



**Special points of interest:**

- **Wednesday February 22<sup>th</sup>—Monthly Meeting**
- **Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup>—Chapter Board Meeting**

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## President's Message

We have more winter flying in store before spring warmth arrives. Be sure to top your tanks to prevent condensation. Along with that advice check those fuel samples more carefully as well.



In the winter time all varieties of critters are seeking shelter and your plane

looks like a fine winter home.

If you use a pre heater (and you probably should) never leave it on the ground (fumes are heavy!) and never leave it unattended.

Finally in the paraphrased words of Earnest K. Gann: **"Most GA aircraft won't carry enough ice to chill a martini!"**. So if ice looks probable, take the martini, not the flight!



The up side of winter

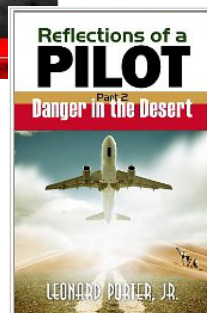
flying is that **cold air creates lots of lift, making old dogs fly like young pups.**

Enjoy it! **But respect old man winter!**  
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## Feb's Program -- Lt. Col. Leonard Porter, USAF Retired

This evening, our speaker will be **Lt. Col. Leonard Porter, USAF Retired**. Colonel Porter served in the Army Air Forces from 1942 until the name was changed to the U S Air Force in 1947, and he retired in 1964. He flew B-24s in the Pacific Theater, a veteran of 40 combat missions, and many other aircraft after the war. One month after retirement, he was hired as a contract captain by TWA, the only pilot to ever do so.

He has authored two books on his experiences.



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## About the Presenter

**Leonard Porter** came from the depression era of the twenties and thirties, graduating from high school in 1939 in Kansas City, Missouri. He married **Martha Kilcrease**, a high school classmate, in December 1941. World War II beckoned, and he enlisted in the Aviation Cadet program. After

training and combat as a B-24 bomber pilot, he elected to stay in the Air Force.

His wife, Martha, was the perfect mate for a transient, stressful lifestyle. They endured and enjoyed many moves, base to base in the United States, along with a tour in Alaska and the far North in Greenland

for Leonard. This was followed by several years of international flying. During this period, he was promoted to Chief Pilot and gained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He retired from the Air Force in 1964 and soon started a sixteen-year second career with Trans World Airlines.



## 2012 Regional FAAS Team Representatives of the Year

The National General Aviation Awards Committee takes great pride in announcing this year's regional General Aviation Awards winners. They are all finalists for the national awards. The mission of the General Aviation Awards program is to recognize individual

aviation professionals on the local, regional, and national levels for their contributions to aviation, education, and flight safety. A member of the Kansas City Chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association was honored for the Central Region.

**Jeanne Carole Willerth**

from Lee's Summit, Missouri is the Kansas City FSDO and Central Region winner. Jeanne is a flight and ground instructor at Air Associates of Kansas, a Cessna Pilot Center in Olathe, Kansas (Willerth1@zcomcast.net)



## MPA Members present at IA Renewal Conference -Nebraska

**Fred** and **Doc** recently represented the light sport industry at the **IA renewal conference** in Nebraska.

At the beginning of their presentation most of the audience was unfamiliar with and did not solicit business from owners or pilots of Light Sport Air-

craft. When queried at the end of the conference most agreed that it seemed an up and coming part of general aviation and that they would now be willing to work with this new segment of aviation. Many positive comments were heard regarding light sport air-

craft using real aircraft engines! (Lycoming O-233s) and much excitement was generated with the demonstration of the new "**High Energy Capacitive Discharge Solid State Ignition**" which will soon be standard on the O-233.

**MEETING MENU:**Mediterranean  
Chicken

Rice Pilaf

Green Beans

Cherry Dessert

**Reservations:**

Email Terrie Jo,  
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 816-985-5406  
 (Gary's Cell) by  
 Monday Nov 14.

**Xmas Dinner Party Photos****Calendar of Events (## indicates KC local)**

- ##Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday\*\*\*)** Membership Dinner Meeting, 6 PM, HY-VEE at Noland Rd & 40 HWY - Lt. Col. Leonard Porter, USAF Retired
- ##Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>** Olathe, KS. Johnson County Executive (OJC). IFR Departures.
- ##Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>** Olathe, KS. Johnson County Executive (OJC). IFR Enroute Ground School
- Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>** Maryland Heights, MO. Creve Coeur (1H0). Night Illusions. Fourth in a series of ten pilot discussion forums
- Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>** Joplin, MO. Joplin Regional Airport (kjl). WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program. "Pilot Error?...Who?...ME?"
- ##Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)** MPA Chapter Board Meeting, 7 PM, Executive Beech Hangar, Downtown Airport. All members are welcome. Your ideas and input are valuable.  
Fred Schieszer, [FSchieszer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:FSchieszer@sbcglobal.net)
- Mar. 14-15** St. Louis, MO. Safety Across High-Consequence Industries (SAHI) Conference.
- ##Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>** Olathe, KS. Johnson County Executive ([OJC](http://www.ojc.org)). IFR Arrivals & Approaches Ground School (Part 2 of 2). Second session of the IFR arrivals and approaches ground school.
- Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>** Council Bluffs, IA. Council Bluffs Municipal ([KCBF](http://www.kcbe.org)). Great Plains Wing CAF 2nd Annual Chili Fly-In. Commemorative Air Force Great Plains Wing 2nd Annual Chili Fly-In and open house
- \*\* Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) Missouri State Aviation Day**—Jefferson City, MO
- ##Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)** Membership Dinner Meeting, 6 PM, HY-VEE at Noland Rd & 40 HWY—"FAA Appreciation"

**CHECK CALENDAR AT [www.MOpilotsKC.org/calendar](http://www.MOpilotsKC.org/calendar) FOR LATEST EVENTS AND UPDATES.**

**OUR OWN WEBSITE!** The Kansas City Chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association (MPA) has its own website. Please visit early and visit often at [www.MOpilotsKC.org](http://www.MOpilotsKC.org) (capital letters not required). **Tom Eagle**

" Meeting NEXT

Week - Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

March Meeting -

Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>

April Meeting—

Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> "

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Blue Skies

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## Advertisements

NOTAM: The OJC runway will be completely closed for pavement reconstruction each night, Monday thru Friday, from 7pm until 7am the following morning. These nightly closures are expected to last until approximately November 22.

For advertising in this space, please contact Terrie Jo Fox at [Terrie@Foxware.com](mailto:Terrie@Foxware.com) or 816-525-3592.

Gary and Terrie Jo have been retired for 6 months! They can be reached at home, 816-525-3592 or Gary's cell, 816-985-5406.

The old Foxware number will ring at former employee Terry Brown's place of business if you need computer service, 816-795-7233

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