



The Flyer

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

IN MEMORY -

It is with heavy heart that I tell you of the passing of long time KC Chapter member and Past President, Eugene F. Wakefield on Saturday, Nov 24, 2007. Gene was born August 19, 1925 in Caney, KS to Albert and Mary Wakefield. He served in the Army overseas, in Europe during WWII and lived in the KC area for 61 years. He worked 40+ years as a Temperature Controls Specialist and Salesman. Gene loved to fly and was a member of the MPA and Kansas City Chapter President and Treasurer. The Funeral was Thurs, Nov 29th and he was buried next to his beloved Mary in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens. Fond memories and condolences for the family may be left at: www.dwnewcomers.com

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - As another year draws to a close, we pause to remember those whose friendship and good will mean so much to us. May the Joy and Peace of the Holiday be with you today and throughout the New Year. **** There will be NO dinner meeting in December or January - instead - join in the fun for "Crabby Night" on Thursday, January 10th, 2008 at the Jumpin Catfish Restaurant. **** On Nov 26th Sen Trent Lott, the ranking member of the Senate Aviation Subcommittee, announced his retirement. It is still unclear what this will mean for the "user fee" fight as S.1300 is still stalled in the Senate. AOPA does not expect the Senate to taken any action before the end of the year and not until the Republican leadership can appoint a new ranking member to replace Lott on the Aviation Subcommittee. **** A personal note of thanks to our November guest speaker, Randy Witt, for his hands on presentation of X-Plane. **** In case you were not aware - the FAA had originally proposed to remove 254 approaches to cut costs and prepare for a future of satellite-based navigation. AOPA immediately conducted a detailed analysis and asked for member feedback which resulted in the identification of 83 critical approaches. The FAA received some 371 comments and decided to keep all but

four of the 83 approaches. The four approaches scheduled for cancellation on AOPA's original wish list and submitted on behalf of members are: VOR/DME Runway 34 at Hays Regional, Hays, KS; NDB-A at Cuba Municipal, Cuba, MO; VOR/DME Runway 8 at Searle Field, Ogallala, NE; and one in Atwater, CA. **** Remember - those who hoot with the owls by night, should not fly with the eagles by day. **** Check NOTAMS etc, etc, etc . . . ****

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◆◆.***** Gary Fox



PROGRAM SUMMARY: Randy Witt, from X-Plane presented an interactive demonstration of present version 8 of X-Plane aircraft simulation software and the Beta version 9. Those of you that missed the meeting missed one of the best meeting that we have had in a long time. If you need more information, or want X-Plane, contact Randy at: info@x-plane.com or 913.269.0976.
Gary Fox

JANUARY "CRABBY NIGHT" - We will gather for a Holiday Dinner on Thursday, January 10th, 2008 at the Jumpin Catfish Restaurant at 834 SW Blue Parkway, Lee's Summit, MO 64063 (816-554-3474). We will be seated at 6pm. The cost is \$19.95 per person and your check made payable to: MPA and mailed to Terrie Fox, 3724 Stanton, Lee's Summit, MO 64064 is your reservation. For those of you desiring something else they have a varied menu including chicken fixed every way imaginable - from fried or smoked to grilled lemon peppered and other seafood including broiled Tilapia and grilled Salmon. Check out their dinner menu at: www.jumpincatfish.com You won't be disappointed.

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 27 - Our February 27, 2008 meeting is "Staying ahead of the airplane". From day one of flight training, pilots are told to stay ahead of the airplane. In this thought provoking new program, Richard L. Collins from Flying magazine, examines situations where pilots are most likely to "get behind" the airplane, triggering a chain of events that could lead to an accident or incident.

DINNER RESERVATION INFORMATION -Our next regular meeting will begin with social time at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 sharp on **Wednesday, February 27, 2008** 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 Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable, Salad, Coffee/Tea, Dessert. **RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST** so

please contact Terrie Jo by noon on Monday, Feb 25, 2008 by e-mail: terrie@foxware.com or 795-7233. The 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.

January 10 (**Thursday**) - Holiday party. \$19.95 each

February 27 -- Staying ahead of the airplane.

March 26 -- Pending

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 - January 10, before our holiday party.

WINGS -- Congratulations To WALT PETRING FOR EARNING PHASE 18 WINGS.

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 2008 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

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%5Fforg/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

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