



The Flyer

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Ms. Kay Baker
Executive Director
The International Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Kansas

Our July speaker, **Kay Baker**, Executive Director, spoke about The International Forest of Friendship, one of Atchison, Kansas's prime attractions, located on the banks of the Missouri River. Warnock Lake, formed by Corps of Engineers flood control efforts, provides the site that is surrounded by spacious green parkland. A gift to America on her 200th birthday from the City of Atchison and the Ninety-Nines, The International Forest of Friendship is a living, growing memorial to the World History of Aviation and Aerospace. The forest is nestled on a gentle slope, overlooking Lake Warnock, in the heartland of America. It is made up of trees representing all fifty states and territories and thirty-five countries around the world. Each tree has its own flag, and on special occasions, the Forest is ablaze with the brilliance of colors of more than 100 flags blowing in the breeze. Among the special trees are one from George Washington's Mount Vernon estate, the Bicentennial American Spruce, a tree from Amelia Earhart's grandfather's farm, and a newly planted redbud from President Eisenhower's farm. Memory Lane winds through the Forest, honoring those who have, or are still contributing to all facets of aviation and aerospace. Granite plaques engraved with the names of more than 1,000 honorees are embedded in the concrete walk. Names include internationally recognized flyers as Amelia Earhart, Charles Lindbergh, Rajiv Gandhi, the Wright Brothers, Sally Ride, Chuck Yeager, General "Jimmie" Doolittle, President George H. W. Bush, and General Colin Powell. Our own Theda Beningfield is there as well. *Al St. Germain*

The International Forest of Friendship was begun by the Ninety-Nines and the City of Atchison in 1974 and dedicated in 1976. The forest is made up of trees representing all 50 states and thirty-five countries around the world. It is on a slope overlooking Lake Warnock. The roots of the trees, deeply entwined in rich Kansas soil are symbolic of the 99's motto: "World Friendship through Flying." Each tree has its own flag and on special occasions more than 100 flags can be seen blowing in the breeze.

Winding through the Forest is Memory Lane, honoring those who have or still are contributing to all facets of aviation and aerospace. Embedded in the concrete walk are granite plaques engraved with the names of more than 1200 honorees including such recognizable names as Amelia Earhart, Charles Lindbergh, Jeana Yeager, the Wright Brothers, Sally Ride, Chuck Yeager, and General "Jimmie" Doolittle as well as our own Theda Beningfield. Memory Lane honorees are proposed by sponsors who contribute \$350 along with submitting a biography and picture of the person to be recognized for consideration by the board.

Each year, usually in June, a weekend is set aside for special tributes and corresponding activities to acknowledge new honorees and celebrate the Forest. The next weekend will be June 18-20, 2004. Visitors may fly in or drive in. Call for registration information at 913-367-1419. *Pan Ratliff*

DINNER RESERVATION INFORMATION

You must make your own reservations each month.

August 27, 2003 at DAV, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road. Reservations **MUST BE MADE** by **NO LATTER THEN SUNDAY, August 24, 2003**, 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: Meat loaf, mashed potato and gravy, green beans, rolls, salad, ice cream with chocolate syrup.**

Cost is \$12.00 per person. Dinner at 6:30 P.M. ♦ Social from 6:00 to 6:30 P.M.

September 24, 2003 at the Old Country Buffet at Noland Rd and Hwy 40 at 6:30 PM Dinner. (NO CASH BAR) We will pay at the regular line, so you may wish to come a little early in case there are a few people in line. Price, including tax, for young birds will be \$9.49 and old buzzards \$8.53. The meeting room is on the right side of the main room. We are expected to leave a \$1 tip per person to clean the room. **NO RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**

October 22, 2003 at the Holiday Inn at Parvin Rd and I-435 (near Worlds of Fun). Cost is \$12 a person including taxes and tip. **RESERVATIONS BY THE SUNDAY BEFORE ARE A MUST.** You can of course attend the meeting without a reservation, but no food service will be available. Those making reservations and not attending will be billed. A bar is available outside of the ballroom and we will have round tables. A sign at the front door will direct you to the proper ballroom. The Holiday is giving us a choice of menus which will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

November 19, 2003 at DAV - Thanksgiving Dinner

December 10, 2003 at Hannah Bistro's in the Summit Inn, Lee's Summit - Christmas Party

January 22, 2004 at Airline History Museum for a catered dinner and tour

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS DINNER - DECEMBER 10, 2003:

At: Hannah Bistro's Restaurant in The Summit Inn, 625 N. Murray (50 Hwy & Chipman Rd.), Lee's Summit, MO.

Price: \$20.00 per person **Menu:** Choice of steak or chicken & crab napoleon, potato gratin, salad, dessert.

Time: Social 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. (cash bar) **Optional:** \$10.00 gift exchange (maximum)

Use this form for reservation:

Name Phone Number

Steak Price: \$20.00 Chicken Price: \$20.00 Total (enclosed)

Mail to: Marty Young, 4108 N.E. Suwannee Drive, Lee's Summit, MO 64064 ♦ 816-795-1992.
Deadline will be December 5th.

Program

Chairman: Marvin Moore

August 27, 2003 - Marvin Moore, on Flight Inspections

FLY-OUT

Chairman: Alan Monshausen

August 16, 2003 (Sat) - Topeka Billard Airport ✦ @ 9:00am

Plan on joining us for a flyout to the cafe at Topeka Billard Airport on Saturday, August 16th. Meet at Topeka at 9:00am for a late breakfast, and look for a MPA sign on the table. The rain date is the same place and time on 8-23 If winds are 25k or higher, consider the event canceled.

September 7, 2003 (Sun) - Lamoni, IA (LWD) ✦ @ 11:00am

We will begin the 4 block walk to the Quilt Country Inn. For those that need a ride, there is transportation available, but be early. This is one of the best buffets available in the Mid-West and if you need references, ask Fount McKinley. He has been there 271 times! No RSVP and no rain date. See you there!

Alan Monshausen 816-452-6019 n6325p@yahoo.com

Remember that our minimums are 3000 AGL and 5 miles and no more than 25kts.

Useful Web Site's:

Missouri Pilots Association Web Site for all chapters: www.mopilots.org

MISSOURI 2002-2003 Airport Directory & Travel Guide. This has view of the latest airports & information updates. <http://www.modot.state.mo.us/othertransportation/airportdirectory.htm>

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

This website is a pilot to pilot information exchange: www.flykc.com

Super Cub website is very popular www.supercub.org

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 interstate rivalry with the Kansas Pilots Association (KPA). The KPA is very serious about this contest and won the trophy (furnished by Ed Duckworth) year before last. 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)

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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