



The Flyer

June, 2007

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vacant; Meeting Arrangements: Terrie Jo Fox.

Editor: Al St. Germain

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - There will be NO June dinner meeting at the DAV. We would like to encourage all to attend your state MPA convention in St. Joseph hosted by the Pony Express Chapter. Check the MPA News for info and registration. *** At no time in my 25 years plus as a private pilot and AOPA member have I witnessed such a national out-cry as the opposition to "user fees" increases. I urge every pilot and anyone who is interested in preserving the economic boost that GA brings to communities to log onto AOPA's web site at: www.aopa.org and sign the "Petition Against User Fees". You can also plan to attend the Sam Graves fly-in at the Tarkio, MO Airport on July 14, and sign it in person. AOPA now reports a record membership of over 412,000 and we can make a difference. *** The KC Chapter continues to lose members, and new ones are just not joining - Why? Your board continues to work very hard to obtain top notch speakers who should be of interest to all pilots - but attendance at meetings continues to be low - Why? The DAV works hard to prepare and serve very good food at a very reasonable price, and we know everyone has to eat. We need to hear from our membership and that's YOU. If you don't like the food or the location - please give us ideas. If you have any preference for guest speakers or topics - please tell us. I can be reached at 816-795-7233, and would welcome your comments and ideas. Gary Fox

SPEAKER SUMMARY: Our speaker for the May 23rd meeting certainly lived up to my billing. I worked with Kathy Randolph for seven years in FAA, and she taught me all I knew about OE/AAA, Obstacle Evaluation/Airport Airspace Analysis. In MPA, we call it Tall Towers,

but we studied other structures such as water tanks and buildings close to runways, penetrating an instrument approach procedure or airway. Kathy started out as an Air Force clerk/steno GS-3, and through the FAA Upward Mobility Program, retired 35 years later as a GS-13, having signed off or rejected thousands of applications for many kinds of towers and structures that might compromise required aircraft clearance as well as frequency interference. Title 14 of the CFR, part 77, requires certain clearance and interference criteria be met. For example, no obstruction may penetrate a 100:1 slope up to 20,000 feet from a public use airport with a runway of 3,200 feet or longer or, 50:1 for a public use airport with a runway of less than 3,200 feet. FAA form 7460-1 is submitted to the FAA by the proponent furnishing latitude and longitude, base elevation and height of the structure, broadcasting frequency, etc. The Air Space specialist plots and verifies the location on quad charts, and forwards the form and chart location to Airport and Airways Facility Divisions as well the Flight Procedures Office for study of their particular interests. Sometimes the figures given are wrong, and the airspace specialist may find it in the middle of an expressway! Our state representative gets a copy. If approved by FAA, the Form 7460-1 is forwarded to FCC if a broadcast frequency is involved. Upon full approval, requirements for marking and lighting are noted. Various criteria apply, however obstructions of less than 200 feet above the ground normally do not require lighting. At least one flashing light of various types will be required to designate the top, and depending on the height, lower flashing or steady ones that can be seen from all directions may be required as well. The proponent submits a supplemental Form 7460-2 to inform FAA that construction is underway so that it may be plotted on the sectional charts. It is important to make PIREPS to Flight Service Stations when lights are observed to be out of service. A 15-day NOTAM will be issued. One call to Kathy came from a pilot concerned about a water tower near a highway. She explained the rule of no obstruction of 500 ft or higher may be located within two miles of a main thoroughfare. If the approximately 100 ft. water tank was a problem, maybe he was scud running! Judging by the number of questions put to Kathy, the members were very interested in her topic, and learned a lot about a very important subject. Copies of the material are available. Many thanks, Kathy, for a great job! Continue to enjoy your well earned retirement! Al St. Germain.

STATE AVIATION DAY - State Aviation Day" is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25th in Jefferson City. In preparation for this first-ever event, we are asking that every MPA member sign up to visit at least one of the 114 paved, public-use airports in the State System Plan prior to the event. If you are interested, please contact me ASAP and your name will be submitted to Les Featherston who is assigning airports. He will send you a packet of information to leave at each location with the airport manager. Please read your State Newsletter for more detailed information. We are assigned Lexington, Higginsville, Lee's Summit, Grain Valley, Liberty, KC Downtown, KC MCI, Moseley-Clay County. Already covered are, Excelsior Springs, Roosterville. and Mosley-Clay County. *Gary Fox..*

DINNER RESERVATION INFORMATION ♦ Remember, NO June meeting due to the Missouri Pilots Association Convention in St. Joseph. There will be a July meeting at DAV on the 25th. Speaker and menu to be announced in the July Flyer. Terrie Jo

NEW OFFICERS - The present board stayed on from last year except for Marvin Moore who has joined FAA. It is time to start thinking about a new slate of officers. New officers bring new ideas and enthusiasm. Please consider volunteering. The old board will be glad to offer any assistance to get started. Elections will be in March, swearing in April, and the new board takes

over in May.

Editor

BOARD MEETING - June 3rd, 2007. Treasurer's Report, Membership, Meeting Dates Calendar

WE ARE HONORED! Until recently, we had only one PhD member, Dr. Virginia Shain, but now we have two. Please see the insert I was able to obtain from the Greater Kansas City Ninety-Nines telling about our own Sarah Ratley receiving an Honorary Doctorate. We are proud of you, Sarah! Editor

AIRLINERS INTERNATIONAL 2007 - World's Largest Airline Collectible Show, July 5-7 KCI Expo Center. Details at www.ai2007.com. (That's Airline International) Earlene McClure)

FLASH! FLASH! THE WINGS PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE THROUGH 2007!

Previously slated to end in 2006, the program is extended a year. If you wish to get one more set of wings, 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) Questions? PATurk@att.net.

CHAPTER FLYOUT INFORMATION - We will be flying to only 3 or 4 close airports in 2007 due to gas prices, and to increase our flying and members' participation. (Non-flyers welcome!) With a new chairperson, we hope to provide e-mail notification the week before. Please volunteer. Info on flyouts can be obtained at www.MidwesternPilot.com, or the State News Letter.

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR: EAA will be sponsoring a Fly-In/Drive-In breakfast from 7:30 - 11:00 AM and Young Eagle Flights 8:30 to 12 noon on July 14 at Lee's Summit Airport. July 14, Tarkio, Fourth Annual Fly-In and Show, sponsored by Congressman Sam Graves. See above. Editor

MEETING DATES FOR 2007: Please mark your calendars now so you won't forget any meetings.

June 27 - State Convention at St. Joseph takes place of chapter meeting. See MPA News

July 25 - Meeting DAV .

August to December - To be announced

USEFUL WEB SITES -

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

Missouri 2005-2006 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 and steve@flykc.com

MPA CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS -All chapter members are invited to attend board

meetings. They are normally held on the first Tuesday of the month, excluding holidays, at Executive Beechcraft, Downtown Airport, at 7 PM. We always welcome your advice and assistance, and the coffee pot is on! MPA STATE BOARD MEETINGS - Any MPA members may and are invited to attend the state board meetings. Check the MPA News for meeting dates, times and locations. Gary Fox

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