



The Flyer

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - There still seems to be some confusion regarding the Feb 1, 2009 termination of the international COSPAS-SARSAT satellite system to monitor most of our 121.5/243.0-MHz frequencies. To date there is NO requirement in the US to replace our first and second generation ELT's but they will only be detectable by ground-based receivers such as local airport facilities and air traffic control facilities, or by overflying aircraft. From the FAA's perspective our existing 121.5-MHz ELTs will still be legal, but will provide extremely limited assistance if an aircraft crashes, especially in a remote location. In case you're wondering, there is only one US company that sells the new 406-MHz ELT with antenna for \$1000, and you can add a GPS enabled 406 for a little more than \$1,500. **** Congratulations and well wishes go out to Charlie and Billie Bordner who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Aug 21st. We wish them many more. **** A personal note of thanks to Jeanné Willerth for sharing her second Oshkosh experience with us last month, nobody does it better. **** We still continue to struggle with lower attendance at our monthly meetings. Please contact me with any suggestions. **** Any pilot who relies on a terminal forecast can be sold the Brooklyn Bridge, and if he relies on winds-aloft reports he can be sold Niagara Falls, and, if he doesn't check for TFR's prior to take off he can certainly expect to see an F-16. **** *Gary Fox*

COMPASS ROSE POSTPONED - Due to LXT Airport improvements, the compass rose project has been postponed until Spring/Summer of 2009.

AUGUST SPEAKER SUMMARY - Our own Jeanné Willerth was our featured speaker on her trip to the Oshkosh Air Show. She talks at speeds up to 50 Knots with gusts to 70, so we had to listen fast! She described the living conditions, a rented house owned by a German couple. It slept 19, and all used one shower! Except for a trip to a famous doughnut shop in a tent, most of her time was taken up marketing X-Plane, the flight simulator software. X-Plane had larger booth space this year and displayed 6 flight simulators including a G-1000 glass panel and a VLJ

(Very Light Jet) Eclipse 500 jet simulator. Selling points are it doesn't use fuel, is not bothered by weather or traffic, and is a great way to stay current. It is equipped with a surround screen providing 180 degree views of actual terrain using 5 processors and 3 projectors. Since Oshkosh AirVenture is the largest aviation event in the world, Jeanné and X-Plane had a record number of sales. They sold a copy of X-Plane every 5 minutes they were open. Lots of traffic showed up just before closing time keeping her late. But, that's business. Jeanné told how she ran into an old childhood friend, Debbie Rihn-Harvey. Debbie, now a Southwest Airlines captain and world aerobatic champion, was performing at Oshkosh. Jeanné also participated in the largest gathering of women pilots in the world when 1200 lady pilots gathered and had their pictures taken at OSH. An interesting and informative talk, Jeanné, thanks for sharing your experience with us. *Al St. Germain*

DINNER RESERVATION INFORMATION - Our next regular meeting will begin with social time at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 sharp on Wednesday, September 24, 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. Our menu will be: Fried shrimp, Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Bread/Butter, Coffee/Tea, and Dessert. *Terrie Fox*

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST so please contact Terrie Jo by noon on September 22nd 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 2008: Please mark your calendars now so you won't forget any meetings.

September 24 – Pilot from MO Conservation Department

October 22 – to be announced

November 19 – 3rd Wednesday due to Thanksgiving

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 - September 2nd

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 in the Spring of 2009. 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. We will try to have it 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) *****Penrod Turk*

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, 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:

September 20, 2008 - Pancake breakfast and Young Eagles at LXT

October 18, 2008 - Pancake breakfast and Young Eagles at LXT

SAFETY SEMINAR - AOPA safety seminar "Mastering Takeoffs & Landings, Thursday, September 25, 2008 at KCAC. It's in the Aircraft Sales Hangar. See: <http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/default.aspx>. *Penrod Turk*

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

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