



## The Flyer

### *March 2008*

**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; **Temporary Editor:** Penrod Turk

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE** - Well wishes and a continued speedy recovery goes out to Jim Stears. Jim took off at I-70 and 291 and ended up on 40 hwy with a few broken ribs. Seat belt and air bags kept him with us - and yes, he can attest to the saying that "any landing you can walk away from is a good landing" - did I mention he was in his car??? \*\*\*\* March marks the 50th Anniversary of "AOPA Pilot" magazine - they actually tracked down the Cessna 182 that appeared on the first cover and it's still flying. Enjoy your reading! \*\*\*\* There will probably not be a FAA funding bill this year and Sen. Rockefeller is still saying "I blame it on them (GA) because we can't work it out". Not only is the \$25 user fee still out there but now the FAA is proposing a three-year aircraft "re-registration" requirement that would replace the current triennial registration report. The one-time fee of \$5 could be replaced with a \$130 initial registration fee and another \$130 renewal fee every three years. The gears are already in the works to replace our paper pilot's license with a plastic card and I'm sure that won't be cheap either. \*\*\*\* If there is any good news in the FAA plan for implementing ADS-B (automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast) it's that pilots still have 12 years to comply. The proposal requires that all aircraft operating in Class A, B, and C airspace, plus all airspace above 10,000 ft msl, HAVE TO be equipped with ADS-B datalink equipment that transmits the aircraft's position, altitude, speed, and aircraft ID. AOPA is definitely urging that it go back to the drawing table. \*\*\*\* I'm starting to believe that "if God meant man to fly, He'd have given him more money". . \*\*\*\* Gary Fox

**CONGRATULATIONS!**- Jeanné and Joe Willerth's daughter, Stephanie, did a super job defending her PhD thesis and completed her degree at Washington University in St. Louis. Her thesis was Tissue Engineered Scaffolds for the Treatment and Repair of Spinal Cord Injury. Jeanné and Joe are justifiably proud.

\*\*\*\*\* **UPCOMING ELECTIONS** -- \*\*\*\*\* **Nominations for your Officers and Board will**

**be held on March 26, 2008. \*\*\* WE NEED NEW BLOOD \*\*\* If you want your organization to support you and flying, you need to step up and participate. NEW IDEAS AND NEW OPINIONS will prevent STAGNATION.**

**This should be the KANSAS CITY Chapter, where everyone participates.**

**PROGRAM FOR MARCH 26th - MARCH 26TH GUEST SPEAKER -** Jody Barker, Senior V.P. and Branch Manager of First Community Bank will present and discuss owning and buying an airplane. As a financial expert and pilot he promises to answer all questions hoping to reveal that "some dreams can come true". Personally - I am interested in the possibility of refinancing my plane with a lower interest rate. 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, March 26, 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, Mar 24, 2008 by e-mail: [terrie@foxware.com](mailto: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 2008:** Please mark your calendars now so you won't forget any meetings.

March 26 -- Jody Barker, Senior V.P. and Branch Manager of First Community Bank will present and discuss owning and buying an airplane.

April 23 -- FAA Appreciation night. Election of Officers and Board

May 28 --

June 21 -- Chapter picnic at Higginville.

**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!

**NEXT KC CHAPTER BOARD MEETING - April 1st**

**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*

**JOINT PROJECT -** We are tentatively planning a joint project with the 99s on May 17th. We will paint a compass rose at LXT. MPA is funding the materials and the 99s are supplying the woman power. All will be invited to help. That is on the day of a Young Eagles program and

pancake breakfast. Jeanné

**WINGS** -- There's been a change to the WINGS program. Participants can go on-line, go to the Wings Pilot Proficiency Program, and select Airman Profile. There is a new block at the bottom that allows entry of Superseded Wings Phase. This is a one-time opportunity to add the Phase of Wings that an airman held in the old Wings program. The options are phase 1 thru 20. Some people were issued certificates for Phases above 20, but 20 was the official highest Phase that could be held so don't enter anything higher than 20.

Once an entry is made, it can't be changed. The Phase entered will appear on the My Wings page in the Superseded Wings Program box. This is just a way of acknowledging the accomplishments of airmen who qualified for Wings in the old program. If the airman allows external review for a 3rd party, the information will be available. Likewise, it provides a record that demonstrates an airman's "positive attitude about safety" which can be helpful in some situations. \*\* Fred P. Harms, Central Region FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) \*\*

**THE NEW WINGS PROGRAM** is now in effect! 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](http://www.MidwesternPilot.com), or the State News Letter at <http://www.mopilots.org/flyouts.htm> . Tell us where you want to go..

## **DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

**SAFETY SEMINAR** - No current schedules

**EAA Chapter 91 hosts a pancake breakfast @ LXT on the 3rd Saturday of April & May.**

## **USEFUL WEB SITES -**

Missouri Pilots Association Web Site for all chapters: [www.mopilots.org](http://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](http://www.flykc.com)

Super Cub website is very popular [www.supercub.org](http://www.supercub.org)

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