



Special points of interest:

- Wednesday May 22—Monthly Meeting
- Tuesday June 4—Chapter Board Meeting

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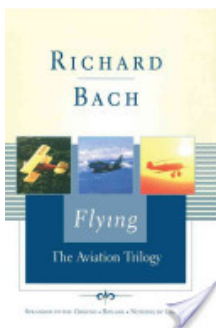
May, 2013

President's Message



Don Shimoda never had bugs on the leading edge of his planes wing.

If you read books written by the popular aviation novelist Richard Bach you know why. You on the other hand have bugs ... and mud on the wings and yucky stuff on your belly (your airplane's belly).



Now is the time (read—GOOD WEATHER) to start cleaning your plane. Sounds simple but there are pitfalls. NEVER use household cleansers. Your aircraft is composed of different alloys of aluminum and steel and when combined with high ph household cleaning products can actually turn your airplane into a battery with bi-metallic corrosion. (sorry, dish soap is the **worst**) Automotive cleansers are designed to avoid this problem and are more friendly to your fuselage. (and the environment) Now that you have the proper cleanser, lets discuss technique. First thing to do is wash the yucky stuff off the

belly. A little solvent (KEROSENE WORKS WELL) prior to the soap will help.

Then keep washing from THE BOTTEM UP. Dirt and grease will not easily stick to a soapy surface. Washing from the top down almost g u a r a n t e e s streaks. I repeat "**washing from the bottom up works best**".



Drying with a chamois, terry cloth or micro fiber towel is recommended and then application of a protective coating of your favorite wax is a great way to protect your favorite ride. (You will also increase your cruise speed or reduce fuel consumption-this makes the cost of the wax and the elbow grease worthwhile.) Reducing fuel costs seems like a good plan, given current pump prices. The entire process also gives you a close up look at your plane and I'll bet you find other items which may need attention. What are you waiting for? See you at the airport!

Happy Flying/Waxing!



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May Meeting—Kansas City Police Department Helicopter Section



Sgt. Sean Cutburth and Officer Cord Laws from the KCPD Helicopter Section will come speak on May 22.

Police
Helicopters



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MEETING MENU:

- Meat Loaf
- Au Gratin Potatoes
- Salad
- Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie
- Coffee & Tea

Reservations:

Email Terrie Jo, Terrie@Foxware.com or Call 816-525-3592 (home) or 816-985-5406 (Gary's Cell) by Monday **May 20, 2013**

Future Meeting Dates



May 22— Kansas City Police Department

We are looking for suggestions of speakers for upcoming meetings. You suggest, we invite and all will enjoy

Calendar of Events (## indicates KC Local, ** indicates Important Date)

- ##May 22 (4th Wednesday)** Membership Dinner Meeting, 6 PM, HY-VEE at Noland Rd & 40 HWY
- ** June 1 The 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Missouri Pilots Association—**Isle of Capri Convention Center, 100 Isle of Capri, Boonville, MO
- ##June 4 (1st Tuesday)** Board Meeting, 7 PM, Downtown Airport
- ##June 26 (4th Wednesday)** Membership Dinner Meeting, 6 PM, HY-VEE at Noland Rd & 40 HWY

CHECK CALENDAR AT www.MOpilotsKC.org/calendar FOR LATEST EVENTS AND UPDATES.

OUR OWN WEBSITE! The Kansas City Chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association (MPA) has its own website. Please visit early and visit often at www.MOpilotsKC.org (capital letters not required). Updating coming soon. **Tom Eagle**

“ Meeting NEXT
Week - May 22
June Meeting -
June 26”

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Blue Skies

Advertisements



FLY IN: Jesse Verteil Airport , 20044 Pearre Lane, Boonville, MO 65223 660-882-7441

Registration includes Banquet Dinner and Entertainment on Saturday evening.

Single ticket price: \$30.00 Couple \$40.00

Please join us for the 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Missouri Pilots Association

WHEN: June 1, 2013 WHERE: Isle of Capri Convention Center, 100 Isle of Capri, Boonville, MO 65223

660-882-1200 for reservations. Please mention the MPA for the \$69.00 per night rate