

The Flyer - July 1999

President's Corner

Here it is July already. The year is half over and I haven't accomplished much of anything. January 1st I made three resolutions, none of which I have kept so far. I resolved to lose at least 10 pounds but have actually gained five. I resolved to get three new members for the MPA. Failed at that. Hey, Tim has signed up that many. Maybe he will give me one and a half, or at least one. The third resolution was to save RG. Haven't done that either although I'm still fighting. Hey, I guess 0 for three ain't all that bad when I realized I turned 65 in June. I'm eligible for my over the hill old timers pay. And I do converse regularly with AARP. Guess they will let me know when my condition worsens. Any way I am still in there fighting for the MPA, the KC Chapter and my KC Marine Aero Club. Get to associate with some wonderful people, some as old as me, do some fantastic flying and contribute my time to a good cause, General Aviation. Like I said, I guess it ain't so bad after all. Hope the rest of you will hang in there with me. Let's keep up the fight to save General Aviation airports and if all else fails, mom's apple pie. Now that's the American Way. Herb

June 23, Meeting - June's speaker had a fabulous story to tell of her aviation career. It could have begun and ended with her 21 years and over 5,300 hours of flying time demonstrating untold numbers of different aircraft as owner of Kansas Aircraft Corporation. But, **Michele Stauffer** has a unique claim to fame that can never be outdone. She will always be the first American woman to fly the Russian Sukhoi SU-27 jet fighter! Wearing her custom-made blue flying suit with appropriate patches, and demonstrating her brain bucket and mask on **Sarah Ratley**, Michele described her nine-day training and flight experience at an air base near Moscow. While the SU-27 has an outdated cockpit and sometimes crude sheet metal workmanship, the aircraft itself is far advanced over anything flying. The highlight of Michele's flight of 1 hour and 40 minutes was the demonstration of the Cobra maneuver, so called because of the 110 ° attitude it can achieve. This would allow an aircraft being tailed to practically stop and get behind the pursuer to shoot it down. Of course it requires precise rudder control to perform. While the Russian government allows such flights to occur to enrich its treasury, the United States government is considering buying some of the aircraft. If it does, remember you heard it first from Michele Stauffer! As an added treat, we had a fashion show of Russian Army uniforms Michele brought back modeled by Sarah and **Babs Tuley**. This turned out to be a weighty matter!



Al St. Germain

July 28 ,1999 - at **DAV, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road**. Reservations **MUST BE MADE** by SATURDAY, July 24, 1999, if not on the permanent reservation list. Our menu will be: Salad, Orange Roughy w/Wild rice, vegetable, potato, roll and butter, coffee/tea, and dessert. Special dietary needs can be accommodated at the time of the reservation. Please call René Earle at 891-7416 to make your

reservation. Please leave a message on the answering machine.

Remember - Meeting time: Social from 6:00 to 6:30 P.M.. Dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$12.00 per person.

Put This On Your Calendar!

Programs: Program committee chair: Dee Giedinghagen

July 28 - Chris Fabia, ReMax Balloon

August 25 - Fred Schieszer, CMSU

September 19 - Chapter Picnic

September 22 - Terry White, White Industries.

October 27 - Johnny Rowlands, Sky Fox

November 17 - Revolution Helicopter.

Flyouts: Flyout committee chair: Bob Williams

DON'T BE SHY! Seats were available for past flyouts.

If the weather looks marginal, or if anyone needs a ride (Don't forget to share expenses) or has an extra seat, please call Bob at 224-3241. A Go/No Go decision will be made and information on "Ride Central" will be available. Unless otherwise indicated, all flyouts will be at noon. Remember that our minimums are 3000 and 5.

If weather cancels a flyout, our alternate will be International House of Pancakes, 8932 Hillcrest Rd, (Benjamin Plaza) at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, August 1 - St Clair Regional (K39) Union, Missouri. A Cool place, Meramec Caverns. LXT to K39 is 188sm. Cost is \$12.00 adults \$6.00 children 5-11. For a group of 15 or more, \$9.00 adults \$4.00 children. Restaurants will charge approximately \$5 - \$7 per plate. Van rental is \$55.00 per day.

Saturday, August 28 - Zenith Aircraft Company, Mexico Memorial Airport (H41), Mexico, Missouri, for the 8th annual open hanger day. LXT to H41 is 138 sm. A courtesy car has been reserved. Meet at noon.

Sunday, September 26 - Beaumont Kansas, Summit House County Inn (Private airport with a grass landing strip). LXT to Beaumont is 150 sm. You can taxi right up to the restaurant.

We are also invited to attend KPA Flyouts. *** 07-17-99 Atchison, Ks Amelia Earhart Museum *** 08-14-99 Bolivar, Mo for breakfast *** 09-11-99 Lee C. Fine - Shopping spree at Lake of the Ozarks Outlet Mall. *** 10-17-99 Gaston's Resort - Arkansas.

Why	In 1996 there were 1,907 General Aviation (GA) accidents. Of all these accidents, only 2 involved pilots who had participated in the WINGS program during the previous 12 months! Each accident had an average cost of \$30,000 dollars. Just looking at this information, isn't it worth the 3 flying hours and a safety meeting to avoid a costly accident? Participate in the WINGS program. It's better than a BFR
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Safety Tip - Land and Hold Short Operations are being put into effect at more and more airports with control towers. LAHSO involves

two aircraft being cleared to simultaneously use intersecting runways. You do NOT have to accept this type of clearance, and you should be quite certain you can comply with it before you do accept such a clearance. *Chris St. Germain*

MPA Board Meetings - This is a reminder that any member can attend our chapter board meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month, excluding holidays, at Executive Beechcraft, Downtown Airport, at 7:00 P.M. We always welcome your advice and assistance, and the hospitality is great.

MPA State Board Meetings - Anyone can attend the State board meeting. Check the *M.P.A. News* for meeting date and location. Make this your additional flyout.

SAVE RG SEND OUT THE WORD TO ALL FRIENDS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING CAMPAIGN DONATIONS. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

SAVE RICHARDS-GEBAUR COMMITTEE OR JUST: SAVE R-G

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