



The Flyer *December 2001*

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At the November 14 dinner meeting our guest speaker was Chuck Zuvers who explained the Wings of Mercy program as sponsored by the Ararat Shrine in Kansas City and managed by the "Flying Fez." The Kansas City Ararat Shrine is the only Shrine Temple of 191 in the United States to own and maintain their own aircraft. As most people know, the Shrine is recognized for the three hospitals for burned children as well as their 19 other hospitals for children suffering from cleft palate and orthopedic problems. The Flying Fez use their plane to transport children, at no charge, to various of their hospitals, but especially to Chicago, Galveston, and Cincinnati. About 1 flight per week is averaged, obviously with each round trip taking a minimum of 1 full day. Flights routinely depart at 5

a.m. and often do not return until very late at night. Each flight is handled by a volunteer pilot-in-command as well as a fully qualified co-pilot volunteer and will transport the child along with a parent or guardian. The plane is hangared at Downtown Kansas City Airport at Executive Beech. It is a 1986 Cessna-206 and is fully equipped with all of the latest aviation technology. All maintenance of the aircraft, all expenses incurred for each flight, as well as all medical treatment for the child is covered by the Shrine. Chuck described some of his personal experiences with brave children who have faced their problems. Chuck obviously is proud of the Wings of Mercy program and finds it very worth his volunteered time. *Pam Ratliff*

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 e-mail list, please let her know.

December 8, Saturday - Miami County, Landing @ 12:00 noon BQ lunch, flyin, drive-in

December 9, Sunday - MPA State Board fly-out, Columbia Regional Airport (Board meets at 1300)

December 16, Sunday - Topeka, Bullard Airport, Landing @ 10:00 Brunch, flyin or drive-in

January 12, Saturday - Bolivar Airport, Landing @ 11:30 for lunch.

January 26, Saturday - Iowa Aviation Museum's 5th annual Chili Fly-In, Greenfield, IA. (Landing @ 12:00 noon) They have a nice small air museum (on the field) and their is a Chili Flyin at the airport. Lot's of Fun for Everyone!

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.

Congratulation to Scott Rankin for receiving his Phase V WINGS.

Congratulation to Mary Ann LePage Swisher who earned her Instrument Rating on November 11, 2001.

We are sadden to announce Elmer W. Beningfield, 89, Raytown, MO, died Sunday, November 18, 2001, at Menorah Medical Center. Mr. Beningfield was born September 7, 1912, in De Witt, MO. He married Theda M. Henderson on June 1, 1935, in Salisbury, MO. Mr. Beningfield started working for Union Wire Rope Corp. (Armco Steel) in 1943, and retired as General Foreman in 1977. Elmer was a member of the Country Club Christian Church and was active in the 50-50 Sunday School Class. He was affiliated with Gate City Masonic Lodge since 1947. He and his wife were active members and officers of the Missouri Pilots' Association. He was editor of MPA Newsletter since 1981. He is survived by his wife, Theda; son, Bill and his wife, Inge Beningfield of Lawrence, KS; daughter, Ardythe and her husban, Jerry Kolb of Shawnee, KS; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.



Congratulation
to
Larry & Marty
Young on their
50th Wedding
Anniversary !





Programs: Program Committee Chair: Herb Roberts

December 12th ♦ Christmas MPA Dinner will be at V's Italiano Restaurant, 40 Hwy, Independence MO. 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. 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.

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.

MO-KAN Wings Contest - 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)

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

Missouri State House Web Site: <http://www.house.state.mo.us>

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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