



## The Flyer

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**Officers:** President: Gary Fox; Vice President: Mitch Stafford; Secretary: Jan Handley; Treasurer: Terrie Jo Fox; **Directors:** Ralph Schmude, Al St. Germain, Frank Taylor, Penrod Turk, Jeanné Willerth and Past Presidents. **Chairpersons:** Wings Program : Open; Safety: Chris St. Germain; Membership: Open; Meeting Arrangements: Terrie Jo Fox; Al St. Germain, Editor

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE** - I had the unique opportunity last week to meet with the head of another aviation association dedicated to representing the legislative, regulatory and business interests of GA service companies as well as GA. James Coyne, President of the National Air Transportation Association (NATA) flew into LXT to meet with community leaders and others interested in aviation. It was great to hear another enthusiastic voice representing GA on issues of local, national, and international interests, and reassuring to know that our aviation coalition remains strong and ever vigilant. \*\*\* MPA State Aviation Day was slated as the "best ever" as an estimated 75 law makers and over 100 aviation supporters mingled and discussed aviation related issues and concerns. We definitely spoke with a unified voice this year as many members of NBAA joined us. \*\*\* I would also like to remind you to renew your MPA membership as soon as it arrives. MPA is your legislative body that works for you. \*\*\* This is the last time you will be hearing from me as your President, and I would personally like to thank the officers and board members, as well as the chapter members who have supported me throughout the years - without them we would have no chapter. As a Past President, I will remain on the board and offer to help any way I can. Best of luck, Mitch!!! \*\*\* Remember - no matter what else happens, fly the airplane first." Gary (Editor's note: Gary, we owe you and your faithful sidekick Terrie Jo a debt of gratitude for the years you have served our chapter and the state. Many thanks for your time, talent and efforts!)

**SUMMARY OF REMARKS** - We did not have a formal speaker in March, but did attend to some necessary business. Last month we announced new officers and board members would be voted on tonight. The Nominating Committee recommended the following members for your consideration: President, Mitch Stafford; Vice-President, Tom Eagle; Secretary, Open; Treasurer, Terrie Jo Fox, will remain on until a volunteer appears; Al St. Germain, Publisher of The Flyer. Board Members: Penrod Turk, Ralph Schmude; Jeanné Willerth, Frank Taylor, Al St. Germain

and all Past Presidents. There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate was approved by voice vote. The Secretary and one Director positions are open, so please consider serving. Installation will be at the April 28th meeting. The new board will take over on May 1st. \*\*\* There will be an FAA National Safety Stand Down at Air Associates on the east side of Johnson County Executive Airport on Saturday, April 17th. This is a major safety and education initiative to improve GA through interactive presentations with knowledge and skill based on training targeting the four areas producing the most aviation accidents: Loss of Control, Surface Safety, Owner Performed Maintenance, and Risk Management. The intention is for every pilot to bring a friend, look around at the displays and see how easy it is to fly and to develop an interest in general aviation. There will be four safety seminars including at least one by Jeanné, pancake breakfast at 7:30, cookout at 12:30. Pilots flying in get a free breakfast. Various flight schools and flying clubs will be there with info on display, and our own Doc Bailey as well. \*\*\* Chris reported that EAA will resume its summer schedule of pancake breakfasts at 7:30 and Young Eagle Flights at 8:30 AM. The first one will be Saturday, April 17th and succeeding third Saturdays except for July 15 -17th when EAA will sponsor the B-17 at Wheeler Downtown Airport. Tours of the aircraft as well as flights will be available. A car show will be held as well as the regular events in September. Last event in October. More details later. \*\*\* Chris also attended a safety Seminar at Air Associates. The newest revision of the new safety program of the old wings program was discussed. It appears simpler, but basically is on three levels, Wings, Advanced and Master, somewhat corresponding with the Private, Commercial and Air Transport Pilot ratings. Each of these has multiple levels, and each of these may be worked on before completion of a lower level. Also, more than one phase may be acquired in the same year. Many more details were discussed, but may be found in FAASafety.gov. Enrollment and recording of completed items is accomplished in the same web site. \*\*\* Doc Bailey announced the Light Sport Center has been established at Lee's Summit Airport. Advertising will start April 15. By late May there will be five aircraft for training. The Old Buzzard Program will be resurrected. Two full-motion "Green Flyer" simulators will be available 9 to 9. MPA and EAA may use them free, others at \$20/hour. Space for them and meetings has been provided by John Ohrazda, but they are portable and could be used in the EAA hangar. Doc will be introducing safety coins as used by military outfits. On the front will be "Safety First - LXT," on the back will be "Light Sport." We will all receive one, and if challenged on the flight line to come up with a safety item, such as "why do we connect a cable to ground when refueling?" we are OK. If we can't produce one, we buy Doc a Coke! Doc says his passion is safety ♦ stop learning and you are an accident waiting to happen. There will be an open house, barbeque contest with \$500 prize, and many other things to come. Sounds exciting, best wishes in this endeavor. Terrie Jo says one person actually has a hearing scheduled April 27th on SB 1000, the USE TAX. If anyone knows of persons pursuing it, please advise Terrie Jo. No legislators have committed themselves yet. MPA will help. More letters going out. Need decision from state. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves appreciating the chance to just sit and talk. Editor.

**DINNER RESERVATION INFORMATION** - Our next regular meeting will begin with social time at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 sharp on Wednesday, April 28th, 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 Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetable, Salad, Rolls/Butter, Dessert, Coffee/Tea. RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST, so please

contact Terrie Jo by noon on Monday, April 26th, 2010 by e-mail: [terrie@foxware.com](mailto: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**

**April 17th**, Saturday, National Safety Stand Down, JC Exec, see previous remarks

**April 17th**, Saturday, Pancake Breakfast, Young Eagle Flights, EAA Hangar, Lee's Summit Airport

**April 24th**, Saturday, Fly Out. See details below.

**April 28th**, Wednesday, Membership Meeting, FAA Appreciation Night

**May 4th**, Tuesday, Chapter Board Meeting, 7 PM, Executive Beech Hangar, Downtown Airport. All members welcome.

Suggestions for speakers are most welcome. Contact Mitch at 739-7011

**FLYOUT SATURDAY, APRIL 24th** - Mitch Stafford is organizing a flyout to Papa Joe's Diner at Lincoln Municipal Airport about eight miles north of Warsaw. Lincoln (OR2) is 59 NM on bearing 120 degrees from Lee's Summit. Departure would be 11 AM. Mitch has landed there, and reports it is a very nice grass strip, 2940 ft. X 125 ft. Papa Joe's Diner is a cozy little local eatery about 200 yards from the airport. Please contact Mitch at 816-739-7011 if you are able to fly or would like to catch a ride. It would be great to start the fly out program up again. Editor

**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**

**USEFUL WEB SITES** -Two good Pilot Forum based websites where you can go to have online chats about many topics are:

[www.PilotsOfAmerica.com](http://www.PilotsOfAmerica.com) and [www.PurpleBoard.net](http://www.PurpleBoard.net). Mitch Stafford

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