



## *The Flyer*

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**Marvin Moore**

Our August guest speaker was not a guest after all, but our own speaker coordinator, **Marvin Moore**. Marvin used a Power Point presentation to support his points on Flight Reviews, Currency Requirements and Instrument Proficiency. Referencing FAR 61.56, he mentioned that the title no longer includes the word biennial, probably because, as a member of the audience mentioned, people got it confused with biannual, the difference being 18 months. (In other words, we take it every two years.) What should be emphasized in

that respect is that the re requires a MINIMUM of one hour of ground and one hour of flight instruction. A thorough review will probably take more. Marvin mentioned that FAR 61.57 lists such requirements as three take offs, and presumably three landings in 90 days. (I once ran into a grizzly Army sergeant paratrooper who bragged about having logged over 500 aircraft take offs, but no landings!) Those landings, (61.57,) are full stops at night and for all tail draggers. FAR 61.57 also has an instrument requirement of six hours in six calendar months among others. Marvin pointed out that AC-61-91H, Pilot Proficiency Award Safety Program, allows attendance at a Safety Program meeting and three hours of flight training to substitute for the Flight Review. One hour is demonstration of aircraft maneuvering, one hour is for take offs, approaches and landings, and one hour for instrument practice. You may borrow the tape for a more complete review than I can summarize here. It was a full program that should be followed up with Marvin's recommendation that we review the applicable regs often. And when a person of Marvin's time and experience talks, I listen!  
Al St. Germain

### **DINNER RESERVATION INFORMATION**

**You must make your own reservations each month.**

**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

### **FLY-OUT**

**Chairman: Alan Monshausen**

**Congratulations to Sarah McKinley on her Private Pilots License** (Blue Skies to you Sarah)

**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!

**October 4, 2003 (Sat)** - Higginsville MO — @ 12:00 (Noon)

**Special Event:**

**October 11, 2003 (Sat)** - Lee's Summit MO — @ EAA Hangar - 7:30 am Pancake Breakfast, Flying Young Eagles and a Blood Drive.

Hangar Lunch bring a covered dish. Hamburger & Hot Dogs are provide by the chapter. (Host: Mark Nolte)

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

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

**Program**

**Chairman: Marvin Moore**

*September 24, 2003 - Chuck Zuvers - On the Flying Fez*

**Theda (Henderson) Beningfield**, December 4, 1916 ~ July 24, 2003, Age 86, Leawood, KS (formerly of Raytown, MO) passed away Thursday, July 24, 2003, at Menorah Medical Center.

From the February 1997 issue of *MPA News*: Theda Beningfield may be small in stature, but she is long in service to the aviation community and her civic responsibilities. Theda was born December 4, 1916, in Woodburn, Illinois and lived on a farm until moving to Dewit, Missouri at the age of four. She married Elmer Beningfield in 1935. She is survived by her son Harley "Bill" Beningfield and daughter-in-law, Inge, of Lawrence, KS; daughter, Ardythe Kolb and son-in-law, Jerry, of Shawnee, KD; seven grandchildren, Del Hamil, Britta Beningfield, Kevin Kolb, Marshall Kolb, Alec Beningfield, Erik Kolb, Kristin Asquith; and seven great-grandchildren. Like many of us, Theda did not develop an interest in aviation during her early years, (who could afford flying lessons during the Depression?). She kept busy with her motherhood tasks of P.T.A., Vacation Bible School, taking kids to the dentist and the numerous other chores mothers are famous for accomplishing. Theda's son Bill obtained a pilots license in Columbia, Missouri while attending Missouri University. He flew to Raytown, Missouri in an Aronca Champ and offered his mom a ride. The Champ was without a radio or starter but flew like an eagle. After she experienced the thrill of this first ride she got the "bug", just like most of us did after our first flight. Three years later she began taking flying lessons at the Fairfax Airport in Kansas City, Kansas, and nine months later she was scheduled for a check ride. On the day of her test, she was speechless due to losing her voice the day before. However, the designee handled all the radio work and the flight went well. On April 25, 1966 she became a licensed pilot. Someone suggested to Theda to go after a flight/instructor rating. She liked the idea and by October 12, 1969, she met the FAA Flight Instructor requirements and was ready to take students on the wonderful world of flight. She also obtained an instrument rating and added this to her flight instructor ticket as a CFII. Theda instructed students at the Cloud Nine Flying Club at Fairfax Airport, Casco Flying Club in Harrisonville, Missouri, Lees Summit Airport and several students at Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri. She formed a partnership with Ron Richter, who owned the Richter Airport in Cass County. Eventually they owned four airplanes, and Theda found herself as a part time instructor working from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm. they were known as the Jack/Cass Flyers. After dissolving her partnership with Ron, they moved the Beningfield Cessna 150 to Lake Winnebago Airport until the field was closed by the City. They took the 150 to Lee's Summit Airport where it is presently based. Theda and Elmer, (who is also a pilot), joined MPA in 1971 and helped organize the Kansas City Chapter. She served as President of the Chapter in 1975. Theda was elected MPA State President in 1978-79 and 1982-83. During her term she

made several outstanding presentations of the history of the Missouri Pilots Association to various chapters. Among Theda's honors are: A special citation from AOPA for promoting general aviation on September 27, 1990. FAA Certificate of Recognition for accomplishments in general aviation. One of four women panelists participation in a discussion for the Professional Women. Controllers 17th Annual conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Presently serves as MPA State Secretary, Director of the United States Pilots Association, FAA Safety Counselor, Corresponding Secretary Greater K.C. Ninety Nines and is a member of the National Flight Instructors Association. Theda has approximately 6000 plus hours of flight time. MPA is fortunate to have people like Theda Beningfield. Through their participation, support and aviation knowledge, MPA is elevated to a position of leadership for service and aviation safety to its members and the general aviation community.

**L. Kelly Reindl**, 49, Leavenworth, KS passed away Monday, August 25, 2003, at the Providence Medical Center. Kelly was born October 13, 1953, the son of Joseph W. and Mary Joan (Backer) Reindl. He graduated from St. Joseph Grade School, Immaculata High School in Leavenworth, KS and Electronics Institute of Kansas City. He did many things in life. At age 16 he flew solo for the first time going on to earn his private pilots license at 17; he owned a restaurant in Boise, ID; worked for Wilcox Electronics and Dash computer in Kansas City and traveled all over the world. He loved the outdoors: hunting, fishing, camping, and just walking along taking in the beauty of God's creation. Most of all he loved his children and grandchildren. He found the good in the people around him and helped them to see the good in themselves. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Survivors include his mother and father, JoAnn and Joe Reindl; children, Hildie Brown, Jeff Fisher, and Holly Moppin; grandchildren, Ashley and Brandon Brown, Kristen and Ronny Moppin; and brothers, William and Walter Reindl.

**Charles C. "Chuck" Gillis**, 56, of Lee's Summit, MO, passed away Monday, August 25, 2003, at Truman Medical Center, Lakewood. Chuck was born on March 30, 1947, to Ralph and Nancy Gillis in Kansas City, MO. He had lived in Middletown OH, where he was an engineer for Armco before moving back to this area in 1986. Chuck was a Private Pilot, flight instructor, built his own planes and loved to fly with a passion. He was a member of the Quiet Birdmen Organization, City of Lee's Summit BOAC and active in several chapters of the EAA. He was a member and elder of the Presbyterian Church in Middletown, OH. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy V. Gillis, in 1990, beside whom he will be laid to rest. Chuck is survived by a daughter, Stephanie V. Gillis of Lee's Summit; a longtime companion and partner, Patricia Jackson of Lee's Summit; and his mother-in-law, Marie M. Vance of Independence.

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### **Useful Web Site's:**

Missouri Pilots Association Web Site for all chapters: [www.mopilots.org](http://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](http://www.flykc.com)

Super Cub website is very popular [www.supercub.org](http://www.supercub.org)

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup> 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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