



The Flyer

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - What a great enthusiastic crowd attending our April meeting! Maybe it was brought on by the hint that the weather might really be turning to spring or the words from FAA KC FSDO Manager, Rich Carlson. We all had something to celebrate including first solo flights by Joe Moore (Marvin's son) and Mitch Stafford (Ruth's grandson) and the announcement from Tom Eagle (long time wanna be pilot) that he had finally started ground school with Jeanné. I would also like to congratulate Jim Fricke on his first solo flight last month. A cake in the shape of an airplane was shared by all, and well wishes were given to the recipients, Penrod Turk and Chris St. Germain, on the occasion of their Birthdays. *** With Spring and Summer finally here many airport construction, improvements and maintenance projects are finally underway. Please check your NOTAMS before you head to the airport. *** Some good advice for new pilots and "wanna be's" - - - Forget all that stuff about thrust and drag, lift and gravity - just remember an airplane flies because of money. **Gary Fox**

APRIL SPEAKER SUMMARY - President Gary Fox introduced our speaker for the Annual FAA Appreciation Day with the remark that some FAA people might question the thought that we would acknowledge and honor the great service our local FSDO provides. Rich Carlson is Manager of the Kansas City Flight Standards District Office, and when he was finished explaining the organization of FAA, and how it functions, we had an even deeper appreciation of the efforts made on our behalf, especially in regards to safety of flight. Using a well designed hand out, we could follow the logical set-up refined and perfected over the years. Getting down to the eighth level, the KC FSDO, we learned that Rich has 18 employees covering the counties of Eastern Kansas and Western Missouri. He also hosts six remote sited aviation safety inspectors (ASIs.) The office has gone from 58 to 18 inspectors necessitating efficiencies such as designated pilot examiners handling part of the check ride workload. Rich and his team are responsible for oversight of 22 air carriers, 18 ag applicators , 5 flying schools, 1 maintenance technical school, 37 repair stations, 4 banner tow operators, 7 designated airworthiness

representatives, 12 designated pilot examiners, 2 designated maintenance, 2 designated parachute rigger examiners, 8 commercial air tour operators, 10 public use entities. The FSDO covered 14 air shows, 30 flyovers, 2,500 inspections, 343 pilot certifications, and 40 new mechanics. All this with only 18 people!?! How about FAA having 590,000 pilots, 19,000 airliners, 22,000 GA airplanes to worry about!?! As to the 2008 safety stats, our region had 18 total accidents, 6 fatal, and 9 fatalities, 39 incidents and 68 enforcements including smoking in the johns! I pass all these statistics on to show that our people are doing a great job with so few worker bees. Check out KCFSDO, Richard.W.Carlson@faa.gov; www.faa.gov. More sites on printouts I will have at next meeting. Great talk, Rich, and we 'preciate y'all! **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, May 27th, 2009 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: Orange Roughy, Wild Rice, Creamed Peas, Salad, Bread/Butter, Dessert, Coffee/Tea. **Terrie Jo Fox**

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST so please contact Terrie Jo by noon on Monday, May 25, 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, June 24. Call another member, and offer a ride. Save cooking dinner! Board meeting, July 7. All members are welcome. Your ideas are solicited, especially on new members.

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!

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**

A SHORT BIO OF OUR NEWEST MEMBER MITCHELL STAFFORD - He is currently working as the Director of Entertainment at Shark Bar in the new Power & Light District. Mitch has been there since opening last August, says he couldn't ask for a better job. He was a music major in college, and sang in the Kansas City Chorale for two years. He was a part of two recordings while in the Chorale, one of which won a Grammy for being the best engineered album. On to flying. He says he has been lucky, and has been flying since he was able to walk. His grandparents, Ruth and her late husband Sheldon had a private airport at Lake Lotawana, and he got to fly with his father, Ron, and his grandparents whenever he wanted. As things often go, flying got put on the back burner, and he got away from it for some time. This past fall he got the bug to get his private license, and started talking it up with his Dad. For Christmas, he bought Mitch all the books and material he would need for his flight training. Then he joined the Kansas City Flying Club, and has been flying every week since. Ron came to town to speak at the

MPA/USPA meeting in Branson earlier this month, and they did over 30 hours of flying. He is practicing to take his check ride in the next couple of weeks. (Editor's note, Mitch soloed just before attending the last meeting! **Congrats, Mitch!**) **Watch for bios on Joe Moore, Tom Eagle and Jim Fricke. Al St. Germain**

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)

DATES TO MARK ON YOU CALENDAR:

Next Membership Meeting, Wednesday, May 27. Call another member, and offer a ride. Save cooking dinner! Don Jackson, FAA FAST Team Manager.

Next Board Meeting, June 2nd. All are welcome. Your ideas are solicited, especially on new members.

Membership Meeting, June 24th - Dr. William "Bill" Rankin, Aviation Department and Associate Professor at CMSU.

EAA - Breakfast and Young Eagles the third Saturday of the month at LXT June through Oct EXCEPT August. In August we're at Downtown Airport on the 8th. LXT, breakfast is 0730-1100, flights 0830-1200.

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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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