



The Flyer

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Editor Note: As of December 2003 this will be my last issue of the Kansas City Chapter of Missouri Pilots Association, News Letter. Thank You All for the input in the News Letters. June Williams

Marvin Moore and **Penrod Turk** presented a Wing Safety Program for our November meeting using a video tape produced by NASA, FAA, and AOPA, entitled, "Icing for General Aviation Pilots." It showed a reenactment of two actual flights whereby preflight planning, and inflight decisions played critical roles in the safe arrival of the flights, but barely in one case! It was stressed that icing is one of the most insidious enemies of pilots slowing the aircraft down, changing the center of gravity, increasing fuel flow and decreasing range. A good briefing using DUATS or Aviation Digital Data Service, ADDS, and Flight Service is imperative. It is important to know where the ice is and where it is safe to fly. For an aircraft not certified for icing conditions, it is illegal to file when icing is even forecast. Actual PIREPS will be helpful as well as forecasts of icing in making flying decisions. However, what might be light icing to an MD-80, might be severe icing to a light aircraft. If a decision is made to go, it is imperative that any snow or frost be removed completely before taxiing. Incurring icing once in the air can require a climb to get above the moist clouds or where the temperature is lower; descending below clouds to get out of the icing or to seek warmer temperatures, (MEA permitting;) continuing on; diverting or returning home. Getting and giving PIREPS at this point is important. Include type aircraft, altitude, outside air temperature, and type of icing. Flight Watch may provide valuable updates if flying VFR, and FSS in VFR or IFR. Don't hesitate to ask for an "immediate" altitude change offering to take a new heading to get it. FAR 91.3 allows deviations in an emergency. In summary, get a good preflight briefing, and avoid visible moisture when in the 2°C to -20°C range. If necessary, climb, descend, continue, divert or do a 180. In all cases, have a plan B. All good advice whether flying IFR or VFR. Marvin and Penrod signed off the session as credit toward the Wing Safety Program. A good review of the tape would enhance the safety of any future winter flights. And, if you have to deal with ice, make sure it's in your soft drink!

Al St. Germain

DINNER RESERVATION INFORMATION

December 10, 2003 — Christmas Dinner, at Hannah Bistro's in the Summit Inn, Lee's Summit. Guest Speak: Bill Nicks. Reservations **MUST BE MADE** by **SUNDAY, December 5, 2003**, Special dietary needs can be accommodated at the time of the reservation. Please call: **Marty Young at 816-795-1992** to make your reservations. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Dinner at 7:00 P.M. — Social from 6:30 to 7:00 P.M.

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

Special Event:

December 7, 2003 (Sun) - Wright Day Dinner-Kansas City Ninety-Nines (SPEAKER: BILL NICKS) Scholarship Fund Raiser @ Marriott Downtown 200 W. 12th St., Kansas City MO. Social 6:30pm - Dinner 7:00pm. \$35.00 per person. Contact any GKC 99's, Kathy McFarland (816) 941-3719 or Sally Sparks (913) 385-3232.

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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