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Special points of interest:

- **Wednesday October 28—Dinner Meeting (NOTE: ONE WEEKLY EARILIER)**
- **Tuesday November 3—Chapter Board Meeting**

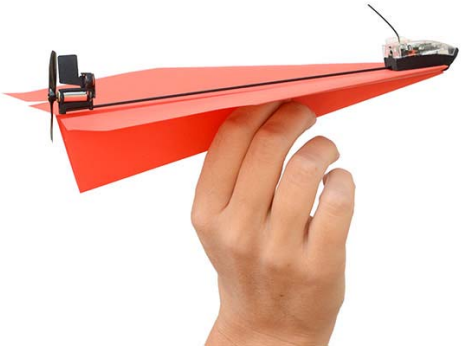
President's Message "10-4 GOOD BUDDY, WANNA FLY A DRONE?"

They say that if you remember the **1970's** you probably weren't really there!

But! If you were there, I'll bet that you remember CB radio, CW Mc Call, Smokies etc. I'll bet that you even had a handle and spoke in 10-code. This was years before cell phones were even on the distant horizon. Citizens band radios provided instant mobile communications and were embraced by literally millions of Americans in an extremely short period of time. The FCC required all operators to apply for a license, call sign. eg: KAA 1234, and at least own a copy of the applicable regulations. (of course you were supposed to sign a statement that you had read and understood them)

In reality the first Christmas after the record "Convoy" was released, millions of Christmas Trees sheltered 23 channel radios in the 27mhz CB radio band and the FCC lost control on Christmas morning. Most operators NEVER even knew about the regulations, call signs, licenses etc, and the FCC was powerless to stop it. With millions of violators and dozens of enforcement personnel to correct the situation, chaos was the result. The chaos lasted until the need was filled by the infinitely more practical (and better regulated) cell service!

As an aviator, I think that you have already figured out where this story is going! The toy companies are busy producing the NEXT BIG THING for Christmas this year. MILLIONS OF THEM! We get to share the sky with them, and the FAA had better learn from the FCC and a very similar scenario from the 60's. I hope they can rise to the situation (pun intended) and figure out a solution which is both safe and workable on the day after Christmas this year. It isn't the commercial drone operators who will provide the greatest challenge.



Yet the Feds just granted a 333 exemption to a 19 gram paper airplane, requiring a certificated pilot as the operator and necessitating a NOTAM to be filed 72 hours prior to flight of said commercially operated paper plane. Really! Look it up!

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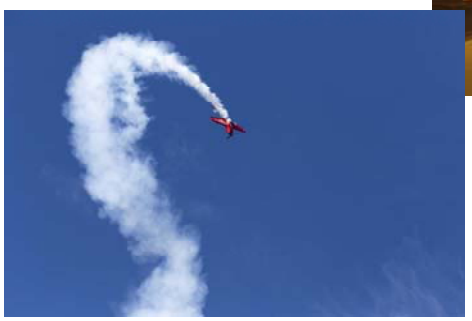
October Program—Your most unusual flight or destination

The program will be provided by our membership this month. **Please bring memorabilia, pictures or just good stories and fond memories of your most unusual flight or destination.**



MEETING MENU:

Mediterranean Chicken

Oven Roasted Potatoes

Caesar Salad

Fruit

Coffee / Iced Tea

Reservations:
Email Terrie Jo, Terrie@Foxware.com or Call 816-525-3592 (home) or 816-985-5406 (Gary's Cell) by Monday **October 26, 2015**

Future Meeting Dates

October 28 —*Membership Dinner Meeting*— **HyVee— Noland Road—Oshkosk Airventure 2015**

November 3— 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)

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

Nov 3 (1st Tuesday) Board Meeting—Downtown Airport—Signature

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

DEC 2, 9OR 16 Holiday Party

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***

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