



The Flyer

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - I again felt honored to attend a dinner meeting in Kansas City hosted by AOPA V.P. of Local Airport Advocacy, Bill Dunn, and seven other area ASN volunteers to share ideas and discuss aviation issues affecting our region. We discussed everything from the FAA funding under the AIP and state block grant funding in MO to the TSA proposed Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP) for planes over 12,500 pounds. It has been a very rewarding experience to actually meet with the AOPA staff that have helped guide us on airport related issues. *** After doing more research on this LASP, I found where the TSA has identified 315 airports that would be affected – and one of those airports is Wittman Regional (OSH), home of EAA and host to the annual AirVenture Oshkosh. A few acute lawmakers noted that these measures might “reduce the attractiveness of the event” – gee folks! Do you think?? There are more than 350 air shows throughout the US and upwards of 10 million spectators – do you think it “might” have a small economic impact?? Missouri reliever airports on the list included – Charles Wheeler, Downtown KC – Lee’s Summit Municipal – St. Charles – St. Charles Smartt – Creve Coeur and – Spirit of St. Louis. *** The schedule for the State MPA convention has been confirmed – check your State MPA Newsletter for registration information. The convention, May 7th thru 10th will center around the 1st Annual Branson Air Show and grand opening of the new Branson Airport. Make plans to attend now. *** It’s spring folks – and that means great flying and weather. Weather reminds me of good advice from Will Rogers, “Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.” **Gary Fox**

FEBRUARY SPEAKER SUMMARY- When I introduced Bob Dickens as one of the most humble men I have ever known, it was the truth. We have all known Bob as a representative of the NTSB, FAA and now AOPA – but few of us have ever been apprised of his military accomplishments. Over the years I have met retired military officers and enlisted personnel that have commented on knowing Bob, and then they would add that he was a real legend. After four years in the US Coast Guard, 14 years active duty in the Army and 11 years in the Army

National Guard Technician program, Bob retired from the US Army as a Master Aviator. He was still reluctant to boast on his accomplishments, but did expound on the numerous Metal of Honor recipients that he had worked and flown with. His personal military awards and decorations include: the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnamese Cross and 14 US Air Medals. A truly memorable evening – and a personal as well as an entire KC Chapter thank-you to Bob and Pat for being there. **Al St. Germain**

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER - Chris “Doc” Bailey, president of Renegade Light Sport Aircraft & Rotorcraft of Warrensburg, MO will be our March featured speaker. If you were able to attend our fly-in picnic in Warrensburg in June you will remember Doc, and his enthusiasm for LSA and hospitality. It is forecast that within 10 years light sport aircraft will represent 50% of all new aircraft sales. Flight schools are warming to light sport aviation (LSA) aircraft as an economical way to update their aging training feet. LSA offers the flight school operator and flight instructor more current technology combined with lower operations costs – plus helps to offer that “dream of flight” to many who may not have ventured there before. **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, March 25, 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: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/gravy, Vegetable, Salad, Bread/Butter, Dessert, Coffee/Tea. **Terrie Jo Fox**

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST so please contact Terrie Jo by noon on Monday, March 23rd, 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: Next membership meeting, April 22. Call another member, and offer a ride. Save cooking dinner!

Next Board Meeting, May 5. All members are welcome. Your ideas are solicited, especially on new members.

MPA State Convention and Dedication of New Branson Airport May 7, 8, and 9. For information and to register, go to www.uspilots.org.

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. *** Central Region FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam)

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 2009 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..

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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