

The Flyer

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Well, **Herb Roberts** t(r)apped an old friend again for an interesting and informative talk at our September meeting. After a three-year Army hitch and 10 years with the Missouri Highway Patrol, **Sergeant Pepper Burns** joined the KC Police Department, serving 14 years before qualifying for the Helicopter Section, the only one left providing aerial support in the area, crossing city, county and state lines when necessary. He received his training there, and has flown for the last four years.

Presently using three Army surplus OH-6s, the unit works in shifts from 11 AM to 7 PM, and 7 PM to 3 AM logging about eight hours per day, with frequent requests to provide longer coverage. Unlike other police helicopter units, they don't ferry VIPs around. Their sole job is to support patrol units, anyone of which can call for help.



Sergeant Pepper Burns

The use of a new generation of Forward Looking Infra-Red (FLIR) heat-seeking equipment, as well as gyro-stabilized binoculars, make these flying policemen more effective. Most of the activity is concentrated in a 35 square mile area of Kansas City's 317 square miles. Hovering over a crime scene to illuminate hiding criminals or following a car in a chase would be two typical missions, but landing and chasing suspects on the ground would not. Sgt. Burns brought with him **Chuck Thompson**, who doubles as chief of maintenance and training, putting his Vietnam skills to good use. He and **Bob Dickens** flew together there!

We were pleased to hear of very few noise complaints from KCMO residents compared to other cities. Frankly, when I hear them go overhead or see their searchlight, I whisper a prayer for their safety. Hope you do, too! *Al St. Germain*

Congratulation to Dave Gilsdorf who earned his instrument rating on June 24. Way to go Dave!!

Pilot Town Meeting--October 16, Tuesday 7:30 @ Hilton Kansas City Airport, 8801 NW 112th Street, Take Exit 12 (112th St) off I-29, or KCI Airport exit off I-435 North. If you'd like more information about this Pilot Town Meeting, please call the AOPA Communications Division at 301-695-2154 or Web site at www.aopa.org click on the button for 'President's Page, then click on the Pilot Town Meeting link.



MPA State Poker Run - The MPA State Poker Run was held on Saturday, September 22, 2001. A great turnout of 22 planes and 51 participants enjoyed the great weather and camaraderie of fellow pilots. We departed the Osage Beach airport and flew first to Rolla/Vichy and then to West Plains or Willow Springs. From there we were transported by South Central Missouri chapter members to Bill and Mary Marx (SCMO members) Stony Point Farm. (See picture) The Marxs raise bison and invited everyone for a delicious lunch of Buffalo Burgers, salad, green bean casserole, baked potato, nachos, and pop. This was topped off by a great banana split. After lunch we continued on the poker run to Lebanon and back to Osage Beach where we opened the envelopes containing the poker cards. Although we didn't win anything, everyone was a winner. Although the Broomes were ready for the flight, their plane wasn't. I'm sure everything will be ready for the next one. Some stayed overnight and some went shopping in Osage Beach.

Put This On Your Calendar!

Flyouts: Flyout Committee Chair: Sarah McKinley

NOTE: When you see RSVP, Sarah **MUST** know to arrange transportation to the restaurant. Anybody desiring to be on Sarah's email list, please let her know.

October 13, Saturday-- **CANCELLED** Stockton, MO Airport.

October 14, Sunday- RSVP The Bridges of Madison county festival. Winterset, Iowa. Landing at 9:30 a.m. Bus tours of the bridges leave from the square all day. Parade at 2 - 3 p.m. Att; Macho men this is the birthplace and boyhood home of John Wayne (1 block off downtown square.

October 21, Sunday--**CANCELLED** MPA Picnic - @ Rainbow Air Village, Dearborn MO Airport.

October 27, Saturday- Miami County, Kansas Airport Home of the great B.Q. 12:00 noon.

October 27, Saturday - Clay County Regional is having a chili lunch, fly or drive in.

November 3, Sat and Sun- Amana Colonys, Amana, Iowa, very nice grass strip runway. Lovely German Village with German Restaurants, crafts, winery and woolen mill. Reserve you own room before Oct. 1 or sooner for good rooms at 1-877-331-0828.

November 10, Saturday- Grand Glaize Airport Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. Lunch at 11:30 at Kenilworth's House (end of runway) and Attention: ladies Christmas shopping. President Morris of Lake of the Ozark Chapter will provide transportation.

November 17, Saturday- Independence, Mo. Yes the runway is still open, watch out for some chug holes at the south tip of the runway. The breakfast is terrific. It is due to be destroyed in February is lets say bye to an old friend. Breakfast will be at 9:00.

December 1-2- Anyone interested in a Branson Christmas on the date please call me and I will try for reservations.

Please RSVP to Sarah McKinley Phone: 816-320-3462 or E-Mail: flyingmacs@msn.com. Also the morning of fly-out you can call: 816-781-7194 - Roosterville Airport. Airborne Communications is 122.75. Remember that our minimums are 3000 and 5.

Programs: Program Committee Chair: Herb Roberts

October 24 Safety Meetin-- Tom Bartels of the FAA will give us our yearly talk on winter weather and the effect it has on flying and the airplane.

November 14 -- Chuck Zuvers will talk about the Flying Fez, the flying unit of the Ararat Shrine that transports burn victims to hospitals at no charge.

January 23, 2002--Mr. Lee Lamar was a B-24 bomber pilot during the 2nd WW and was shot down over Italy. He was captured and spent the rest of the war as a P.O.W. He will tell about his experiences and will have some artifacts to display. Should be very interesting.

DINNER RESERVATION INFORMATION

October 24, 2001 - at **DAV, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road**. Reservations **MUST BE MADE** by **SATURDAY, October 20, 2001**, if not on the permanent reservation list. 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.

Our menu will be: Roast Beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, Salad and dessert.

Remember - Meeting time: Social from 6:00 to 6:30 P.M. Dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$12.00 per person.

November 14, 2001 - Thanksgiving Dinner will be at **Jumpin Catfish**, Lee's Summit MO, off of 50 Hwy on SW Blue Pkwy. When you enter Jumpin Catfish tell them you are with the MPA Group and they will escort you to your room. Make your dinner reservations with **JUNE WILLIAMS AFTER NOON AT 816-224-3241**. Social from 6:00 to 6:30 pm--Dinner at 6:30 to 9:00. Cost is \$12.00 per person. Please pay Marty Young as you enter the room. **THERE WILL BE NO PERMANENT RESERVATION LIST FOR THIS NIGHT ONLY.** Our menu you will have a choice of: Two Chicken, Two Catfish, Chicken Fried Stake or Butterfly Shrimp.

December 1th--Christmas MPA Dinner will be at **V's Italiano** Restaurant, 40 Hwy, Independence MO. Make your dinner reservations with **JUNE WILLIAMS AFTER NOON AT 816-224-3241**. Reservations **MUST BE MADE** by December 3. Social from 6:00 to 6:30 pm--Dinner at 6:30 to 9:00, Cost is \$20.00 per person, Please pay Marty Young. **THERE WILL BE NO PERMANENT RESERVATION LIST FOR THIS NIGHT ONLY.** Our Dinner Buffet menu will be: Baked Lasagna, Baked Chicken and Cannelloni Florentine, Tossed Salad, Broccoli Normandy Antipasto Tray, Hot Garlic Toast V's Home-made Italian Rum Cake.

MO-KAN Wings Contes - Remember - Get ready for next year. All non-pilot members should attend a safety meeting and have a WINGS card signed. These are needed for our inter-state rivalry with the Kansas Pilots Association (KPA). The KPA is very serious about this contest and won the trophy (furnished by Ed Duckworth) last year. All non-pilot members should send their signed wings card to Penrod Turk

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)

FYI- Missouri State Senate Web Site: <http://www.senate.state.mo.us/> Missouri House Web Site:

MPA Board Meeting - 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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