



The Flyer

November 2007

Officers: President: Gary Fox; Vice President: vacant; Secretary: Jan Handley; Treasurer: Terrie Jo Fox; **Directors:** Ralph Schmude, Al St. Germain, Frank Taylor, Penrod Turk, Jeanné Willerth and Past Presidents. **Chairpersons:** Wings Program ; Penrod Turk; Safety: Chris St. Germain; Membership: Open; Meeting Arrangements: Terrie Jo Fox;

Penrod Turk, **Temporary Editor**, paturkcfii@sbcglobal.net

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving. If you are traveling via car please be careful - and if you are flying please remember that IFR DOES NOT mean "I follow roads" and any attempt to stretch fuel is guaranteed to increase headwind. *** As of this writing the House has passed the FAA reauthorization bill (H.R.2881) but the Senate has yet to pass its version (S.1300 which includes user fees). The extension to keep the current aviation taxes and the FAA's authority to spend money expires Nov. 16th - so Congress will either have to pass an FAA funding bill soon or grant another extension. Keep a watchful eye and stay informed. *** If you missed Jeanné Willerth's presentation on her Oshkosh trip and X Plane or just want more then you won't want to miss our November meeting. Randy Witt of X Plane will be there to present, demo and answer questions. Should be an educational and exciting meeting. Please note that the November dinner meeting will still be on the 4th Wednesday of the month. *** Please continue to keep Rosemarie St. Germain in your prayers- and she loves the cards. ***** *Gary Fox*





PROGRAM SUMMARY: Many thanks to State Representative Brian Yates of Lee's Summit for attending our October meeting. He elaborated on a variety of issues and bills that affect all Missourians and graciously answered questions from the floor. Rep. Yates was elected to the house in 2002 representing the 56th District, which includes part of southeast Independence, much of Lee's Summit, all of Lake Lotawana, and some unincorporated areas of Eastern Jackson County. He is currently chairman of the Insurance Policy Committee. Other committees he presently serves on are: Judiciary, Special Committee on Urban Issues, Special Committee on Tourism and Special Committee on Legislative Research. Rep. Yates received his bachelor's and law degree from the Univ of Missouri in Columbia and is licensed to practice law in Missouri and Kansas. Rep. Yates and wife, Kerstin reside in Lee's Summit and are expecting their first child in the spring. He welcomes all questions and concerns from his constituents and can be contacted via email: Brian.Yates@mo.house.gov Terrie Jo Fox

PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER 28 - Randy will be talking about X-Plane, which is a home-grown flight simulator that works on Windows, Macintosh and Linux computers. They've been writing the program for 21 years now and have sold more than 476,000 copies to date. X-Plane is a hard-core engineering-based flight simulator that allows you to design and test fly aircraft on your computer. This program has been used for years by Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and General Dynamics for just this purpose; along with countless others. It's also used by the USAF, the US Marines, the US Army and the National Test Pilot School (among others) for pilot training and team coordination skills. A few airlines have started using X-Plane as well: Japan Airlines uses the program for primary flight training and Northwest Airlines called just last week to investigate the possibility of using X-Plane to regurgitate black-box data for training purposes.

The accuracy and fluidity that X-Plane offers make it a useful tool for GA pilots that want a tool to help keep their skills sharp or work on perfecting emergency procedures, IFR skills, etc. Home builders have also used our program to help in the design and development of their aircraft and to help them become familiar with the way in which their airplane will fly when finished.

The biggest market, however, is teenage boys and girls that use X-Plane as a game, to fly around with and shoot down their friends either locally or over the internet. That being said, X-Plane is really much more a tool than a toy. For ethical reasons only the US Armed forces are allowed to utilize the full combat capabilities that we offer.

Randy will be showing our members a bit about the program and give them a preview of the new

version that will be coming out next spring, X-Plane 9.

DINNER RESERVATION INFORMATION - Our next regular meeting will begin with social time at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 sharp on Wednesday, November 28, 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 : Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Cranberries, Vegetable, Salad, Coffee/Tea, Dessert. Please make your reservations with Terrie Jo by Monday noon, November 26 by e-mail, Terrie@foxware.com or 795-7233. Cost is \$11 including gratuity, and DAV reservations must be made and kept. *Terrie Jo Fox.*

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

November 28 - Randy Witt on X-Plane

December - No meeting.

January 9 - Holiday party. \$19.95 each

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 and encouraged to, attend the state board meetings. Check the *MPA News* for meeting dates, times and locations.
Gary Fox

NEXT KC CHAPTER BOARD MEETING - December 4.

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.

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:

SAFETY SEMINAR - No current schedules

December 2 - Wright Day Dinner @ Downtown Marriott. Guest speaker is Capt. Laura Maher, USAF, B-2 & T-38 pilot. RSVP by Nov. 25. Call Sarah Dickerson @ 816-665-9394 or Debbie Bertram @ 816-838-3099 for info. Tickets are \$37.00 per person.

EAA Chapter 91 hosts a pancake breakfast @ LXT on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

USEFUL WEB SITES -

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

Kansas City FSDO: <http://www.faa.gov/about/office%5Forg/field%5Foffices/fsdo/mci/>

NASA Callback <http://asrs.arc.nasa.gov/>

Missouri 2005-2006 Airport Directory & Travel Guide. This has views 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

[Return to Main Page](#)

[Return to 2007 Sub Page](#)