



The Flyer

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - Your MPA State board has formed a sub-committee to delve into this "use tax" issue, and it is being headed by Carolyn Morris who organizes our State Legislative Day in Jefferson City. Carolyn and group have been in contact with state legislators and AOPA V.P., Greg Pecoraro, in charge of airports and state advocacy. Greg has already sent a letter to the Missouri Department of Revenue suggesting it set some "reasonable limitation on its effort to reach back in time to collect a use tax." We will wait for a reply. In the mean time, it is imperative that we contact our elected officials. *** It's that time of year again for pilot enthusiasts to head to Oshkosh. This year the EAA Air Venture runs from July 27 thru August 2. Have a good time folks - I just hope I can get there someday while I can still walk. *** Remember - check your NOTAMS, and no matter what else happens, fly the airplane. **Gary Fox**

JULY SPEAKER SUMMARY - Terrie Jo introduced our June speaker, Dr. William "Bill" Rankin with an impressive bio. Dr. Rankin is Chairman and Associate Professor of the department of Aviation of the University of Central Missouri. He hails from Huntsville, Alabama, the "Rocket City" and home of NASA's George C. Marshall Space Flight Center. He met Dr. Werner Von Braun, head of NASA's space flight program there. It was also there that he was introduced to flying and astronomy, hobbies that turned into astrophotography, a passion with him. He also serves as an "ambassador" in the Solar System Ambassadors Program sponsored by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. Prior to coming to UCMO, he served as an Assistant Professor of Aviation at Florida Memorial University in Miami and Deputy Director of Aviation for the Ft. Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport. He joined the Broward County Aviation Department in 1998, overseeing operations, maintenance, planning and development. He has 24 years of airport management experience including the Director of Ronald Reagan Airport, Washington, DC as well as time in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Winston-Salem, NC. He is an Accredited Airport Executive in the American Association of Airport Executives, and holds Commercial Pilot and Advanced Ground Instructor Licenses. Dr. Rankin

holds a BS from Tennessee State Aviation Department, MS in Aero Science from Embry-Riddle, PhD in Business Administration with specialization in Aviation and Aeronautical Management. Using a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Rankin explained that UCMO currently awards or will award a Professional Pilot degree, degrees in Flight Operations Management, Airport Management, Aviation Management 2 + 2, an Aviation Management Associate degree with A & P rating which can lead to a BS and an MS in Aviation Safety. The department is also working with FAA on a training initiative whereby students receive air traffic training, and may be recommended to FAA for AT school. Equipment in place or being acquired include 737 motion simulators which can combine piloting and controlling skills, and a simulator used for crosswind practice. These will provide training through check rides. The benefit of simulators is saving money on operating costs of aircraft, safety considerations and allowing flight training when weather is inclement. Two new Cessna 172s and a Piper Seminole are on order. We can surely be proud of the UCMO aviation department and the professionals like Dr. Rankin whose foresight and planning make it possible. **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, July 22nd, 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: Marvin's Famous Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Salad, Bread/Butter, Dessert, Coffee/Tea. **Terrie Jo Fox**

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST so please contact Terrie Jo by noon on Monday, July 20th, 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**

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

EAA Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Flights, Lee's Summit Airport, Saturday, July 18.

Next Membership Meeting, Wednesday, July 22nd. Call another member, and offer a ride. Save cooking dinner! Speaker: Al St. Germain will recall VIP flights and personalities at Andrews AFB, MD.

Next Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 4th. All are welcome. Your ideas are solicited, especially on attracting new members.

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

KC Aviation Expo, Downtown Airport, August 22 and 23. www.kcairshow.com. Visit our two beer tents.

Ford Tri-Motor Rides - September 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Exciting details next issue.

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.

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NEW MEMBER FEATURE - This month we feature new member, Tom Eagle pursuing his private pilot certificate. He has taken a devious route, but one which will prove valuable. He earned his first amateur radio (HAM) operator license in 1958 while in high school, and has been active in different modes of amateur radio operation since. With that experience, he shouldn't be shy about calling ATC. Tom has also had an interest in weather related activities such as storm spotting and SKYWARN. He is a member of the board of Kansas City SKYWARN. That knowledge and experience surely will come in handy to a pilot making planning and in-flight decisions. But, surprisingly, despite being interested in flying, heights have caused some trepidation. However, he figures with the last name of Eagle, he should be up there soaring with them. Tom feels because of his age, this will be harder to accomplish. (Does he not know how many of us old-timers have learned to use computers, cell phones and digital cameras?) Accepting the challenge, Tom attended ground school at Air Associates. After studying all 600 questions until his head hurt, he passed the Pilot Knowledge Test the first time with a very respectable score of 87%! He missed two questions on aerobatics, but said he is "not into that anyway." He is looking forward to his "First Introduction Flight" with Jeanneé in early August hoping his concern of heights stays on the ground. Congratulations, Tom, we will wait for your solo! **Editor**

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)

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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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