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The March 11, 2008 regular monthly meeting of the Bolivar Liberator Chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association met at L.J.'s Bakery and Bistro in Bolivar, MO. Attending were Don and Pat Baker, Steve Marshall, Peter Hauer, Wallace and Nita Edwards, Duane and Kay Smith, Frankie and Gwen Stretesky, Guy Ziting, Jonathon Rimington, Bob and Sharon Pollard, Dean and Fay Jefferis, Marc and Shari Popejoy, Jim and Mary Shawley, Nick and Jobeth Mass, and Alan Roberts. Our guest speaker was Ezell Goodwin, a long-time member of the aviation fraternity.

Following a beef brisket sandwich with spring mix salad with vinaigrette dressing and chips, drink of our choice, and delicious strawberry or poppy-seed Bundt cake, we held our business meeting.

The minutes were approved as read with one exception, that being Charles Shipman had contacted Alan Roberts, not Duane Smith regarding the chapter donating \$100.00 to defraying the cost of hosting the reception on State Aviation Day. The treasurer's report indicated we have a balance of \$895.71; the 50/50 winner's portion is \$650.00 with the MPA capital reserve portion being \$667.00.

Peter Hauer reported that the long-term forecast for Saturday's Gaston's fly-out looks like rain; he will contact those planning with a go/no-go report.

Under old business: The ad hoc committee gave its report: The committee met with the FBO, and learned the FBO is not equipped to cater large groups; however, the FBO would be amenable to the Chapter meeting pot luck, the committee understands.

Discussion ensued; the Chapter desires to continue meeting at the airport. We entertained five options: Potluck in a hangar, potluck at the FBO, meeting off-site at another restaurant or other facility, or cater in to a hangar.

Kay Smith moved we meet at L.J.'s for the April meeting, and plan pot luck for the May meeting; Frankie Stretesky seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Much thanks to the Buffalo Flying Club for their donation of \$100.00 to our Paul Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund.



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Jonathon Rimington’s open letter to the MPA chapters concerning attendance at the State Board meetings was read. We all thank Jonathon for his passion and concern, and his love for flying and the MPA.

Ezell Goodwin, a WWII, Korea, and Vietnam-era pilot shared his thoughts, opening with the words from Alex Hailey, who wrote (among other books) the novel “Airport”:
Aviators who died in their bed of old age were those who throughout their career were ready to cope instantly with the unexpected.

Ezell shared some of his experiences flying B-25s, UC-78s, his own Tri-Pacer (a night landing at Stockton with no lights; at the last minute he turned on his landing light to discover the trees that were then at the end of the field—they aren’t there any more), an SA-16 Albatross (with JATO bottles), the time he and a student sucked a valve in a 65-horsepower J-3 Cub (during an engine out drill—sort of turned in to the real thing), the Bell UH-18, his Lambretta motor scooter in the Philippines, a cropduster (dusting a tobacco field surrounded on all four sides by tall pine trees—not recommended), and a score of other aircraft (oh, and that B-25H through the Sandia Mountain pass near Albuquerque). All in all, a wonderful time of listening to “his story”.



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Please read at your next Chapter meeting

Dear fellow MPA Members and Chapter Presidents,

In these days when we are asked to commit our money or our time to one cause or other, to one political party or another, it can be difficult. We are faced with so many choices.

While we as an organization do not promote one political party over another we do ask that when it comes time to vote that you will do so with aviation issues in mind. It's a thing called involvement. This is essential if we are to have a say in the future of something that we love, have worked so hard to protect, and wish one day for our grandchildren to enjoy as we do. It is the ability to take to the sky as free men and women, free to enjoy that which only those who have been involved with flight can fully appreciate.

Our recent efforts in promoting our own State Aviation Day, a day that is now a permanent part of the State calendar of events, proves the power we have to make a difference. There is more we can do.

In encouraging you to become more committed to the future of General Aviation we wish to invite all Chapter Presidents and MPA Chapter Members to share the experience of attending the monthly board meetings and help your organization continue to make a difference. Chapter Presidents you are the voice of the grass roots members. You are the link that keeps the organization vital and alive. You are important and you are a member of the board of the Missouri Pilots Association during your term by virtue of your voluntary service.

We know that you are busy and that life places challenges in your way. You may not be able to get to every State Board meeting. We understand. However, so that your chapter can keep their finger on the pulse of aviation issues that face our great State please feel free to invite one of your Chapter members to represent you in your stead. That way you are kept fully apprised of the issues and advantages of being a proud member of the MPA.

We as a board congratulate and thank all those willing to serve their fellow pilots and friends as officers in their respective Chapters and on the board of this great organization. We invite you to continue to share the load and the reward.

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To remind you, here are a few of our goals:

- Aviation education at all levels
- Aviation safety and training
- The promotion and preservation of legislation friendly to G.A.
- The promotion of social interaction integrated with aviation activities
- To generate a positive public image of general aviation in Missouri
- Grow our membership and infuse the organization with new young blood
- ... All of the above combined with a good measure of fun.

Now is about the time that many Chapters nominate and elect new officers. Remember that each one of you has talents, experience and abilities that are of great value. Please share them and serve. Your ideas, enthusiasm and willingness to serve are invaluable and will help the MPA grow and remain strong.

Thank you again all who serve, to all those willing to serve and those who by the attendance at Chapter meetings and events make this organization great. Let us all work together to protect and promote everything we love about aviation in Missouri. It is a privilege and joy to fly Missouri skies. Let's not lose sight of what needs to be done to keep it that way. Get a little more involved. It's your MPA.

Kind regards

Jonathan Rimington
2nd Vice President

P.S.

Let me also take this opportunity to invite ALL our members to our very special annual convention to be held in Branson this year. It will be a worthwhile experience. See the online and printed newsletter for details.

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