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"And now the news ♦ A light airplane made an emergency landing on the grounds of Holy Land Christian Mission on Red Bridge Road in South Kansas City just ten minutes ago. The lucky pilot walked away unharmed, and no damage to the aircraft was noted after landing in the high grass. Kansas City police and fire equipment were dispatched to the scene. We'll give you an update as the facts unfold. Charles Gray, WDAF News."

Well, that's probably close to what our June speaker, Charles Gray, 50-year veteran of radio and TV news said after he was the first to arrive on the scene along with the fire trucks. And, if you don't remember who the pilot was, you might recall the airborne traffic reporter who chewed out drivers of cars going too slowly or blocking an intersection during the rush hour. John Wagner, better know as "Sky Spy," was the subject of most of Mr. Gray's talk, as he was in his newly published book, *A Million Miles Over Kansas City*. That was only one funny anecdote about John, but we did hear just a little of our speaker's own experiences regarding his first and last 15 minute flying lesson, trips to Panama watching alligators parachuting out of C-130s, and interviewing a window washer whom Mr. Gray still considers more interesting than presidents, royalty and other VIPs he covered. Trust and confidentiality were most important in his work, Mr. Gray said, otherwise careers and reputations could be destroyed. After that teaser, what we need now is a book on Charles Gray! *Al St. Germain*

RESERVATION INFORMATION

July 26, 2000 - at DAV, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road. Reservations MUST BE MADE by SATURDAY, July 22, 2000, if not on the permanent reservation list. Our menu will be: Salad, Chicken Cordon bleu, baked Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, roll and butter, coffee/tea, and dessert. Special dietary needs can be accommodated at the time of the reservation. Please call JUNE WILLIAMS AFTER NOON AT 816-224-3241 to make your reservations.

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: Herb Roberts

July 26, 2000 - Dr. Jim Ruse, Founder and Publisher of the bi-monthly pilot's publication, The K C Flyer.

August 2000 - Ms. Christine Gollnick of Angel Flight.

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.

I would like to setup a flyout e-mail response list to notify you of last minute flyout changes or cancellation. If you would send me a short message (just say hi). I can copy your e-mail address to my address book then I can send you updates. I have learned how to Blind Carbon Copy this way your e-mail address will be confidential. My address is row2@qni.com You can use e-mail to let me know if you are planning to go on a flyout or not. *Bob Williams*

July 30 Lamoni, IA meet for Lunch

August Chapter Picnic

August 12 & 13 Aviation Expo 2000

Why In 1996 there were 1,907 General Aviation (GA) accidents. Of all these accidents, only 2
Instruction involved pilots who had participated in the WINGS program during the previous 12
Never months! Each accident had an average cost of \$30,000 dollars. Just looking at this
Goes information, isn't it worth the 3 flying hours and a safety meeting to avoid a costly
South accident? Participate in the WINGS program. It's better than a BFR

WINGS - Congratulations to Alan Monshausen, Phase II, and anyone completing their WINGS in the last two months. Remember, send a copy of your certificate to the Chapter.

The State Wings Contest runs from April 1st thru March 31st each year. Let's make the WINGS year WINGS Safe. All it takes is one hour of air work, one hour of takeoffs and landings, one hour of instrument and a safety meeting. It is the responsibility of each chapter WINGS Chair to keep track of all their WINGS participants. So -- please -- keep Chapter Wings Officer, Penrod Turk, informed upon the completion of any phase. (4 West 112th Street, Kansas City, MO 64114-5304)

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.

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