



Dr Milo Farnham

**Kansas City Chapter
Missouri Pilots Association**

The flyer

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**RESERVATION INFORMATION
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE**

October 25, 2000 - at DAV, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road. Reservations **MUST BE MADE by **SATURDAY, October 21, 2000**, if not on the permanent reservation list. Our menu will be: Salad, Salisbury Steak, Baked Potato, Corn, 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.

Summary of August 2000 MPA Speaker - Herb Roberts presented our August speaker in a homey sort of way, "Judy is a fellow pilot. I think she is a good person, although I really don't know her, but from here she looks honest!" Recovering nicely, Judy Benjamin, an executive and full time coordinator of Angel Flight, spoke of the history of the organization and its operation. As a Fall 1999 successor to Wings Over Mid-America, started in 1995 by Jim Stevens of Overland Park, with a once per-month flight, Angel Flight Central is affiliated with six other regions making up Angel Flight America. It is comprised of 260 pilots from 10 states. The final figures for August would show at least 68 passengers were flown, a significant increase over previous figures, and a tribute to the dedication of the pilots and volunteers who make the organization work. A well-done video by KMBZ TV filled in the humanitarian side of the story. Pilot requirements are as might be expected. When Judy mentioned that she was a member of The Ninety-Nines, KPA, and any flying organization that would have her, we saw an MPA application and pen come out! As for moi, the name Angel Flight brought back fond memories of my TB-25 training days leading to wings in 1955 at Goodfellow AFB, TX where I was assigned to a flight by the same name! *Al St. Germain*.

MPA speaker summary September 2000 - Introduced by Herb Roberts as a specialist in Internal Medicine and Senior FAA Medical Examiner, "who never flunks his students taking their physical tests," Dr. Milo Farnham, did not tell us how we could cram for our tests. Instead, he talked of his travels to and from Alaska by car pulling a house trailer on the first of three Alcan Highway trips in

1955 from San Antonio to Anchorage, and by his more recent flight in, but what else, his Bonanza! Calling it the "ultimate private pilot, small plane trip," Dr. Farnham used slides to illustrate the beautiful mountains, valleys, glaciers, lakes and rivers, as well as fields of wild flowers. Having been taught to fly by a WW II Navy dive bomber pilot turned bush pilot in a vintage, no-electrical-system Taylorcraft while stationed at Elmendorf AFB, Dr. Farnham used those skills to get in and out of tight runways to fish and hunt. On this trip after a medical convention at Banff, near Calgary, he flew early mornings along the Alcan Highway to avoid mountain turbulence. Also, bare-bone strips, originally built to ferry over 8,000 aircraft to Russia, were available for emergencies. Preparation is most important, and a minimum requirement for survival equipment exists. He recommended a Sporty's video. For those of us who have several thousand hours flying in and over Alaska, we envy Dr. Farnham and his wife enjoying the scenery in VMC at low altitude with the time to take pictures. Certainly his great talk will inspire a few of us to make the trip! *Al St. Germain*

Programs: Program committee chair: Herb Roberts

Put This On Your Calendar!Programs:

Oct 21- BLOOD DRIVE, EAA Hanger at Lee's Summit Airport. 9am-2pm. In memory of Bud Wielt and Paul Doeling.

CO-SPONSORED BY EAA AND LEE'S SUMMIT AIRPORT. Call John Ohrazda at the airport to set up an appt.

Oct 22 - Sunday - EAA Young Eagles - 1:00 P.M. at Lee's Summit airport.

Oct. 25 - Mr. David Chaffee, Columbia FSS Automated Weather Systems.

Nov. 15: Steve Barnhart of Barnhart Security

Dec. 3 - Wright Day Dinner @ Loch Lloyd

December 13 - Our Christmas Party will be at Stephenson's. Social hour commencing at 6:00 w/Dinner at 7:00 PM. We will also have a \$10.00 (maximum) gift exchange. Price is \$22 per person. Deadline for reservations is Fri., Dec. 8th.

WHAT: MPA Christmas Party

WHEN: Wednesday, December 13, 2000 - Social at 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Stephenson's Old Apple Farm, 40 Hwy & Lee's Summit Road

COST: \$22.00 per person

IMPORTANT! ---- Prepaid reservations must be made by Fri., December 8th

Direct questions to June Williams (816-224-3241).

HOW: Send check made payable to MPA for _____ reservations @ \$22.00 per person = \$

to: Marty Young 4108 NE Suwannee Drive, Lee's Summit, Mo. 64064.

Names: _____

Jan 24th Mystery Guest Speaker

Feb 28 Bob Dickens

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 The Big Biscuit at 16506 E. 40 Highway. That is the NE corner of Lee's Summit Rd & 40 Highway.

October 21 Cameron (EZZ) Little Blessings tea room - meet for lunch

Oct 28 - The Heart of America Wing of the Confederate Air Force is going to have it's first Pancake breakfast at it's new hanger and future museum at the New Century Air Center (IXD). the date is October 28th from 8:00am to 11:00. We will have warbirds of the Wing on display and hopefully some of the other wings of the CAF will bring in some planes. We intend to have the birds flying. *Jim Boughan*

November 4 Branson Christmas in Silver Dollar City

WINGS - Congratulations to Joe Boyles (Phase 10) and Kevin Knapp (Phase II)

W hy I nstruction N ever G oes S outh	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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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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