



Special points of interest:

- **Wednesday September 28—Dinner Meeting**
- **Tuesday October 4— Chapter Board Meeting**

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OUR SEPTEMBER DINER/ MEETING IS AT HyVee on Noland Road

Kansas City Chapter of Missouri Pilots Association

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THE FLYER



President's Message "HOBBY STUFF"



A spring thunderstorm ripped the training glider from its tie-downs and it tumbled across the airport like a feather in a whirlwind. Spring activities had to be curtailed because of its loss. Luckily the insurance was more than adequate to replace it, although probably not in time for completion of spring classes. Then the unthinkable happened, upper management (non pilot type) declared that the insurance money would be put into the purchase of a powered training aircraft. Glider flying, after all, is in reality just "HOBBY STUFF" Truth be told- money was tight and it made good sense on paper. The classes which used glider flying (soaring) were not actually required in the pilot curriculum. (Highly encouraged/not required) I couldn't let it go that easily. I scheduled a meeting with the appropriate person in upper management and when sitting across the desk , one on one, I began my plea. I started by asking him if he had ever heard of "Sully Sullenberger" he agreed that he had, well then- tell HIM that glider flying is just hobby stuff!



Off the top of my head I related four cases where airliners lost all their engines in flight. Three of them were flown by glider pilots and in those three cases EVERYONE walked away after the aircraft landed (one ditched, two landed on runways) the fourth

was not flown by a glider pilot and crashed killing all aboard. The three successful pilots all agreed that skills developed as a glider pilot were what got them to a successful landing. More discussion followed of course but the result was that we got to replace the glider. I strongly believe that the ability to think like a glider pilot helped in those cases. I just saw the movie "Sully" and wish that I could have taken my upper management friend with me. HOBBY STUFF? how about HERO STUFF!



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August Program

Speaker: William T. Coleman

Subject: "Float Plane Odyssey"

BACK TO
THE
OLD PLACE

Social at 6:00 pm

Diner at 6:30 pm

Program at 7:00



William T. Coleman cut his teeth in aviation going Mach 2.5 as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He has extensive flying and business knowledge of aviation and used this acumen during his 25-year tenure as an outside public relations counsel for Phillips 66. Bill was Executive VP for a New York-based PR firm and is a graduate of Marquette University. He has lived and traveled in Southeast Asia, Japan, the United Kingdom, Europe, and South Africa. He is married to his British wife Elaine and has one son, Will, the best software analyst in the world.

Ever since Tom Casey completed his historic trek around the globe, Bill has maintained a personal goal to turn the story into a book. As he explains, "This book was my dream. I wanted everyone to know how it really happened, illustrating what went on behind the scenes. I also wanted the world to finally recognize that Casey's dream turned out to be a feat unequalled in the annals of aviation, and one worthy of official record-setting recognition."



<http://floatplaneodyssey.com>!

Relive the historic circumnavigation of the globe by floatplane pilot Tom Casey, nearly 30,000 miles in the making, through major setbacks and diplomatic incidents...



Menu:
 Lasagna
 Caesar Salad
 Breadsticks
 Fresh Fruit Salad
 Apple Crisp

Reservations:
 Email Terrie Jo,
Terrie@Foxware.com
 or Call 816-525-3592
 (home)
 or 816-985-5406
 (Gary's Cell)
 by Monday **September 26, 2016**

Future Meeting Dates



September 28 —*Membership Dinner Meeting*— “Oshkosh in Review

October 4— Board Meeting at Downtown Airport

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

Calendar of Events (## indicates KC local)

Sep 28 (4th Wed) Membership Dinner Meeting HyVee—Noland Road

Oct 26 (4th Wed) Membership Dinner Meeting HyVee—Noland Road

Nov 16 (3rd Wed) Membership Dinner Meeting HyVee—Noland Road

DEC 14 (2nd Wed) **Holiday Party**

CHECK CALENDAR AT 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 (capital letters not required). Updating coming soon. **Tom Eagle**



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