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The April 8, 2008 meeting of the Bolivar Liberator Chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association was held at LJ's Bistro and Bakery. Present were John and Nancy Savage, Don and Pat Baker, Duane and Kay Smith, Wallace and Nita Edwards, Jonathon Rimington, Pete Mosca, Jim and Mary Shawley, Rex and Diane Warren, John Bennett, Charlie Powell, Jim and Jean Raney, Peter and Martha Hauer, and guests Terry and Connie Jackson.

The minutes were accepted as presented. The treasurer's report was presented; our current balance is \$995.71, the winner's part of the 50/50 is \$650.00 and the Chapter's part is \$667.00. The treasurer's report was also accepted.

Peter Hauer reported on the Gaston's flyout; Wally, and Nita Edwards attended, as well as Peter Hauer and his son Austin.

The Release Time Christian Education organization has requested that we fly their approximately thirty children on April 26th, from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. A rain date of May third is proposed. Tentatively Peter Hauer, Don Baker, Duane Smith, Rex Warren, Dean Jefferis, Pete Mosca, and Jack Reynolds will be available to fly the kids.

The city of Osceola will be celebrating Independence Day on June 28th, and have requested a flyover at 7:00pm.

Paul Long of the Bolivar Rotary Club has requested the Bolivar Chapter participate in their annual Celebration of Freedom Friday, July 4th.

Duane and Kay Smith reported on the scheduled joint MPA/USPA convention May 15-18. The guest speaker will be fellow pilot Mickey Gilley for the luncheon Saturday. Thursday night will feature Fred Harms of the FAA giving the safety seminar.

John Savage reported that our next WINGS/shrimp boil will be held Saturday, May 3rd, beginning at 8:00am with the shrimp boil at 4:00pm.

So that we could enjoy time with our guest speaker, Peter Hauer moved, and Pete Mosca seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

Following our business meeting, we had the pleasure of enjoying Colonel Terry Jackson, USAF (Ret.) share his twenty-six year career in the United States Air Force. Terry, an



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alumnus of the University of Kansas' ROTC program, began his flying career at UK's flying club where he earned his private pilot's certificate. In the Air Force he began training in the T-37 "Tweet", followed by the T-38. Competition for aircraft assignments was, and still is, tough; fortunately, Terry earned the opportunity to be assigned to fly the McDonnell-Douglas F-4 Phantom which he described as a Cadillac; later in his career he transitioned to the F-16, which he described as a Ferrari. Terry shared several stories, as well as some great insight into the life of an Air Force officer and pilot. We all were mesmerized and enthralled. One thing we noted with no small amount of jealousy: When Terry's F-4 or F-16 needed maintenance, he just made a squawk list and turned it in to maintenance; he didn't have to fit the repairs into his budget like we do. All in all though, we found ourselves more appreciative of the duties and sacrifices our military personnel undergo in protecting us and our freedoms from those who would do us harm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Shawley