll explore advanced maintenance topics, common issues specific to M-Class variants, troubleshooting strategies, and best practices that can make a big difference in aircraft reliability. Whether you're already helping to turn wrenches or simply want a



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better understanding of how your airplane works, this session will deliver the detail and insight you're looking for.

**3:30pm-4:15pm**

### Break-out Sessions

#### **Aircraft Finance for Owner Pilots**

**Evergreen I**

This session will explore the ins and outs of aircraft financing, offering valuable insights on the advantages of financing, available options, and how to navigate today's fluctuating interest rates. Whether you're considering your first aircraft purchase or looking for ways to optimize your current financing, experts will walk you through the process, providing tips on structuring loans, and how to make the most of financing opportunities in today's market.

#### **Garmin Pilot: Advanced Tools for M-Class Aviators**

**Evergreen II**

Take your proficiency with Garmin Pilot to the next level in this fast-paced breakout session designed for experienced Garmin Pilot users. We'll explore intermediate to advanced features including flight planning for complex profiles, real-time weather integration, vertical navigation planning, and leveraging Garmin Pilot with onboard avionics. Ideal for pilots already comfortable with the basics, this session focuses on practical tips, real-world scenarios, and workflow strategies to maximize safety, efficiency, and confidence from pre-flight planning to in-flight execution.

#### **Unlocking the Power of ForeFlight**

**Evergreen III**



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Many pilots rely on ForeFlight to streamline flight planning, navigation, and in-flight management. This session will explore how to fully leverage ForeFlight's features to manage flight planning and in-flight operations. Whether you're a new user or a seasoned pro, you'll learn how to make the most of this powerful app and improve your efficiency in the cockpit.

**4:20pm-4:45pm**

**Pre-Departure Flight  
Safety & Weather  
Briefing**

**Evergreen I**

*Presenter: Jacob Meyer, Archer Aircraft*

As you prepare for your flight home, join Jacob Meyer, an MSIP Gold CFI, for a practical pre-flight weather, airport departure, and safety briefing. This session will review the current and forecasted weather systems that may affect your departure, along with key considerations for your route and destination. It's a great opportunity to ask questions, get local insights, and leave the convention with confidence in your plan for a safe and smooth flight.

**5:30pm-6:15pm**

**Lifetime Membership  
Reception**

**Linwood Room**

*By invitation only*

All PMOPA Lifetime Members and their companions are invited to the Lifetime Member Reception.



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**6:00pm-7:00pm**

**Cocktail Reception &  
Silent Auction**

**Grand Ballroom Foyer**

Supporting PMOPA Safety & Education Foundation

**7:00pm-10:00pm**

**Gala & Live Auction**

**Grand Ballroom**

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### Sunday, September 14

**6:00am-12:00pm**

**Shuttle Service to the  
AVP Kenosha FBO**

**Porte Cochere**

Shuttle buses from the Grand Geneva Resort to the AVP Kenosha FBO will run on a loop beginning at 6:00am from the Main Lobby Porte Cochere. The last shuttle from the Grand Geneva Resort to AVP Kenosha will depart at 12:00pm.