



The Flyer

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - Dec 7th, 1941 will always be remembered as the "Day of Infamy," but just

five years later, after the war, the surge in General Aviation began. To say it was easy is an understatement, but we saw the development of business aviation and important technological changes including turbine engines, and both jet and turbo props. The biggest advancements came in avionics equipment available to GA pilots. Another bright spot was the EAA formed in the early 50's which revived home built, and helped change Federal and State regulations enacted in the 30's. Even though the number of licensed pilots has declined since the 1980's, I continue to believe we ARE growing. I also believe that I am one of the "lucky ones" who was able to realize his dream, and I continue to witness the enthusiasm in which Americans have embraced aviation technology. This has helped keep the dream alive for everyone. *** I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season - Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. ***
See you at "Crabby Night" *** Gary

NOVEMBER SPEAKER SUMMARY - Our own member, John Ohrazda, Manager of Lee's Summit Airport, started off with a brief history over the last 10-years of how the City got to where it is today which is pursuing recommendations in the new Airport Business Plan accepted by City Council on October 8th. He explained how each of the steps taken over the last ten years have been necessary to reach the point at which the City is today. With the acceptance of the Airport's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) by the City in 2005 questions remained as to which projects had the most positive impact on the Airport, and which the City should endeavor to pursue. To help assist in these findings, the City enlisted the services of Clough Harbour and Associates (CHA) to perform a Business Plan for the Airport. This work began in the fall of 2007, and was presented to the City Council in the fall of 2009. The work by the consultant involved many hours of research, surveys of airport customers and business users along with

local business interest. Key points of the report as presented to the City Council where to pursue the lengthening of the runway to the south as the number one priority, followed by an increased effort in the marketing and criterion of a branding program for the Airport. As a result of actions accepted by City Council, City Staff are currently preparing the necessary documentation for Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for review and in response to acceptance of the Airport Business Plan. Through assistance from CHA who developed the Business Plan, FAA Advisory Circulars have been gathered which the City believes will support their request for FAA sponsorship and funding of the lengthening of the runway to 5,300 feet. (5,500 feet with further acquisition of land.) A technical report and plans are being prepared by the Airport's Consulting engineering firm of Crawford, Murphy and Tilly which is expected to assist the City with the MoDOT and FAA review process. The first of these meetings with MoDOT is planned for Monday, November 23rd, with expected meetings with the FAA in the near future to discuss further improvements at the Airport. In addition to the beginning steps of implementation of segments of the Business Plan, Mr. Ohrazda also reported the City is currently working with several aviation businesses who wish to develop the East side of the Airport. Mr. Ohrazda entertained some very lively questions about the time frame and steps which would need to be taken as progress is taken on Airport improvements. (Many thanks to John for the interesting and important presentation as well as for providing summary material. The airport is in great hands!) (Editor)

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER - "CRABBY NIGHT" DECEMBER 16th.

This is our third year for 'crabby night' at the Jumpin' Catfish and our second year for the Northland location. All the crab legs, with fixings, that you can eat at @22.00 including gratuity or order from the menu. View it at www.jumpincatfish.com. For the catfish, forward your check to Terrie Jo Fox at 3724 Stanton, Lee's Summit, MO 64064. Either way, please advise Terry Jo you are coming. Wednesday, December 16th, 2009, Social at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00 PM. Cash bar available. DIRECTIONS TO: 4342 NE Antioch Road, phone 816-452-3474. Location map on website or take Antioch Road exit off I-35 NorthTurn left (west) onto Antioch. Go under the bridge, it will be on the left side.

DINNER RESERVATION INFO - Our next regular meeting will begin with social time at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 sharp on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 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 announced in the next Flyer. Jeanné Willerth won the October free mea;, Jim root won the January dinner. RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST, please contact Terrie Jo by noon on Monday, January 25th, 2010 by e-mail: terrie@foxware.com, 495-7233. The cost is \$12, including gratuity, and DAV reservations must be made and kept. Terrie Jo Fox.

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 16th, Christmas/Hanukkah Party at Jumpin Catfish, 4342 NE Antioch Rd, KCMO 64117. \$22 includes tip for catfish, other menu items are available. Cash bar. Social 5:30, Dinner 6:00. Checks to Terrie Jo, 3724 Stanton, LS, MO 64064 by Monday. **SEE FRONT PAGE FOR FURTHER INFO.**

Wednesday, January 27, membership meeting. Speaker to be announced in January Flyer.

ANNUAL 99s DINNER - The Wright Day Dinner this year will be Sunday, December 6, at the

Marriott

Muehlbach Tower, same room as last year. This is a fundraiser for the 99s (women pilots) to give flight

scholarships. The reception (cash bar) is at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$40 per person.

The speaker will be one of the few surviving WASPs (women pilots who flew in WWII) and should be an

interesting program. Raffle tickets will be sold for many exciting prizes. This is a fun and entertaining

evening. For more information or to purchase tickets, **call Jeanné Willerth, 816-537-8820**

GREAT PILOT TOOLS - We have become aware of two websites that are great tools and fun that every pilot should check out are: www.FltPlan.com and www.Fly2Lunch.com.

(Editor's note: Many thanks to Mitch Stafford for this.)

Flight Plan is a great website with all of the information you would ever need in planning any length of trip (weather, sectional charts, winds aloft, fuel prices, approach plates and many more useful tools.) It is a free site that once you start using you'll use it for everything.

Fly2Lunch is a great website where you can find restaurants at airports around the country. You simply enter the three letter identifier of an airport and set a max distance away from that airport, and it will list all of the airports within that have restaurants. You can even break it down to on field, a short walk from the airport, and a short drive from the airport.

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

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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