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Doug Entriken

Our May's guest speaker talk reminded this scribe of a tale one might hear on Art Bell's night radio show, or see "Unexplained Mysteries" or "Unsolved Mysteries." The intrigue was even heightened by what I heard after the talk. Doug Entriken told us he started flying "Grasshoppers" at age 12, later with the Army Air Force Reserves as a S/Sgt., presumably as a "Flying Sergeant," instructing at Fairfax in Stearmans as well as doing recon work.

Back in the 30s, he went rock hunting with his parents near Los Alamos and unknowingly handled a piece of uranium, which to this day causes him discomfort in his arm, and requires wearing a glove. Because he had already been exposed to radiation, he was directed to report to Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, head of the Manhattan Project, to handle plutonium and uranium rods bare-handed! He was involved in desert tests, experiencing the great pressure that atomic explosions cause. He says his real claim to fame was being the individual who armed the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, just moments before they were dropped. He described the shock waves as B-29s left the area.

At the war's end, he was told not to report to VA as they would not listen to him. He eventually was found by M Kansas City, and still ran the Geiger counters off scale. After the talk I asked if he had received veteran medical benefits, but he said all his records were purposely destroyed and that, so far as the government is concerned, he never existed nor served in the military. Doug displays a badge for entry to reunions of such former servicemen served with him as his only proof. That, and having a brick inscribed with his name in the Walk of Honor at the Liberty Memorial are, he feels, his only recognition and reward from an ungrateful nation.

Al St. Germain

Programs: Program Committee Chair: Herb Roberts

June 26, 2002 ♦ Mr. Harvey Bayless of the Tuskegee Airmen will be our speaker this month. He will talk about Tuskegee Airman, show a short film and answer questions.

DINNER RESERVATION INFORMATION

June 26, 2002 - at DAV, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road. Reservations **MUST BE MADE** by SATURDAY, June 22, 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 reservation. The menu will be: Chicken Fried Steak, mash potatoes and gravy with 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.

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.

(Needing a ride to a Flyout or have space available Please Call Sarah McKinley for the information.)

June 15, Sunday Allen County breakfast fly-in, Iola, KS. Flyin time 9:00 AM

June 16, Sunday - Clarinda, Iowa, fly-in breakfast and air show. Flyin time 9:00 AM.

June 22 & 23, Saturday & Sunday - Minden, Ne. Airport, this can be a one day flyin at the Pioneer Village Museum restaurant and motel (1-800-445-4447, reservations are still available, tell them your with the Missouri Pilots.

Meeting at the airport at 10:00 AM.

June 27 - Special Program, Aviation Safety-Education Seminar, 7:00 to 9:30 PM at the National Weather Service Training Center (NOAA BLDG), 7220 N.W. 101 Terrace, KC, Mo.

June 29, Saturday - Kansas City Chapters annual picnic at Rainbow Village Airport, near Dearborn, Mo. starting noon. Bring a covered dish, table service and your (FAVORITE FLYING STORY or a made up one). Chapter will supply the meat and drink. Drive-in or fly-in, but come!

July 13, Saturday - Wayne, Ne.(Chicken Fly-In) Omelet breakfast, chicken contests, (you may rent or bring a chicken) to enter in contests.

July 14, Sunday - State Board Meeting at Columbia, Mo. Airport

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

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) 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 WIN 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>

MISSOURI 2002-2003 Airport Directory & Travel Guide.

This has view of the latest airports & information updates:

<http://www.modot.state.mo.us/airportdirectory>

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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