



The Flyer

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - Please raise your hand if you have ever heard of the Missouri Consumer s Use Tax and keep your hand up if you understand it. I hope I m not the only one left with his hand up. Six years ago I purchased my dream and, yes, I do pay personal property tax on my Tri-Pacer, but no one ever said anything about use tax and I asked. How did I find out? I received a letter from the Missouri Department of Revenue telling me they have obtained info from the FAA Civil Aviation Registry that my aircraft was indeed registered, but that I had never paid Consumer use tax. ANY out of state purchase totaling \$2,000 is subject to this tax personal or business. This includes: Catalog purchases, magazine subscriptions, computer software and hardware, furniture, mail, telephone and internet purchases and of course airplanes. I feel like a kid who got his hand caught in the cookie jar. *** I ve said this before, and I ll say it again If God meant man to fly, he d have given him more money. **Gary Fox**

MARCH SPEAKER SUMMARY- Our March speaker is a Kansas City Chapter member, but admittedly, not a consistent attendee! Chris Doc Bailey is owner of Renegade Light Sport Aircraft and Rotorcraft of Warrensburg. As a rotorhead, he received the Turbine Helicopter Award for 15,000 hours representing 99% of his total time. He was an Army medivac pilot since 1984, and was in the Army National Guard for 12 ½ years. Grenada was his first big operation followed by Dessert Storm and Dessert Shield in which he flew 660 sorties accumulating 700+ hours in the Gulf. Front line medivac operations were the norm. He also flew civilian EMS, and retired in 2007. A helicopter painting business followed. Doc obtained his BS in Aviation Flight Engineering, followed by an MS in Aviation Management with a minor in Aviation Safety at CMSU. Going back a bit, Doc came from a Coast Guard family, so joining a Coast Guard reserve outfit in Kansas City was almost natural. That led to a summer volunteer flying assignment in port security where he got hooked on aviation. He entered boot camp prior to flight school, but the later was cancelled. Fred Scheiszer, a professor at CMSU and MPA member recommended the Army Warrant Officers Program which had to be preceded by boot

camp&again! Of 144 to start the program, 12 were graduated, Doc number two. Before he obtained a flight assignment, he was volunteered to attend Army Airborne School, and Air Assault School, both grueling experiences. Doc served as Flight Director of the Air Evac Team at West Plains and instituted a program whereby retired experienced pilots act as virtual copilots providing weather info and operational recommendations for the young pups flying single pilot. Doc s 10,000 hours crop dusting provided several hair-raising experiences. Flying at three feet above corn rows, a 10-point buck popped up getting his antler impaled on the front booms. The weight increased by 200 pounds and the balanced was immediately too far forward! Fortunately, the antlers broke off, but some farm workers swarmed over the chopper with turning blades to pull out the souvenirs! Doc closed his talk with the sad note that the two prototype gyro copters they developed over two years to market to Border Patrol and DEA were stolen in California, and are probably in the Philippines hauling drugs. Doc and associates are now working on a light sports sales program. Interesting and humorous program&thanks Doc! **Al St. Germain**

DINNER RESERVATION INFO - Our next regular meeting will begin with social time at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 sharp on Wednesday, April 22, 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: Swiss 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, April 20, 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**

INTERNATIONAL PILOT, RON STAFFORD, TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER at USPA and MPA ANNUAL CONVENTION. Ron is the son of our own Ruth Stafford and her late husband Sheldon. He sounds like a great achiever judging by the number of flying hours, 17,500, to 50 countries, multiple pilot ratings, numerous college degrees, memberships and offices held in many organizations as well as business enterprises. Having chatted with Ron by phone, I am guessing that his talk will be the highlight of the entire convention! Copies of the complete bio and picture will be available at the membership meeting. I will be glad to e-mail both. Please e-mail me at AlStGermain@juno.com. **Al St. Germain, Editor**

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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