

Bolivar (M17)
MPA Liberators Chapter
Meeting Minutes,
July 10, 2007

The July 10, 2007 meeting of the Bolivar Liberators Chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association was opened with the Pledge, led by Pete Hauer. Prayer was led by John Savage.

Attending were Glenda Durnell, guest of Jack Reynolds, Stewart Thompson, guest of Bob Pollard, Don and Pat Baker, John and Ann Bennett, Ronnie Burns, George Davis, Paul Evans, Peter Hauer, Dean and Fay Jefferis, Steve Marshall, Pete Mosca, Jonathan Rimington, Alan Roberts and his son Lucas, John and Nancy Savage, Duane and Kay Smith, Frankie and Gwen Stretesky, Sam Swihart, Kerrick Tweedy, and Jim and Mary Shawley.

A big “thank you” to Barb and Pat Mouse and Madeline Dohle who prepared lasagna, mostaccioli, garlic chicken pasta, broccoli with cheese sauce, corn, salad, and dessert. All found dinner delicious.

The chapter’s new president, Allen Roberts, presided over the business meeting. The Treasurer’s report and Secretary’s report were approved as submitted.

Peter Hauer reported on the Osceola fly-over, which had been postponed due to rain. Nearly seven aircraft participated on July 7, 2007, and the flight made a valiant attempt to overfly the square at 7:07pm. Great fun was had by all, and the people of Osceola relayed to Peter their appreciation. In the same vein, John Savage reported that the proprietress of Turkey Mountain was planning on the Bolivar Liberator Chapter to fly over her field on July 28, 2007, at 9:30 am. Preflight at M17 is scheduled for 8:30, with departure at 9:00.

Other flyover opportunities may present themselves, perhaps at the Polk County All-Schools Reunion, or perhaps the Pleasant Hope Chuck Wagon Races, both in the near future. In a related vein, Maj. Riley of B Co, Missouri National Guard, New Century Airport (KIXD), let Duane Smith know that helicopters are available for static display, should opportunities arise.

Frankie Stretesky expressed gratitude for the impromptu flyover at Ski Harbor (67MO) (also July 7) as well as Jack Reynolds’ kind assistance in helping him complete his WINGS certification.

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Segue to WINGS: John Savage and Jack Reynolds have been busy determining what the FAA's intentions are regarding the WINGS program. The major issue is that of the over 600,000 pilots in the United States, less than 2.5% of them participated in the WINGS program. Meanwhile, we are still seeing too many stall/spin accidents on base-to-final and too many pilots running out of gas needlessly. John has learned that AOPA's ASF online Computer-based Training can be used as credit towards a pilot's BFR. Jack mentioned referring to AC 61-98A, and use it as a guide to develop a personalized "syllabus"—know your weak areas, and work on them with a CFI to continually increase and enhance your proficiency. Pete Mosca offered the idea that the Bolivar Liberators Chapter lead the way in maintaining proficiency by implementing our own chapter WINGS-like program. Ronnie Burns wondered how the FAA was going to treat pilots who completed the WINGS program, vis-à-vis their next BFR date. None of us had a ready answer.

Duane Smith reported that the State MPA board is discussing future state convention locations. He also spent quite a bit of time bragging on M17: The Bolivar Liberator Chapter is the *only* chapter with a WAAS approach (Rwy. 36) at their home drome!

Ronnie Burns mentioned an opportunity regarding a possible means of raising monies for the scholarship fund—Miami, OK is planning a poker run soon, and is making \$1500.00 available if certain conditions are met. Ronnie is going to investigate further. Regarding the scholarship fund: Discussion has been deferred until next meeting.

The official meeting was then adjourned by unanimous agreement.

Kerrick Tweedy, the Bolivar Liberator Chapter's webmaster, presented tonight's program. He introduced us all to the Bolivar Chapter's website. He then asked us to all brainstorm with him to come up with sites to which he could link under such categories as flight planning, research, shopping, training/education, safety, &c. Participation was much greater than he anticipated which was wonderful, with many offering knowledge of aviation-related websites that they visit regularly. The internet has become an incredibly useful tool for the airman of the twentieth century, and we all need to learn how to exploit its capabilities. We in Bolivar are incredibly fortunate to have such talent available as Kerrick.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Shawley
BLC secretary