



The Flyer

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - September 30th is when the current FAA funding mechanisms will expire. Senator John D. Rockefeller IV, who chairs the Senate Aviation Subcommittee of the Committee on Commerce Science and Transportation, along with ranking minority committee member Trent Lott have come up with S.1300 which carries provisions for \$25-per-flight user fees for turbine-powered aircraft and recommends a 125% increase in Jet-A fuel taxes, plus the elimination of the airlines' current 4.3 cents-per-gallon fuel tax. Commercial air transportation taxes would remain the same. At first reading S.1300 might seem favorable to pilots of piston-powered aircraft - as avgas fuel taxes stay the same and piston pilots wouldn't have to pay user fees. But, as pointed out by AOPA: The user-fee and fuel-tax exemptions for piston-powered aircraft most certainly will change. As Canadian, Australian and European pilots have learned, initial promises of exclusion from user fees and taxes can be fleeting. Once the notions of fees and higher taxes have been raised, it is a short step to their "across-the-board" implementation. On the other side is the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, chaired by James Oberstar (D-Minn.), and they have come up with H.R.2881. It proposes a modest fuel tax increase, NO user fees, and maintaining commercial air transportation and fuel taxes at their current levels. The time is NOW - contact your representatives in Congress and let them know that general aviation supports H.R.2881. *** If you missed the August dinner meeting you missed one of the most enthusiastic speakers we've had in a long time. Member, Jeanné Willerth blessed us with a power point and narrative of her first trip to Oshkosh. What fun!! Thanks Jeanné and hopefully I'll get there someday.*** There WILL BE a September dinner meeting at

the DAV. I have been personally contacted by an individual who has followed and been a part of the KC aviation community for a number of years. Due to time and scheduling this "secret speaker" has requested to have the floor at our September 26th meeting. Don't miss what promises to be a very interesting and entertaining evening.***In closing - CHECK YOUR NOTAMS. Gary Fox

SPEAKER SUMMARY: Twenty people in one ranch style home with a bath and a half didn't sound too exciting but the enthusiasm from Jeanné Willerth made us all want to make Oshkosh next year. Jeanné left July 21 for ten days to work a booth for X-Plane, which received the 2006 top award from Aviation Consumer for Simulator software. X-Plane partnered with the NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, AL and Flight Link, who provides custom hardware for sims - both use X-Plane software in their training. Jeanné helped set up and staff 7 flight simulators that included an F-18, helicopter, RV, Cirrus and the new Eclipse Jet. The X-Plane was certainly popular and had many dignitaries stopping by including the co-founder of Google and the CEO of Cirrus. She presented us with a power point of her favorite pictures and a narrative of the most memorable experiences such as seeing the Beach Boys - and - yes - Jerry's one man Band is still there. While out trying to get away from the crowds one day, they came upon a beautiful lake that just happened to be the landing and docking area for the Sea Planes that fly in. One note of interest - if you're planning a first trip or another trip you must obtain the now 30 page NOTAM book on how to get to and land in Oshkosh - preferably before your trip. X-Plane will be releasing Version 9 next year so please check out their web site for more information:

x-plane.com

Thank-you Jeanné for a memorable evening.

PRAYERS WELCOMED - Rosemarie St. Germain has been diagnosed with "lymphoma type B" the non-Hodgkin's type. She is currently residing in the John Knox Village Rehab Center and travels to KU for chemo treatments. She is getting stronger everyday and hopes to return home soon. Notes and cards are greatly appreciated and can be sent to the house at: 12705 Sycamore Ave., Grandview, MO 64030. Please keep Rosemarie and family in your thoughts and prayers.

DINNER RESERVATION INFORMATION ♦ Our next regular meeting will begin with social time at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 sharp on Wednesday, September 26, at the Disabled American Veterans, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road, KCMO. Take I-435 to 87th Street exit, (Missouri !!) go east on 87th Street 1.1 miles, turn right on Old Santa Fe Road, 0.2 miles to DAV on your left. OR, west from Blue Ridge Boulevard onto 87th Street, immediate left on Old Santa Fe Road, 0.2 miles to DAV on your left. The menu will consist of : Chicken Cordon Bleu, Wild Rice, Creamed Peas, Salad, Bread/Butter, Coffee/Tea, Dessert. Please make your reservations with Terrie Jo by Monday noon, September 24 by e-mail, [Terrie\(at\)Foxware.com](mailto:Terrie(at)Foxware.com) or 795-7233. Cost is \$11 including gratuity, and DAV reservations must be made and kept. Terrie Jo Fox.

BOARD MEETING - October 2nd. Treasurer's Report, Membership, Meeting Dates Calendar

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(at)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.

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

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September 26 - Secret Speaker

October 24 - Brian Yates - State Representative

November 28 - Randy Witt on X-Plane

December - No meeting.

January 9 - Holiday party

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

SAFETY SEMINAR AOPA Air Safety Foundation will present a FREE Safety Seminar on September 24, 2007, 7:00-9:00pm @ KCAC Maintenance hanger, 15325 S. Pflumm, Olathe KS (OJC) titled "Regulations: What Every Pilot Should Know" EAA Chapter 91 hosts a pancake breakfast @ LXT on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

MPA Picnic: Saturday, October 13, 2007. For details see September MPA News, page 43.

"FAA Listening Session and Safety Seminar" Topic: Central Region FAA Listening Session and preparing for Winter Flying. On Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 6:00 PM Location: Airline History Museum, 501 NW Lou Holland Drive, Hangar #9, Kansas City, MO 64116

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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