



Special points of interest:

- Wednesday February 26—Monthly Meeting
- Tuesday March 23 Chapter Board Meeting

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President's Message

Surprise!

Last month we all got to introduce ourselves and maybe our favorite airplane. I was once asked if I had any really memorable (GOOD) experiences at the controls of an aircraft, and upon reflection on this question I had to admit that one was a real surprise. Now there are a number of craft that I really looked forward to flying and they were everything (and more than) I expected. The one which stands out however is a rather well known workhorse in the General Aviation fleet for a number of years now.



For most of my adult life I have heard the virtues of the DeHavilland Beaver and it always seemed to live up to its reputation as a versatile hauler. When the opportunity to fly one presented itself I was eager to find out for myself how the original "Jeep of the Air" would perform. Well, on the ground (in a stiff breeze) it drove like a truck, which is kinda what I expected. In fact, I actually asked my friend in the right seat to get off the pedals as I taxied between rows of other aircraft. I



thought that he was messing with me as I slammed the rudder and stood on the brakes while trying to keep in a straight line. He just looked at me funny (as I noticed his feet flat on the floor). The vertical stab and rudder were actually larger than the sail on my sailboat and worked just as well in a crosswind. At the end of the runway I added power and the torque yaw was impressive before I got the tail up. (still feels like a truck at this point) BUT! no sooner than the tail came off the ground it began to fly like a homesick angel and was VERY light on the controls. In no time we passed through pattern altitude and kept up a very impressive rate of climb. I throttled back as I leveled out and the airspeed just kept on climbing as I traded rate of climb for cruise (and throttled back even more).

The sound of the radial engine was very reassuring and control response was incredible. It was like flying a great big Cub. I loved every moment of it and I guess it showed. My friend "Bob Mock" chuckled as he asked if I was enjoying myself. I guess my foot wide grin was evidence enough. SURPRISE!! it may have looked like a truck, It may have ground handled like a truck, it may have had the torque of a truck, But in the air it was a Ferrari! Now that is a memorable experience! We should all have such surprises from time to time.

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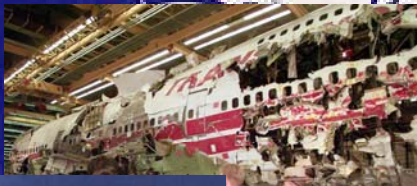
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February Meeting—THE TWA STORY



THE
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MEETING MENU:

- Lasagna
- Caesar Salad
- Bread Sticks
- Mixed Fresh Fruit
- Coffee & Tea
- Cherry Cobbler

Reservations:

Email Terrie Jo, Terrie@Foxware.com
 or Call 816-525-3592 (home)
 or 816-985-5406 (Gary's Cell)
 by Monday **February 24, 2014**

Future Meeting Dates



February 26—"THE TWA STORY"

April 24—FAA Appreciation

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

Calendar of Events (## indicates KC local)

##Feb 26 (4th Wednesday) Membership Dinner Meeting, 6 PM, HY-VEE at Noland Rd & 40 HWY

##Mar 3 (1st Tuesday) Board Meeting, 7 PM, Downtown Airport

##Mar 26 (4th Wednesday) Membership Dinner Meeting, 6 PM, HY-VEE at Noland Rd & 40 HWY

Apr 8 Missouri State Aviation Day in Jefferson City, MO

Apr 1-6 Sun-N-Fun in Lakeland, FL

May 31 **The 61th Anniversary Celebration of the Missouri Pilots Association**—Isle of Capri Convention Center, 100 Isle of Capri, Boonville, MO

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**

FREE MEAL

- Chris St. Germain
- Paul Broome
- Ralph Schmude
- Ruth Stafford

\$13

The monthly dinner costs have increased

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Blue Skies

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Please join us for the Missouri Pilots Annual Convention

WHEN: May 31st , 2014

Where: Isle of Capri Convention Center, 100 Isle of Capri, Boonville, MO 65223 660-882-1200 for reservations . Please mention the Missouri Pilots Association for the \$89.99 + tax per night rate. This rate will be held until 5-24-2014 for the block of rooms. After 5-24 the rate is not guaranteed.

Fly in : Jesse Verteil Airport , 20044 Pearre Lane, Boonville, MO 65223 660-882-7441

Registration includes Banquet Dinner and Entertainment on Friday night .

Single ticket price: \$30.00 Couple (joint membership) \$45.00

