



The Flyer

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - For those of you who were lucky enough to attend Oshkosh, I hope a few of you were able to hear new FAA Administrator, Randy Babbit. He reportedly discussed three FAA's Initiatives: 1) Safety - stressing that we become familiar with airport layouts and charts, and not be afraid to ask ATC to repeat or clarify clearances. 2) LSA/sport pilot industry is alive and well and meeting FAA expectations. As of May this year they had over 8,100 planes in their fleet. 3) NexGen is not just for the airline industry. Instead it offers a number of opportunities for small GA airports - like adding WAAS approaches. We now have more WAAS approaches than ILS, and the agency plans to add 500 more next year. *** I continue to hear from pilots and aircraft owners in our area. Your state board continues to work on this situation along with AOPA and the MO State Aviation Department. Please take time to read, AOPA's V.P., Greg Pecoraro's letter to the MO Dept of Revenue on AOPA's web site. Click on http://download.aopa.org/epilot/2009/090709mo_tax.pdf. *** It's easy to make a small fortune in aviation ♦ you start with a large one! Be sure to check our next meeting location and details. *** **Gary Fox**

JULY SPEAKER SUMMARY - We didn't have to go far to find our July speaker, Al St. Germain, one of our own. Al told us about his days from 1966 to 1971 flying VIPs from Andrews AFB, MD. The 89th Military Airlift Wing (SAM) is responsible for flying the President and cabinet officers, foreign dignitaries and high level military officers. He selected four trips to relate to us, a less than pleasurable one to the Johnson Ranch with Linda Bird; one with General and Mrs. Westmoreland, his favorite passengers with the steward's role reversed; a mid-winter trip to Paradise, Key West, with President Truman and family (after he was retired;) and a mysterious one with Dr. Henry Kissinger. By the way, he explained SAM stands for special air missions, and precedes the numbered call sign of all flights except for "Air Force One" and "Air Force Two." The later are used when the President or Vice-President are aboard, no matter

what AF aircraft it is. A near miss caused by a civilian air liner confusing its call sign with a nearly identical Air Force call sign began the use of "SAM." Later, "F" or "Foxtrot" was added to indicate a foreign flight. Over time, SAM FOX became a by-word indicating the unit, the professionalism demanded of its air and maintenance crews, and most recently a registered trade mark of the reunion association. Even though we, and many of us, have heard Al speak before, each time he adds something we have never heard. This time he did it again to the delight of son, Chris, who was in attendance ♦ he remembered to tell Chris about the unopened bottle of Bristol Cream Sherry that was carefully tucked under the basement stairs ♦ after telling the story of its significance. He included details on how crew members are selected, and what a family goes through when transferred. Rosemarie and all spouses are true heroines!

Al St. Germain

DINNER RESERVATION INFO - Our next regular meeting will begin with a box lunch dinner at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at the NOAA Aviation Weather Center, 7220 NW 101st Terrace, Room 118, KCMO 64153- 2371. Directions: Exit east at the Tiffany Springs Parkway off I-29, then turn right toward hotel. Take first left onto Ambassador Drive, take next right onto Congress Avenue, next right onto 101st Terrace to 7220 NW 101st Terrace. Room #118. After dinner, Karen Eagle, daughter of Tom Eagle, our MPA member, will give us a tour of the office, and present a description of the products they issue. The mission of the Weather Center is to deliver consistent, timely and accurate weather information for the world airspace system to enhance safety and efficiency. It should be a very interesting and educational evening!

Terrie Jo Fox

DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST so please contact Terrie Jo by noon on Monday, August 24, 2009 by e-mail: terrie@foxware.com or 795-7233. The cost is \$12, and DAV reservations must be made and kept. We have to pay for the box lunches, so we require an accurate count.

BOB DICKENS - RETIRED!!! ??? He finally did it - May 31st was Bob's official last day as AOPA's Mid-West Regional Representative for MO, KS and Iowa. His final public duty was June 27th as the keynote speaker for the 2009 National Cherokee Fly-in at Tan-Tar A Resort. Bob said he and Pat plan to spend a lot of time on the lake, and visiting grandchildren. Cards of thanks can be sent to Bob at home: 2403 E. Wayland St., Springfield, MO 65804-3334. It's been great flying with you Bob - and thanks for all the smooth landings. **Terrie Jo Fox**

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

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

Please also visit FAA DC-3 N-34. It is usually open for inspection. That was the first and only tail dragger I have ever flown. Flew it to several air shows including to R-G. I was working in OKC, so I got to see the family overnight. It was given to a museum, but they never took it, so FAA rehabbed it again. **Al St. Germain**

Next Membership Meeting, Wednesday, August 26th. Call another member, and offer a ride. Save cooking dinner! Program will be a tour and presentation at NOAA Aviation Weather Center. See Dinner Reservations.

Next Board Meeting, 7 PM, Tuesday, September 1st at Beechcraft Executive, Downtown Airport. All are welcome. Your ideas are solicited, especially on attracting new members.

Ford Tri-Motor Rides - Ford 1929 Tri-Motor will be at Lee's Summit September 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Appeared in "Public Enemy" movie on John Dillinger. Rides \$60/person, 1-800-843-3612 or www.FlyTheFord.org.

Breakfast and Lunch, Saturday, September 5: car show, Young Eagles rides. Free admittance. EAA - Young Eagles free rides and breakfast on Saturday, September 19 and October 17 as well.
Pam Ratliff

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

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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