



**Special points of interest:**

- **Wednesday July 15—Dinner Meeting (NOTE: ONE WEEKLY EARLIER)**
- **Tuesday August 4— Chapter Board Meeting**

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## President's Message- - "Etymology et.al."

About once a year I get to mix my vocation and avocation a bit. While leading a course in **Aviation History** this summer, the topic of "**Origins of aviation words, terms and phrases**" presented itself:

Why do most airframe parts have French names?

Why is an airplane barn a hangar?

Why is an N number not a US number?

Or how did a flying circus get to be called by such a strange moniker?

I think that it would be great fun to create a version of trivial pursuit for aviation. The above topics would be fair game for such an endeavor.



One year at Oshkosh I got challenged by another history buff to see who could list the most Helicopter manufacturers. We both made a list and picked a referee. The ref forgave spelling (I still am not sure about "Pezetel"). I won, but only by a few, and that was after a compromise over mergers and buy outs. But we had fun and we all learned a bit.



During this summers class I am challenging the class to produce a list of

aircraft manufacturers in the state of Missouri. (past & present)

I will sweeten the pot for MPA members. Put a list together with a picture of one airplane per manufacturer, a brief history of the manufacturer, when and where it was located and where you got your data. (if you use an interview give name and contact info). **I will buy dinner** for the person submitting the largest legitimate list at our September chapter meeting (that could even be our program)

Please submit your entry to



[schieszer@ucmo.edu](mailto:schieszer@ucmo.edu)



or in person

**before Sept one.**

If you want to compete with members of the Aviation History class make your submission **prior to July 15th.**

If you didn't know how to answer the first few questions, "**Aviation Trivial Pursuit**" just might be in your future!

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## July Program—Senator Will Kraus



**Senator Will Kraus'** leadership experience began twenty-two years ago when he joined the U. S. Army as a mechanized infantryman. Will attended flight school and graduated as a Chinook Helicopter Pilot in 1999. In 2003, Will served in Iraq as Platoon leader and the Company's ground convoy commander. As an aviator, while serving as an Air Mission Commander in charge of missions involving multiple aircraft, his decisions were responsible for hundreds of soldier's lives. He continues to serve as an officer in the Missouri National Guard.

After serving on active duty, he attended Central Missouri State University, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a minor in Military Science, graduating Summa Cum Laude.

Will was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 2004 defeating a democrat incumbent, then was elected to the Senate in 2010 and reelected in 2014. He is proud to represent Eastern Jackson County and the people of Blue Springs, Grain Valley, Greenwood, Lake Lotawana, Lake Tapawingo, Lee's Summit, Lone Jack, Oak Grove, and parts of Independence.

In his elected capacity, Senator Kraus serves as the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the Missouri Senate. He seeks to support the taxpayer and to promote fiscally sound budget practices for the state of Missouri. Senator Kraus has fought hard to protect the interests of military members and veterans. As a small business owner, he continues to be involved and knowledgeable on issues that affect business and jobs in Missouri. He is dedicated to serving the residents of Senate District 8 in any way that he can.

Will has won awards such as the VFW Legislator of the Year, the "A Better Missouri for Children Award" from the Missouri PTA, the Locke and Smith Award for most constitutional senator, and the Missouri Chamber's "Spirit of Enterprise" award.

A resident of Lee's Summit, Will and his wife, Carmen, have two sons, Tylor and Tanner. Tylor currently serves in the Army Reserve. Both Will and Carmen have been very involved in the community and their church and believe that giving back to the community is an important part of service. Will currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Hope Network in Raytown, MO.

**MEETING MENU:**

Fried Chicken

Potato Salad

Coleslaw, Cookies,  
Rolls

Coffee

Iced Tea

**Reservations:**

Email Terrie Jo,

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(home)

or 816-985-5406

(Gary's Cell)

by Monday **July 13,**  
**2015****Future Meeting Dates**

July 15 —*Membership Dinner Meeting*— **HyVee— Noland Road—Senator Will Kraus**

August 4— Board Meeting at Downtown Airport

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

**Calendar of Events (## indicates KC local)**

**## Jul 15 (3rd Wed-ONE WEEK EARLIER)** Membership Dinner Meeting  
**HyVee—Noland Road Senator Will Kraus**

**## Jul 11 "The Greatest Little Airshow" by the EAA Chapter 1405 also known as the Wingnuts Flying Circus, in Tarkio, Missouri**

**## Jun 18 (Saturday) EAA Chapter 91 ~~CANCELED—NO EVENTS IN JULY~~**

**Jul 20 (Monday) thru 26 (Sunday)- OSHKOSH Air Adventure**

**## Aug 4 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday )** Board Meeting—Downtown Airport—Signature

**## Aug 8 (Saturday) EAA Chapter 91 will be at the Kansas City Downtown Airport 9:00-11:00 for general public**

**## Aug 22 (Saturday) KC Air Show KC Downtown Airport**

**## Aug 26 (4th Wed)** Membership Dinner Meeting **HyVee—Noland Road**

**## Sep 19 (Saturday) EAA Chapter 91 will sponsor Fly-IN/Drive-IN Breakfast & Young Eagles**

**## Sep 23 (4th Wed)** Membership Dinner Meeting **HyVee—Noland Road**

**## Oct 17 (Saturday) EAA Chapter 91 will sponsor Fly-IN/Drive-IN Breakfast & Young Eagles**

**## Oct 28 (4th Wed)** Membership Dinner Meeting **HyVee—Noland Road**

**## Nov 18 (3rd Wed)** Membership Dinner Meeting **HyVee—Noland Road**

**## DEC 2, 9OR 16 Holiday Party**

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EAA Chapter 1405 also known as the Wingnuts Flying Circus, is based in Tarkio, MO. We strive to preserve the history of both World War II and Civilian flight training through a museum as well as some aircraft projects.

We also host "**The Greatest Little Airshow**".

The next show is **July 11, 2015**.

