

# The Flyer

*May 2010*

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** - It is with great pleasure that I am writing to you for the first time as your President. I was very lucky to have grown up in a family of pilots, and as long as I can remember, I've been around airplanes and the unique individuals who operate them. Every pilot has a special story of what brought him or her to aviation, and the course they followed. I've been fortunate to have gone through all of my flight training with my father as my instructor, and I am very happy to have the opportunity to lead this chapter as he once did many years ago. I would like to applaud and thank Gary and Terrie Jo for all their time, hard work and dedication to this chapter. They have been the heart and soul of our group for many years, and we have all benefitted greatly from their leadership and hard work. **Mitch**

**SPEAKER SUMMARY** - Our April meeting is always designated FAA Appreciation Night for obvious reasons, we like to acknowledge the difficult tasks that the organization performs so well to make the skies safe for aircrew and passengers. Our representative tonight was no stranger to us. **Rich Carlson**, Kansas City FSDO Manager and his crew have been with us a number of times. Unfortunately, they were all out of district on assignments, so Rich did a solo performance. In acknowledging our President Gary Fox's introductory remarks, Rich said "We are amazed that anyone appreciated us!" Rich reviewed a great updated handout from last year describing the FAA organization with its new sub-organizations and personnel. He was impressed by the new Administrator who speaks FAA language, and is an active pilot using the FAA Citation and Gulfstream aircraft for transportation and observation of the National Airspace System. The aircraft are also available to NTSB and Cabinet members with FAA pilots handling the flying. There are four major lines of business in the FAA: Aviation Safety, Airports, Commercial Space Operations and the Air Traffic Organization, the latter employing about 80% of the personnel. Within the Central Region there are eight Flight Standards district offices plus

certificate management offices for Fed Ex (Memphis) and UPS (Louisville). In the Kansas City office in the mid-1990s, there were over 60 FSDO personnel, down now to 18. Rich also spoke of "FAA Aviation News" being replaced by "FAA Safety Briefing," available at no cost on-line at [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov). This FAA Website has a wealth of information for pilots, mechanics and the general public, and Rich urged all certificate holders to visit frequently. The old "Customer Service Initiative" which allows disagreements with regulations or decisions to be elevated within the organization has been renamed the "Consistency and Standardization Initiative!" The Flight Standards Information Management System (FSIMS) is a digital 8,500-page guidance document covering most Flight Standards job tasks. While designed primarily for FAA inspectors and staff, it's available to the public at <http://fsims.faa.gov>. If you've ever wondered how Flight Standards does business, this is the Website to visit. Rich closed with some tried and proven maxims: Before you launch, check your fuel, weather and NOTAMs (including TFRs!), runway length, conditions and obstructions, and aircraft performance. Use extra caution at night. Also review runway/taxiway markings and make sure you're current and qualified with a flight review and medical certificate. Good advice, Rich. After a number of questions were answered, Gary noted that Rich had retired a few years ago from the Navy Reserve with 25 years of service as a Lt. Commander. Congratulations Rich, thanks for a great talk. And, we indeed appreciate you and your staff! **Editor**



**Rich Carlson, FAA**



**Rich & Gary**



**Farewell**



**Hello**

**Welcome New Board Members**



**DINNER RESERVATION INFORMATION** - Our next regular meeting will begin with social time at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 sharp on Wednesday, May 26th, 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 Orange Roughy, Wild Rice, Peas, Salad, Rolls/Butter, Dessert, Coffee/Tea. RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST, so please contact Terrie Jo by noon on Monday, May 24 by e-mail: [terrie-AT-foxware.com](mailto:terrie-AT-foxware.com) or 795-7233. The cost is \$12, including gratuity, and DAV reservations must be made and kept. **Terrie Jo Fox.**

**FLYOUT INFORMATION** - Saturday, May 29th, EAA Chapter 967 is hosting a fly-in to Amelia Earhart Airport (K59) in Atchison, KS starting at 8 AM. There will be all types of aircraft and automobiles on display. Food is being provided by the local Boy Scout Troop. Donations will be accepted. Please contact Mitch Stafford at 816-739-7011 or e-mail: [MitchellFStafford@yahoo.com](mailto:MitchellFStafford@yahoo.com) if you are interested in flying or catching a ride. **Mitch**

**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! Remember, next meeting is at 6 PM, one hour earlier, Tuesday, June 1st, 2010. **Mitch**

**MPA STATE BOARD MEETINGS** - Any MPA member may, and are invited and encouraged to, attend the State Board meetings. Check the MPA News for meeting dates, times and locations. **Mitch**

**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.

**May 15th**, Saturday, Pancake Breakfast, Young Eagle Flights, EAA Hangar, Lee's Summit Airport

**May 26th**, Wednesday, Membership Meeting, 6 PM Social, Dinner at 6:30.

**May 29th**, Saturday, Fly-out, see details on Page 1.

**June 1st**, Tuesday, Chapter Board Meeting, 7 PM, Executive Beech Hangar, Downtown Airport. All members welcome.

**June 19th**, Saturday, Pancake Breakfast, Young Eagle Flights, EAA Hangar, Lee's Summit Airport

Suggestions for speakers are most welcome. Contact Mitch at MitchellFStafford-AT-yahoo.com or 739-7011

**WEBSITES:** 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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