

The Flyer



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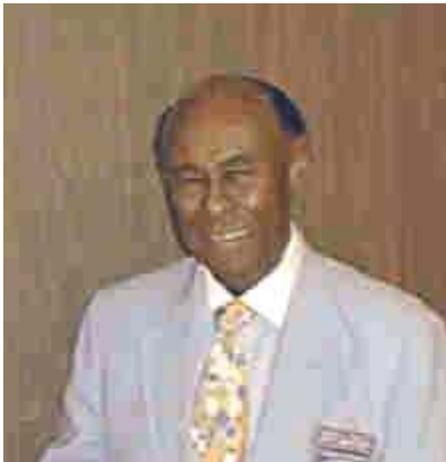
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Harvey Bayless



The June meeting of the Kansas City Chapter hosted a very special guest Harvey Bayless is currently Historian for the local Heart of America Chapter Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Mr. Bayless was drafted in the service in early 1942 and was transferred overseas in December of that year. He is one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, who served as Communications Maintenance Officer with the "Black" 332nd Fighter Group in the Italian Theater during World War II. During the Korean War he was recalled to active duty in the U.S. Air Force when he served as a Research & Development Officer at Griffiss AFB, New York and as a Staff Communications Officer with the Pacific Air Force, Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Mr. Bayless worked for 37 years as a civilian electronic engineer with the Air Force Communications Command and other Air Force organizations. In 1979 he was awarded the Civilian

Meritorious Service Medal for his technical management skills in directing major engineering projects. He retired from the United States Air Force Reserves as a Major and was assigned to the Retired Reserves in 1984. Mr. Bayless spoke of the involvement of African-Americans in military service since the Revolutionary War when a contingent of Blacks served with George Washington. At the end of the Civil War, 12% of the Union Forces were African-American. During the Spanish-American War, there were Blacks fighting with Theodore Roosevelt at San Juan and during World War I about 200,000 African-Americans served in Europe with the American troops. Following a "government study" in 1924 when it was recommended Blacks not be used in positions of responsibility, the number of Blacks in the military declined. At the beginning of World War II there were only 5 Black officers, three Black chaplains. Finally, at the beginning of Franklin Roosevelt's third term, he allowed one fighter squadron of African-American's to be formed. Eventually, the 332nd Fighter Group was formed ending with 4 Squadrons. The red-tail flown by the 332nd were respected by German Luftwaffe as well as American troops as they had the reputation of not losing a single bomber to enemy fire while providing fighter escort to bombing missions over Europe. Recognition began to come in. Medals were earned and awarded. The Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation was awarded as a result of providing bomber escort service during the attack on Berlin in March of 1945. And, at last in 1948 President Harry Truman signed Executive Order 9981 officially integrating the Armed Forces. Mr. Bayless enjoys speaking to elementary and middle school students. He sees the country as a better place as years pass with endless opportunities, though, he says, it is still far from perfect.

Al St. Germain

Programs: Program Committee Chair: Herb Roberts

July 24, 2002 ♦ Corky Nason - Air Craft Insurance

August 28, 2002 ♦ Thomas Genovese of Bendix King, info on GPS

DINNER RESERVATION INFORMATION

July 24, 2002 - at DAV, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road. Reservations **MUST BE MADE** by SATURDAY, July 20, 2002 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: Rost Beef, mash potatoes and gravy with mixed vegetable, 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.)

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

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

July 28, Sunday - Bolivar for breakfast @ 8:30 AM

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.

Rainbow Village June 29th MAP Annual Picnic



Hello, fellow pilots:

Well the flyout to Minden, Ne. turned out wonderful this weekend. The weather was great and the museum has improved since seven or eight years ago. The restaurant adjoining the Pioneer Village had great food! The motel rooms were big and neat and had been redone. Mac and I separated and he went to the old aircraft, trucks and tractors and I went to the displays of old kitchens, dining rooms and bedrooms. The most interesting to me this was the wagons. Gypsy, Watkins products, coal, kerosene, school, ice, medicine show, all products for the home meat wagons. I could not believe all these wagons had delivered products to the home at one time. Now we have delivery trucks doing the job. It was fascinating to see. The only thing Mac and I missed was we were a flight of ONE, and missed our fellow pilots.. The airport office was brand new. And we meet some great people. Mac got airport courtesy car going again with a new battery and assistance from the local car dealer (who was also on the airport board) the airport manager had quite a month before. A REMINDER: We have a Mo. Pilot picnic Saturday June 29th at Rainbow Village. Fly-in or Drive-in, bring a covered dish and table service. The chapter is providing drink and meat. Don't forget your(Favorite Flying Story) true or not!!!! I know you pilots. Ha! Ha! Sarah

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 l on the first Tuesday of the month, excluding holidays, at Executive Beechcraft, Downtown Airport, at 7:00 P.M 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 meetin date and location. **Make this your additional flyout.**

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