

Kansas City Chapter
Missouri Pilots Association

The flyer

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President's Corner

I just recently returned from Midland, Texas where I go every year at this time to associate with a great bunch of people of the Confederate Air Force. Each year this gives me a chance to rub elbows with some of the remaining greats of the Second World War. In the past I have had the pleasure of talking to and shaking the hand of such well known heros' as Paul Tibbits, pilot of the B-29 Enola Gay, the pilot of the B-17 Memphis Bell, World War 2 and Korean war fighter ace Joe Foss and quite a few more who are there to be honored by the CAF and spend time with other flyers of their time and of the present. These men are getting older and there are fewer and fewer around to tell their stories. They are as a whole, humble about their fame and when you talk to them, it is apparent that they were just doing what had to be done and were glad when it was over and they could return home. These men have been and always will be an inspiration to me and I hope, some of you. As a relatively new and inexperienced pilot, I stand and watch in awe each year as the pilots of the CAF fly their WW2 vintage aircraft at the CAF airshow. They put on a real show of skill and courage each show in flying 50 and 60 year old airplanes in many of the same maneuvers that were flown in that era. I feel tremendously proud to be a part of this organization and just to be able to be called a pilot.

I am equally proud of the MPA and view many of our pilots as heros and men and women with whom I am proud to associate. I hope that we can always be called safe, courteous and skilled pilots, the kind that some child can look up to as his or her hero. I also hope that we can be just as kind and unassuming as these great men of skill and courage that I have had the pleasure of meeting. Let's all keep up the good work of the KC Chapter of the MPA Your President, *Herb*

September 19, 1999 - We had a great time at our chapter picnic. Our hosts, MPA members from Rainbow Air Village, did a wonderful job getting things ready for us. Burgers and Brats and lots of good friends who drove to the airport (low ceilings prevented people from flying in) made for a pleasant afternoon.

We would like to thank Warren and Bonnie Donovan and Bob and Elaine Marsh for rolling out the red carpet for us.

September 22, 1999 - Our September speaker gave us a lesson in aviation history, business management, logistics, purchasing, marketing and sales, engineering, aircraft repair, ingenuity, transportation, travel, foreign affairs, political diplomacy and negotiation, and the future of aircraft salvage. Mr. Terry White,

founder of White Industries, described his transition from a Rockhurst High School student motor cycle shop entrepreneur, to a Rockhurst College Class of '59 foreign car repair shop owner, and on to the aircraft salvage and repair business, nationally and internationally. The record crowd heard Mr. White tell of hangar names and business locations they had long forgotten. Some of his first aircraft accident acquisitions in the 50s are only remembered by old time flyers. But, he purchases very modern aircraft to keep his inventory current, and has even bid on 747s. A couple of interesting stories rounded out the session. We have waited almost a year to hear Mr. White speak of the founding and operation of his unique enterprise, but it was well worth it. We look forward to seeing him again on a tour of the facility in the future. Can't miss it, go east on I-70 until you see the LearJet on a pedestal! *Al St. Germain*

October 27 ,1999 - at **DAV, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road**. Reservations **MUST BE MADE** by SATURDAY, October 23 ,1999, if not on the permanent reservation list. Our menu will be: Salad, French Fried Shrimp, Baked Potato, vegetable, 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.

History Our dinner program for February, 2000, will be a recognition of all past presidents of our Kansas City Chapter. Our records are not as complete as we would like, and we are not sure about presidents who served prior to 1984. If you can help us to assemble a complete list of past presidents, please contact board member Gary Fox @ 525-3592 (gary@foxware.com)

We are also trying to assemble a complete history of club newsletters and other historic documents. If you have old club papers and would be willing to part with them permanently (or just long enough to let us copy them) please contact chapter secretary June Williams @ 224-3241 (row2@qni.com)

Put This On Your Calendar!

Programs: Program committee chair: Dee Giedinghagen

October 27 - Johnny Rowlands, Sky Fox

November 17 - Revolution Helicopter.

December 15 - MPA CHRISTMAS PARTY - Stephenson's Old Apple Farm.

PREPAID RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1999.

Send Check made payable to MPA for _____(Names please)_____ at \$22.00 per person to:

Mr Tim McDermott 8104 E. 91st Terrace, Kansas City, Mo. 64138.

Menu: Missouri Cheese Soup, Green Salad, Hickory Smoked Brisket of Beef, Potato, Vegetable, Chefs Garnish, Hot Breads, Relishes, Apple Butter and Beverage. Pecan Nut Cheese Cake.

January 26, 2000 - Paula Derks, President of Aircraft Electronics.

February 23, 2000 - Past Presidents and Club Birthday Party

Flyouts: Flyout committee chair: Bob Williams

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.

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

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

Sunday September 26 - Low ceilings near the Iowa border cancelled the flyout to Lamoni, Iowa (LWD). Eight members used the alternate.

October 14 -17 - MPA Air Tour and USPA convention.
Will fly to Harrison, Arkansas (HRO) and carpool to Branson, Missouri

Saturday November 20 - Billard Topeka, Kansas (TOP) for lunch

Sunday January 2 - Bolivar, Missouri (M17) for lunch

We are also invited to attend KPA Flyouts. 10-17-99 Gaston's Resort-Arkansas.

W hy	In 1996 there were 1,907 General Aviation (GA) accidents. Of all these accidents, only 2
I nstruction	involved pilots who had participated in the WINGS program during the previous 12 months!
N ever	Each accident had an average cost of \$30,000 dollars. Just looking at this information, isn't it
G oes	worth the 3 flying hours and a safety meeting to avoid a costly accident? Participate in the
S outh	WINGS program. It's better than a BFR

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.

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