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The July 8, 2008 meeting of the Bolivar Liberator Chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association met at the Bolivar (M17) airport. Present were our new Chapter president, Marc Popejoy and his wife Shari, Wally and Nita Edwards, Richard Honea, Don and Pat Baker, Charles and Frances Stauffer, Dean and Fay Jefferis, Charlie and Connie Powell, Alan Roberts, Jonathon Rimington, Steve Marshall, Kelly Grant, Frankie and Gwen Stretesky, Jack Reynolds and Glenda Darnell, Duane and Kay Smith, and Jim and Mary Shawley.

Guests included Wendell Jones of Springfield, Dean and Kelly Davis of Stockton; our special guest speaker was Diana Richards and her husband Tom of Twin Oaks (08MO), near Jasper, MO.

The menu was "Potluck", and we were indeed lucky. Don Baker said grace, followed by Steve Marshall leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes were accepted as presented. Our treasurer was not present; thus we had no treasurer's report.

On Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, seven pilots participated in a flyover for the Bolivar Rotary Club's "Celebration of Freedom": Jack Reynolds, Sam Swihart, Rex Warren, Kerrick Tweedy, John Savage, Jim Shawley, and ninety-four year old Gene Engledow. We were fortunate to have our planes identified by our own Alan Roberts, of the musical group Floodwater, as we flew over; Alan and Floodwater were performing at the time. There are no official fly-outs scheduled; however, many of us are planning to go to OSH this year. We also looked up the Turkey Mountain website (<http://www.turkeymountainairport.com/events.htm>) and learned about their July 26<sup>th</sup> breakfast plans and their August 23<sup>rd</sup> bar-b-que.

We have learned, with regret that Peter Hauer must resign from his position as Flyout Coordinator, due to an increasingly busy schedule at home. However, Jack Reynolds has kindly volunteered to take his place.

Under Old Business: Mention was made of the scholarship applicant, Josh Witt; his application was deferred to the Scholarship Committee (which we need to re-establish). The Program Planning Committee submitted a report and a motion. The report is that the Program Planning Committee's members consist of the Chapter president and secretary, Steve Marshall, Pat Baker, Dean Jefferis, and Mary Shawley. The Program Planning



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Committee submitted a motion that the Chapter meet at the Bolivar Airport. The motion carried 18 yeas to 8 nays, after which the motion to adjourn was entertained.

Following the business meeting we had the distinct pleasure of enjoying a preview of the presentation that Diana Richards will be giving in Oshkosh this year about her Grass Strip Odyssey. We were struck by the beauty of the photos in her slide show. More importantly, we vicariously experienced the camaraderie she experienced as she would land at a private strip just to avoid a thunderstorm and the owner would put her plane in the hangar (and her in a place to stay to ride out the storm), and the *joie-de-vivre* and *esprit de corps* amongst fellow aviators. We thoroughly enjoyed her tales.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Shawley  
secretary