



The Flyer

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - I took a look at my "Ghost Calendar" and, as usual, found that October 1942 marked the first official US jet plane flight by test pilot, Bob Stanley, of the Bell XP-59A known as the "Airacomet". Although the Airacomet never saw service in its originally-intended role as a fighter aircraft, it never the less provided the USAAF with valuable experience in the use of jet aircraft, priceless knowledge for its engineers, and furnished the main core to train jet pilots. It's this legacy of history that helps fuel this love of the air and all things related that we so passionately enjoy. By the way - my father worked at Curtis-Wright during the war, and in the 50s he was employed at Bell Aircraft in Buffalo. *** At a recent banquet, Phil Boyer relayed one of AOPA's earliest battles - It seems that after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the government sought to ban GA from the skies. AOPA was two years old at the time with only 2,000 members, but it prevented the ban. So - if you haven't sent your retirement and thank-you card to Phil before he leaves the helm - do it now - the address is on your AOPA magazine. *** Fall, and especially October is the best for taking to the air - so enjoy, and please check your TFRs. *** *Gary Fox*

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

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM - Gary ran a very unusual video, or whatever we call movie presentations that come out of a digital projector. It took several assistants to get it going, and Marvin seemed to find the trick. Nothing has changed from the days the bulb would burn out or the film would break. The title was "Big Rocks and Long Props," and was produced by Monty Haversensor, the pilot in question. And I say that with tongue in cheek. He is the owner of a training and consulting company in Alaska and Washington called Cub Driver 749. He flew a 160 HP Super Cub with big bush wheels. The other crazy pilot is Greg Miller who flew a highly modified aircraft he calls Bushwacker. He did the photogry work. We sat in our seats spell-

bound leaning left and right and forward and backward as Monty landed on rock bars in various rivers. We have heard and seen videos of pilots landing on sand bars, but these were very short (2-300 feet of curved landing area.) riddled with big boulders! Randy provided the video, but with a disclaimer that FAA does not approve such crazy antics. It sure made barn-storming look tame. It was funny and entertaining, but should have been rated X so no other sane pilot would try it! *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, October 22, 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: Roast Baron of Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Salad, Bread/Butter, Coffee/Tea, and Dessert. *Terrie Fox*

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST so please contact Terrie Jo by noon on October 20th 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.

Oct 22nd - Scott Guetzko, Manager Air Traffic Investigations

Nov 19th - To be announced. (One week early due to Thanksgiving)

Dec 17th - Jumpin Catfish Restaurant, 4342 NE Antioch Rd, KC, MO 64117 - (816) 452-3474

(located in the old Stroud Restaurant) Your check is your reservation - send \$20 each payable to MPA to Terrie Fox, 3724 Stanton, Lee's Summit, MO 64064.

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:

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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