

The Flyer

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Very Important! See changes in meeting date and place for August!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE –Burt Rutan gave two very interesting speeches at Oshkosh talking about the history and future of space travel. The progress we made initially to go to the moon were some of the most remarkable accomplishments and advancements made in terms of space travel. From the time of the end of the Apollo project, and now we've seen a steady decline in space missions and development towards the future. With the pending retirement of the Space Shuttle and no replacement in line, it would seem that we might be entering a time with no space travel and a lack of development in that area. We would be wrong. For the first time, we are seeing space travel being taken over by the private sector. In 2009 there were five manned space missions. Two were flown by NASA and three by Spaceship One, developed and planned by Burt Rutan. It is very exciting to see the progress private space travel has made in the last few years, and in the not too distant future one of us might be onboard one of these flights. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting which will be at **Hy-Vee at 40 Highway and Noland Road on the Third Wednesday, August 18th at 6 PM.** *Mitch Stafford.*

JULY SPEAKER SUMMARY -Ron Stafford was our speaker for our July Meeting. He talked to us about the future of general aviation and some of the obstacles we will be seeing. The future of GA looks both bad and very good in different areas. Unfortunately because of regulations it will never be the way it was in the past. Luckily, experimental aircraft development has advanced greatly, and has become a great bright spot for general aviation. Most of the advancements in airplanes have been with avionics, and much of this technology has come from

the space shuttle. Replacing 100LL fuel is the biggest obstacle we will have to face. Billions of dollars have been spent on finding a replacement, and so far two solutions seem feasible. Two companies claim to be able to produce a 100 octane fuel without lead for about \$1.50 more than current prices. Also, diesel seems an obvious choice with the availability of jet fuel anywhere in the world. Currently diesel powered engines are being used in Husky's in an experimental stage to see how they perform, and to iron out the details. Electric aircraft are also developing rapidly. It was only a few years ago when the first electric planes were introduced, and the progress they have made is very impressive. There are now electric aircraft that can fly up to 2 ½ hours on a charge, and with the right power source can fully recharge in about 30 minutes. If progress continues in the area of electric aircraft we may soon see airplanes capable of cross country flights that don't seem so far fetched. One thing is for sure. We're in store for a lot of changes.
Mitch Stafford.

DINNER RESERVATION INFORMATION – VERY IMPORTANT!! Our regular meeting venue for months of July through November has been changed to **Hy-Vee** at the **northeast corner of Noland Road and 40 Highway**. As usual, we will have time to socialize at 6 PM, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM sharp on the Third **Wednesday, August 18th**. Our menu will be Herb Roasted Pork Loin, Twice Baked Potatoes, Grilled Vegetable Medley, Garden Salad, Brownie or Fruit Salad for Dessert. There is only a limited number of seats, so make your reservation early, but not later than **Monday, August 16th**. Price is still \$12.00 which includes beverages and gratuity. Reservations are a must, so please e-mail Terrie Jo, Terrie@Foxware.com, or call her during the day at 816-795-7233. **Pauline Stears** bought the winning ticket for the August meal. Remember, meals ordered for you must be paid for to Hy-Vee. *Terrie Jo Fox*

OUR OWN WEBSITE! The Kansas City Chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association (MPA) now has its own website. This website is being hosted by Tom Eagle, our vice president. Please visit early and visit often at www.MOpilotsKC.org (capital letters not required). It has the latest and greatest newsletter, THE FLYER. If you would like to take a trip back in time, there are also previous copies of THE FLYER newsletters in living color. You will find links and embedded videos from YouTube (thanks Mitch) presented for your moving experience. There is a calendar of planned events, not only our chapter events, but other activities of interest in our area. We will be reaching out to other groups and entities which we can help support by including references to them at our website. This is OUR website, therefore we need your input (information, suggestions, corrections, etc.) to keep this website alive. Please email Tom@MOpilotsKC.org with your latest. *Tom Eagle*

E-MAIL LIST – Also, the Chapter has an e-mailing list to keep you abreast of current activities and meeting notices. If you receive an e-mail message with “[MOpilotsKC]” in the subject field, you will know it is coming from our organization. Please make sure that it is not blocked by your spam filter. To increase the distribution of information of our activities to others who may be interested, please send their e-mail address (of course, with their approval) to Tom@MOpilotsKC.org, or better yet, have them send an e-mail message requesting their inclusion in our e-mailing lists. *Tom Eagle*

LAST MINUTE NOTES – Mid-America Antique Airplane Group is holding its 8th Annual Fly-in, Saturday, August 14th at Weibe Field/Halstead, KS. See our website, MOpilotsKC.org

for further information.

Also, Lincoln Municipal Airport, 60 NM east of LXT, is hosting a fly-in Saturday, 11 Sep 10. Details, MOpilotsKC.org. *Tom Eagle*.

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! *Mitch Stafford*.

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. *Mitch Stafford*.

FUTURE SPEAKERS - Suggestions are most welcome. MitchellFStafford@yahoo.com or 739-7011.

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

August 18, Third Wednesday, Membership meeting at **HY-VEE at Noland Road and 40 Highway, 6 PM.**

August 21, Saturday, Pancake breakfast and Young Eagles at Lee's Summit Airport sponsored by EAA Chapter 91. Information: 816-358-1458.

August 21, Saturday, Airline History Museum day of activities, 8 to 3 PM. The Lockheed Constellation, Lockheed 1011 and visiting airplanes on display. Rides available. Free, but donations welcome. SEE Star. Page A4, Wednesday, August 11.

September 14, Tuesday, MPA Chapter Board Meeting, 7 PM, Executive Beech Hangar, Downtown Airport. All members are welcome. Your ideas and input are valuable. Contact MitchellFStafford@yahoo.com or 739-7011. Coffee pot is on!

September 18, Saturday, Pancake breakfast, lunch, Young Eagles and car show at Lee's Summit Airport, sponsored by EAA Chapter 91. Show cars can register for prizes. Information: 816-358-1458.

September 29, Fifth Wednesday, Membership meeting at **HY-VEE at Noland Road and 40 Highway, 6 PM.**

October 10, Sunday, Fly-in and BBQ at Les Featherton's airstrip. More later. See our website.

October 20, Third Wednesday, membership meeting at **HY-VEE at Noland Road and 40 Highway, 6 PM.**

November 16th, Third Tuesday, (Tuesday!!) membership meeting at **HY-VEE at Noland Road and 40 Highway, 6 PM.**

USEFUL WEB SITES -

Kansas City Chapter of Missouri Pilots Association Web Site for all chapters:

www.MOpilotsKC.org

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Kansas City FSDO: www.faa.gov/about/office%5Fforg/field%5Foffices/fsdo/mci/

NASA Call back asrs.arc.nasa.gov/

Missouri 2008-2009 Airport Directory & Travel Guide. This has views of the latest airports &

information updates. <http://www.modot.mo.gov/othertransportation/aviation/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 and steve@flykc.com

WEBSITES - 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.)

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