



The Flyer

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - The MPA State Board Sub-Committee on "use tax" met in Jefferson City, Friday, September 4th with Alana M. Barragan-Scott, acting Director, and six others of her staff. The committee felt positive regarding the conversation, and all were able to express their ideas and opinions. As stated by Carolyn Morris, "Perhaps the best thing that happened is that we addressed the issue of aircraft owners who had paid the interest and penalty getting a refund. While they would not make a blanket statement that everyone would, (which is understandable,) they did imply that if an owner made his/her case, it was certainly in the realm of possibility (probability.) Ms. Barragan even appointed one member of her staff to handle the calls relative to this." As soon as I receive the name, I will get it to you. I might also add that Carolyn did receive a call from a Lake Ozark Chapter member who had gotten his interest and penalty removed by just calling his Representative. The really good news for those of you who did not get "a letter" is that they will only be doing this every three years, so it will not happen again until January 2012. We will discuss new and further developments at our September meeting. See <http://www.moconsumerusetaxprotest.com/> and State MPA Newsletter. *** Remember - it only takes two things to fly: Airspeed and money! *** **Gary Fox**

AUGUST SPEAKER SUMMARY - This was one of the finest meetings we have had, and I asked member Tom Eagle to provide me with notes on the speaker's impressive bio. Preceded by an excellent catered dinner, Tom was proud to introduce his daughter as the August speaker. Karen Eagle-Brogan is a Senior Aviation Meteorologist at the Aviation Weather Center in Kansas City, MO. She has had a passion for weather for many years. After High School Karen went to Longview Community College and graduated with an Associate of Arts degree. While at Longview she began taking classes that would easily be transferred to the University of Kansas where Karen was going to pursue her degree in Atmospheric Science. In December of 2001, she graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelors of Science in Atmospheric Science. During her last two years at the University of Kansas, she started taking the necessary steps to

start her career in the National Weather Service. In 2000, Karen was a paid Meteorological Technician at the forecast office in Pleasant Hill, MO. During her short three months there, she worked on projects and began to learn different forecasting techniques. In the summer of 2001, Karen returned to the forecast office in Pleasant Hill, MO as a Hydro-meteorological technician. Not only did she continue learning forecasting techniques, but she gained responsibility in overseeing the rivers and creek stages, and put out warnings when necessary. Karen spent the summer and fall at the forecast office, and at the end of 2001 she was guaranteed a career in the National Weather Service. She continued her career at the forecast office in St. Louis. After being there for only a year she transferred to the Aviation Weather Center. For just over 5 years she worked the Convective SIGMET desk, and then in August of 2008, she was promoted to Senior Aviation Meteorologist where she now works the FA desk (Area Forecast). Her responsibilities have gone from issuing hourly aviation thunderstorm warnings to writing area forecasts, issuing AIRMETs for icing, turbulence, low level wind shear, mountain obscuration and sustained winds greater than 30 knots. Karen and her coworkers were happy to give us a tour of the Aviation Weather Center which allowed everyone to see the operations floor and ask questions. During the tour, we stopped at 8 staffed workstations having about 11 different computer screens. Each staff member went over the functions of that position which are rotated periodically. Four desks were being backed up by Scott AFB personnel on that day during the AWC's quarterly back up test. To say that we were impressed by the knowledge and skill required of the personnel working there 24/7 for our flight safety would be an understatement. Many thanks to Karen for the great talk and tour, and to Tom for providing the bio. **Al St. Germain**

DINNER RESERVATION INFO - Editor's note: A big round of applause to Terrie Jo for all the time and effort she expended putting together the catered dinner and coordinating the presentation in August. Women are so good at that! Terrie Jo says our next regular meeting will begin with social time at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 sharp on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2009 at the Disabled American Veterans, 8787 Old Santa Fe Road, KCMO. Shawn Nault, third generation pilot from Lee's Summit will entertain us with tales of his recent Oshkosh trip. According to Shawn half the fun was getting there and back as the passenger in a very special vintage plane. Our menu will be: Fried Shrimp, Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Rolls/Butter, Dessert. **DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST**, so please contact Terrie Jo by noon on Monday, September 21st, 2009 by e-mail: terrie@foxware.com or 795-7233. Cost of \$12 includes gratuity, and reservations must be kept. **Terrie Jo Fox**

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

EAA - Young Eagles free rides and breakfast on Saturday, **September 19 and October 17** as well. Pam Ratliff

Next Membership Meeting, Wednesday, **September 23rd**. Call another member, and offer a ride. Save cooking dinner! Program will be Shawn Nault with tales of Oshkosh. Next Board Meeting, 7 PM, Tuesday, **October 6** at Beechcraft Executive, Downtown Airport. All are welcome. Your ideas are solicited, especially on attracting new members. 99s Wright Day Dinner, Sunday, **Dec 6th**. More later in next Flyer.

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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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%5Fof%5Ffield%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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