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Lee Lamar

Our January speaker held us spell-bound for over an hour. Just by sheer coincidence, **Herb Roberts** asked directions to a hangar at JC Ex from a gentleman wearing a POW cap. He soon learned that **Lee Lamar** was a WW II B-24 pilot and had been shot down

in Italy. Lee's flying career started with a \$10 flying course leading to his entry into the Army Air Corps, training in the PT-19, BT-13, AT-10, and subsequently instructing in the BT-13 and the little known BT-14, (a little AT-6.) Finally achieving his dream, he qualified in the B-24 and ferried a brand new aircraft to the 15th AI in Italy. He relayed several experiences of particularly difficult missions and admitted that the SOB commander who insisted on close formations for protection from fighters probably saved his life. On a particular flight to Greece, after the drop, his bomb bay doors would not close. His aircraft had suffered severe damage between the left inboard engine and the fuselage, rendering the #1 and #2 engines inop. Luckily he was able to feather both props, but the controls were almost useless in maintaining level flight causing the crew to bail out. Lee was trapped in his parachute for what must have seemed like hours as his aircraft was descending in a circle. He finally got free and estimates he hit the ground seven seconds later. The escape and evade scene was short and ultimately led to a trip to Germany for interrogation and incarceration. Food was in short supply and stretched by including sawdust in the bread. What always impresses the listener of such tales is the ability of the GIs to maintain their senses, while denying the enemy valuable intelligence. Those of us who went through survival training benefited from the lessons learned from these brave WW II warriors. Great stories, Lee, and we thank you for your bravery, dedication and service! *Al St. Germain*

Put This On Your Calendar!

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.

February 24, Sunday - Lamoni, Ia., lunch buffet, landing at 10:30 A.M. This is the best fly-in restaurant we know! (Quilt Country) about 1/3 mile from airport. **RSVP** to Sarah, they will pickup or if nice day, we can wal it.

March 10, Sunday - Missouri Pilots State Board Meeting, Columbia, Mo. (possible fly-in and tour, watch for later details)

March 16, Saturday - Miami County Airport, Breakfast, landing at 8:30 A.M.

March 24, Sunday - Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, 2400 ft. turf runway, southwest of town. Emma Chase Restaurant, **RSVP** to Sarah or walk one mile into town. Restaurant on the main street. Landing 9:00 A.M. Will check runway conditions.

April 7, Sunday - Clay County Airport Hamburger lunch Fly-In 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

April 13, Saturday - Gaston, Ark. (turf runway), restaurant on field (this is for everyone who keeps saying lets go to Gaston). A very nice place to eat. Landing 11:00 A.M. Will check runway conditions the day before. Also Gaston, Arkansas does have a motel-hotel with very nice accommodations, except if you cancel your reservations at the last minute they will charge you for the first night. You will have to cancel two weeks before that doesn't help us and the weather.

April 14, Sunday - Stockton, Mo. Airport, Orleans Trail Restaurant, sits on a high hill above the lake, (an old fashion breakfast buffet and a beautiful view). Landing at 9:00 A.M. **RSVP** to Sarah for transportation

May 4 & 5, Saturday & Sunday - Minden, Neb. Pioneer Village Museum and motel. A overnight or fly back (This museum is a fantastic place to see and will take a full day.) The old town square is about three blocks away and has an old opera house). I have blocked 10 non-smoking rooms, \$35.00 (single), or \$40.00 (double) plus tax. You need to make your own reservations before April 15th by calling 1-800-445-4447. You can cancel the morning of the fourth without penalty.

May 12, Sunday - Missouri Pilots State Board Meeting, Columbia, Mo.

May 18, - Excelsior Springs Airport will have their annual fly-in breakfast and/or lunch.

Please RSVP to Sarah McKinley Phone: 816-320-3462 or E-Mail: flyingmacs@msn.com. Also the mornin 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 Kris Krishna for receiving his Phase II WINGS.

Congratulation to Tom Redenbaugh for receiving his Phase VI WINGS.

Congratulation to Ralph Schmude for receiving his Phase XVI WINGS.

Programs: Program Committee Chair: Herb Roberts

February 27, 2002 ♦ Walt Gunn - Speaking on pilot error.

March 27, 2002 ♦ FAA appreciation night. Air Traffic Controllers, from Kansas City Center, Olathe

April 9, 2002 ♦ Safety Seminar at the DAV, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road. This Safety Seminar is co-sponsored by The Kansas City Marine Aero Club and Kansas City Chapter of the Missouri Pilot Association. This will take the place of the May 15th Seminar at the EAA Hanger, Lee's Summit, Airport.

DINNER RESERVATION INFORMATION

February 27, 2002 - at **DAV, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road**. Reservations **MUST BE MADE** by **SATURDAY, February 23, 2002**, 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** or **E-Mail** jrw@planetkc.com to make your reservations.

Our menu will be: Baked Chicken Breast with a baked potatoes and corn on the cob, 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.

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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