



Special points of interest:

- Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup>—Monthly Meeting
- Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter Board Meeting

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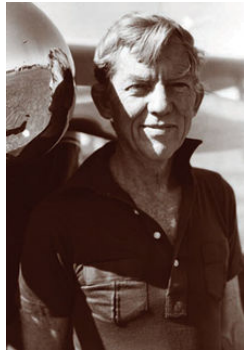
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## President's Message



Gordon Baxter once wrote, in his last page article "Bax Seat" (published for years in a major aviation publication) about early morning landings on a dew covered sod runway. According to Gordon, "I could

smell the aroma of freshly crushed grass under the wheels of my Cub upon landing!". In those days I could easily identify with such a colorful statement. (I don't have a tailwheel endorsement/I don't have to!). But that was in the sixties and this is now. As a fully qualified Geezer, I think that I miss those days. Even our light sport cockpits have an EFIS, digital readouts, electric trim, electric flaps and various automated gizmos guaranteed to make flying more efficient, easier and streamline pilot workload. But is it as much fun as it used to be?

Going to the state convention is a fun activity and this year Julie

proved it. The term grass roots is often overused, but I think that it is a good descriptor of our organization. We are the masters of our destiny and we had better keep tabs on our world or we will lose our ability and privilege to fly with as few restrictions as possible.

**Support MPA/Support REASON/Support FUN.**

There are those in our world who just



don't understand!! Perhaps you could take them out some morning when the dew covers the sod and let them smell the aroma of freshly crushed grass... How's that for a grass roots organization. Show your **support**, share your **fun**, live the **dream** that brought you here to begin with! fjs

### Mark McMahon, Lt Col USAF

Our Program for June will be presented by **Mark McMahon, Lt Col USAF**. He will describe the RPA community in general and what they do at Whiteman.

Bio: Enlisted USMCR 1984-1988, Commissioned USMC 1988-1998, Flew UH-1N, AH-1W. Transferred to the Nebraska ANG 1998-2010 Flew KC-135R, RC-26B. Currently AFRES, flying MQ-1B. Civilian occupation as a Helicopter pilot flying EMS.

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## Gary Fox - New State President of MPA

At the 2012 annual MPA meeting in Booneville, MO, **Gary Fox** was elected state president of MPA

**Gary Fox** enlisted in the USAF in 1955 and retired as a Major ... and finally really retired in 2011 after closing Foxware Computer Systems.

As a private pilot he has logged over 800 hours with single engine, multi-engine and instrument ratings. He has served as president and continue to be a member of the KC Chapter of the MPA, Commander of the Military Order of World Wars (MOWW), two time President of the Heart of America Chapter of the



Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), member of the Air Force Association (AFA) . . . president and current Board member of the Lee's Summit Board of Aeronautical Commissioners (BOAC) and continue to serve as AOPA's ASN for Lee's Summit Airport (LXT). Since "really retiring" he has been volunteering at Renegade Light Sport Aircraft, where we build

and sell light sport aircraft, and have been able to attend Oshkosh and Sun and Fun for the first time . . . and as Terrie Jo calls it . . . work on his "bucket list".

His goal this year is to visit each chapter and will soon be contacting each chapter president to make arrangements to attend a chapter meeting. Gary would also like to hear from you, the MPA member, on any thoughts to improve MPA.

Gary's email is [Gary@foxware.com](mailto:Gary@foxware.com)  
home: 816-525-3592  
cell: 816-985-5406.

Congratulations

Gary Fox !!!

We know you  
will do an  
outstanding JOB



More kudos to our State Secretary, **Julie Kraemer**, for chairing our 59<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention. Booneville is a pictorial town on the banks of the Missouri River rich in history and a beautiful place to visit. Many thanks to Julie and her entire support staff for a truly memorable and joyous event.

**MEETING MENU:**

Taco Bar: Soft &amp; Hard

Refried Beans

Tomatoes &amp; Olives

Cheese &amp; Rice

Coffee &amp; Tea

Flan Desert

**Reservations:**

Email Terrie Jo,  
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 Monday **June 25**

" Meeting NEXT  
 Week - June 27<sup>th</sup>  
 July Meeting -  
 July 18<sup>th</sup> (One  
 Week Earlier)"

**Future Meeting Dates**

June 27—Mark McMahon

July 18—Week earlier because of Oshkosh AirVenture (NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING ONLY)

Aug. 22—Meeting back on Noland Road

We are looking for suggestions of speakers for upcoming meetings. You suggest, we invite and all will enjoy

**Calendar of Events (## indicates KC local)**

- ##June 27<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)** Membership Dinner Meeting, 6 PM, HY-VEE at Noland Rd & 40 HWY - **Mark McMahon, Lt Col USAF**
- ##June 30<sup>th</sup>** Free Wings seminar on "Navigating the Oshkosh NOTAM" . It will be 9-11 AM at Air Associates at OJC (Johnson County Executive airport). You can drive or fly in. Coffee and donuts at 8:30. "Arrival, departure and ground procedures will be discussed as well as other topics of interest to pilots going to Oshkosh for **AirVenture** in July, 2012." [http://faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_detail...45168&pf=1](http://faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_detail...45168&pf=1)
- ##July 3<sup>rd</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)** MPA Chapter Board Meeting, 6 PM, Savoy Gill, 219 West (Main Street) 9th Street, Kansas City, MO. **NEW LOCATION AND TIME THIS TIME.** All members are welcome. Your ideas and input are valuable. Fred Schieszer, [FSchieszer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:FSchieszer@sbcglobal.net)
- July 7<sup>th</sup>** Newton , KS. Newton City County Airport (**EWK**). 49th Air Capital EAA Chapter 88 Fly-In. Pancake breakfast, Static Aircraft displays, Youth Activities, Aircraft Judging, Young Eagle Rides, Evening Awards Banquet. Contact Bob Blanton, 316.683.9759. **Email**
- ##July 18<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)** Membership Dinner Meeting, 6 PM, **HY-VEE Hy-Vee at 7 Highway and 40 Highway (NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING ONLY)**
- ##Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)** Membership Dinner Meeting, 6 PM, HY-VEE at Noland Rd & 40 HWY (**BACK ON NOLAND ROAD**) -
- Sep 8** Butler, MO. Butler Memorial Airport (**KBUM**). Aviation Day. Annual fly-in/drive-in event for the promotion of general aviation. 10am to 2 pm. Hamburgers and hotdogs available, fuel raffle, flight simulator, demo flights, static displays, helicopter rides, Life Flight display, sky-diving demo & much more. Rain Date 9/15/12 Contact Dennis Jacobs, 660-424-0620. **Email**
- ##Oct 4-7** Heart of America Sport Aviation Classic.

**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). Updating coming soon. **Tom Eagle**

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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,  
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