



**Kansas City Chapter
Missouri Pilots Association**

The flyer

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President: Herb Roberts -Vice-president: Steve Crisp-Secretary: June Williams-Treasurer: Tim McDermott, Directors: Paul Broome, Dee Giedinghagen, Pam Ratliff, Al St. Germain, Penrod Turk, Danny Whiteaker, and Past Presidents.

MPA Eternal - We are sad to report the passing of one of our members, Tony Whitmer. Tony and his wife were killed in an airplane accident near St. Louis when he had equipment failure. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tony and Diane's family.

President's Corner

Happy New Year. Made any resolutions yet? I don't believe in them. However it might not be a bad time to look where we as a chapter are and where we want to go this year. I guess for the shape we're in, we're in pretty good shape. That's not to say that we can't improve. Here are a few things I believe we can and need to do for the betterment of the chapter. I guess that number one on the list is retention of members followed closely by bringing in new members. I believe retention is the most important because we need a good, strong core body to build on when we recruit new members. So let's don't let our current members leave while dwelling on efforts to recruit new members. We need to get everyone involved. This organization is for the benefit of all it's members, and each and every one should have an input and be fully involved. So I would ask that in the coming year, if you see anything that you think could be done to improve our chapter, get involved, make it happen. A new board of directors will be needed before long. It's not to early to start thinking of good people to serve. Possibly you have that special talent that we need. The fly out program is a lot of fun and we can always use a few more to fill the dinner table. Usually there are empty seats if you don't have an airplane to fly. Your fly out chairman is always looking for new and different places to go. If you have an idea, let him know. Finally, this is the year we need to complete our chapter logo. Al St Germain is working on it and I think that after three years, we will get it done this year. When the patch is ready, buy one or two and wear them proudly. They will identify us as the Kansas City Chapter and let us stand out from the other chapters. Let's all have the best year ever, have a lot of fun,. and enjoy every occasions we get to be together. Again. HAPPY NEW YEAR Herb

Holiday Parties - MPA members of the Kansas City Chapter enjoyed two soirees in December, one at Stephenson's and one at Paul and Judy Broome's cozy home. We were delighted to see Theda, Virginia, and Ramona who have been valiantly fighting illnesses. It was a full house as usual, same venue and same menu as last year. Can't ever go wrong with that. It was a delightful get-together and we appreciate Terry and company setting it up. At the Broome's, we chatted around the goodie table and in front of the sparkling fireplace reminiscing over 1999 and contemplating what 2000 might bring.

Saw pictures of Mac and Sarah's new Cardinal, and rang in the New Year, New Decade, New Century and arguably, the New Millennium. Thanks, Paul and Judy, for your cheery hospitality and for inviting us to your lovely home. *Al St. Germain*

JANUARY 26, 2000 - at DAV, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road. Reservations MUST BE MADE by SATURDAY, JAN 22, 2000, if not on the permanent reservation list. Our menu will be: Salad, Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans,, 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

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.

January 29 - Cameron, MO (EZZ) Little Blessings Tearoom. Meet at 12:00 This is a little shop that specializing in rubber stamps for card making. They have some antiques. The tearoom has cold sandwiches hot soup salads and desserts. If the weather is bad lets meet at LXT at 10:00 am and ride to Cameron with June in her 15 passenger van. Please let me know if you are going so we will wait for you. We can get more vans if we need them.

February 26 & 27 - Hutchinson, KS. Memorial (HUT) Cosmosphere & Space Center. The Liberty Bell 7 will be going on tour the end of March. I have blocked 10 rooms at Super 8 Motel 1-316-662-6394 till February 15. You will need to call and make your reservations. The rooms are under Robert Williams. 1 bed 2 people \$52.98 or 2 beds 2 people \$58.52

March 25 - St Joseph, MO Rosecrans Memorial (STJ) Meet for lunch 12:00

April 22 - Warsaw, MO (56M) 12:00

May 20 & 21 - Gaston Lakeview Arkansas (3MO) phone 1-870-431-5202

We are also invited to attend KPA Flyouts. February 12 - Breakfast flyout to St. Joseph MO (Rosencrans).

**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
N ever months! Each accident had an average cost of \$30,000 dollars. Just looking at this
G oes information, isn't it worth the 3 flying hours and a safety meeting to avoid a costly
S outh accident? Participate in the 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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