



Kansas City Chapter  
Missouri Pilots Association

*The flyer*

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## President's Corner

Here's possibly a true story with a message to pilots as well. Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high dessert, an hour east of Bakersfield, California, a blonde (of course), new to boating was having a problem. No matter how hard she tried, she just couldn't get her brand new 22ft. Bayliner to perform. It wouldn't plane at all, and it was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power she applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, she putted over to a nearby marina. Maybe they could tell her what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything was in perfect working order. The engine ran fine, the outdrive went up and down, the prop was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped into the water to check underneath only to come up choking on water, he was laughing so hard. REMEMBER, this is purported to be true..... Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer. There's a message for us in this story. How many times have we heard of pilot's taking off with Pitot covers still installed, gear and control locks still in place, and even tow bars hanging from the front gear. We have a lot more to lose than that blonde, boat driver. Fly safe. *Herb*

**Congratulations to Chapter Member Bob Sternecker. Bob was honored with the FAA Master Mechanic Award.**

The Greater St. Louis Flight Instructors Association 30th Annual Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic will be held Feb 19-20, 2000 at Parks College of Engineering and Aviation on the campus of St. Louis University. Reduced registration for non-CFI's . E-mail [dallen@nothnbut.net](mailto:dallen@nothnbut.net) or call 636-286-905.

### From your Board of Directors, Missouri Pilots Association

The Board asks you to write to your Representatives to show support for the MISSOURI AIRPORT PROTECTION ACT. See link on this site for addresses

**JANUARY 26, 2000** - Our guest speaker in January spoke on a subject more to do with heavy iron than light aluminum. Never the less, Susan Lockette, Customer Services Manager at Kansas City International, told us of red coated or polo shirt clad individuals going around the airport telling people where to go and where to get off. And the recipients of the advice are grateful! Well, actually, as KCI Airport Ambassadors, they volunteer their time and knowledge about the airport and city to help travelers find their baggage, rest rooms and other facilities as well as restaurants, hotels and attractions. After passing qualification screening, they receive training and are paired up with

experienced Ambassadors before they are out on their own. The program is spreading through other airports in the country, and has certain benefits besides the satisfaction of helping visitors to our area. Susan invites anyone interested to call her for more information. *Al St. Germain*

**FEBRUARY 23, 2000** - at DAV, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road. Reservations **MUST BE MADE** by **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2000**, if not on the permanent reservation list. Our menu will be: Salad, PORK TENDERLOIN, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, 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**

**February 23, 2000** - Past Presidents and Club Birthday Party

**March 22, 2000** - Paula Derks, President of Aircraft Electronics.

**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.

**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

**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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