



The Flyer

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - Well ♦ I didn't get my Garmin 696 from "Ho Ho" - but there's always next year. If you missed "Crabby Night" you missed a rare treat - the food, atmosphere and company were great. *** The big thing on the air waves right now is the TSA's proposed security program targeting aircraft weighing 12,500 lbs at take off. It would require criminal history record checks for crew members, matching passengers to TSA watch and no-fly lists, checking passengers and baggage for dangerous weapons or prohibited items, and then requiring the aircraft operators to pay for these party audits. The TSA also announced that the proposed rule would NOT apply to foreign-registered aircraft. Now, if anyone can understand or justify the reasoning behind that, please let me know. *** I am equally concerned with the FAA budget cut proposal that would eliminate 39 Center Weather Service Forecasting Unit (CWSFU) meteorologists, closing the CWSFU stations at the Air Route Traffic Control Centers, and consolidating ATC en route weather advisory positions at two new sites, one in KC and the other in D.C. The most recent plan presented to the National Weather Service Employees Organization indicates that a test of the prototype consolidation will begin in late 2009, and the CWSFU locations mentioned would close in 2011 - HELP!! *** In the midst of all the doom and gloom I will be adopting my wife's "Scarlet Attitude" - - - "I just can't worry about that right now". *** Your board is working overtime to bring you some top notch speakers. Please show your support by attending our monthly meetings and bring a friend. And, at the same time, please contact me with any comments or suggestions. *** **Gary Fox** (Maybe HO HO is waiting for a price decrease and your birthday! (Editor)

COMPASS ROSE - (Repeat item) It is with regrets that I inform you that the Compass Rose at LXT has been canceled. It seems that the amount of rebar in the concrete can interfere with or actually change the magnetic

settings on your compass. The money for the project was set aside in a CD and the board is presently exploring other projects. They would like for the chapter to become active in sponsoring FAA safety seminars and support other aviation related activities in the area and at local airports. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas, please contact any member of the board. **Gary Fox**

JANUARY SPEAKER BIO- Paula Derks, Executive Director of the Aircraft Electronics Association will grace our lectern in January. The AEA represents more than 1,300 companies from throughout the world specializing in maintenance, repair and installation of avionics and electronic systems in GA aircraft. Their membership includes manufacturers of avionics equipment, instrument repair facilities, instrument, airframe and test equipment manufacturers, major distributors, engineers and educational institutions. The AEA National Headquarters recently moved from Independence to Lee's Summit into a 12,000sq ft building to help accommodate the 11% membership growth they experienced from 2007 to 2008 - now that's some good news. The AEA also has an Educational Foundation that awards scholarships to individuals pursuing a career in the general aviation maintenance and aircraft electronics industry. Many of you know Paula and the enthusiasm she always brings when speaking about her favorite subjects - General Aviation and Avionics. Bring a friend and don't miss a great program. **Terrie Jo Fox**

DINNER RESERVATION INFO - Our next regular meeting will begin with social time at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 sharp on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 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: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Mushroom Gravy, Vegetable, Salad, Bread/Butter, Dessert, Coffee/Tea. **Terrie Jo Fox**

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST so please contact Terrie Jo by noon on Monday, January 26, 2009 by e-mail: terrie@foxware.com or 795-7233. The cost is \$12, 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.

Dec 17th - Jumpin' Catfish Restaurant, 4342 NE Antioch Rd, KC, MO 64117 - (816) 452-3474.
Jan 28th - Paula Derks, President, Aircraft Electrical Associates.

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!

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)

NEXT KC CHAPTER BOARD MEETING - January 6th

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

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:

MPA Coronation at New Branson Airport May 7, 8, 9.

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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