



**The Bolivar Liberator Chapter of the
Missouri Pilots Association**

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Minutes for March 14, 2006

The Bolivar Chapter meeting was called to order at 6:40pm following a dinner of lettuce salad, hand carved roast beef, potato & carrots, green beans, flaky dinner rolls and chocolate sheet cake.

Randy Bowman, promoter for the Bolivar Speedway, asked the chapter if they would be interested in doing a fly-over of the Speedway on one of their 3 "Big" races (April 14th, July 14th and August 25th). After Randy left, the members discussed and the April 14th was to be the date so be sure and attend the next meeting on April 11th for all the particulars. This will be a another opportunity to promote aviation, the Bolivar MPA Chapter and do some more formation flying.

President Savage thanked the cooks and waitress for their services.

Duane read the February Minutes, and were accepted as read.

Kay read the Treasures Report submitted by Treasurer Mosca. The current balance is \$2,249.57 plus \$117.00, which is ½ of the \$234.00 50/50 pot, for a total of \$2,366.57.

President Savage mentioned our Membership is increasing and that is a good thing in these days where we don't like most increases.

Fly-Out Chairman - Mr. Hauer told us that April and May are going to be busy and gave the following activities and we will start receiving Fly-Over requests from surrounding area:

April 4 th -10 th	Sun-N-Fun in Lakeland, FL Savage is going so contact him
April 14 th	Bolivar Speedway M17 at 5:30p Depart 6:15-6:30p
April 15 th	Hot Springs
April 22 nd	Fly 20-30 Bolivar kids who have had perfect attendance so far this school year. Plan is flights from 10:00am till Noon
April 29 th	Rain Date for the 22 nd
May 13 th	Wings Day - Ground School 8-9am, flights, food at 4pm
May 20 th	Petit Jean Park (Morrilton, AR) - MPJ
May 27 th	Salute to Veterans Air Show (Columbia, MO) Have to fly into JEF and take a bus ride to COU
June 3 rd	Bartlesville, OK - Bi-Wing Air Show
June 9 th -11 th	MPA State Convention - Lee's Summit, MO
June 10 th	Bolivar Airport Open House Rex said he was going to donate the FBO's proceeds to Relay For Life and asked if we would provide rides for a donation and donate the proceeds to Relay For Life also. Motion was made and passed with understand that there had to be more than the possible 3-4 planes available of those present.

President Savage told us there were 9 pilots who completed their Wings and 24 of those attending the Safety Seminar were from Bolivar Chapter. He mentioned the Fuel Tax issues going on in Missouri Government.

Duane gave info on upcoming USPA meeting and stressed the importance of being members of MPA and USPA.

Bob (Pollard) mention that our member Frankie Stretesky was going in for surgery tomorrow (March 15th) and asked that he be put on your prayer list. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.

Rev. Warren McPherson was our Guest Speaker. He started his life in Wellston, OK. In June of 1942, while attended a Youth Conference, he felt the "Call to Preach". In June of 1943, graduated High School and after some dealings with the Draft Board, He'd show them, he enlisted, applied for and was accepted to be an Aviation Cadet. From this point on, this young boys life took many roads, rails and boat rides. He received 50 cal. Gun training and by the end of training, he could disassemble and reassemble the 50 Cal. Machine Gun with gloves on and blindfolded. He was assigned to the 44th Bomber Group in Shipton England

where he was a B-24 side-gunner and was one of the 10 man crew that always flew together. He was able to fly 29 missions with this same crew but he and the other side-gunner both missed one flight due to an extra gunner for a short time. He had to have 30 missions before he could "Go Home" and the crew he was assigned with to fly his last mission was quite different than his "family" crew. When they returned, he jumped out of the plane and literally "kissed the ground", thankful that he made it back and was going home. On Christmas Eve, 1944, his crew was one of 10,000 allied planes over Germany during The Battle Of The Bulge. On one of his flights, his Guardian Angel was definitely there, while flying through flak, it felt like the rear of the aircraft went over a "speed bump" and one of the crew was horsing around and gave him a swift kick in the rear. When Warren turned to reprimand the crew member, no one was close to him and all crew members were at their assigned stations, when turned back and looked down, there was a piece of shrapnel laying at his feet. Warren laughingly said he did not receive a Purple Heart but did receive a Purple Buttom in the war. He still carries that piece with him. There are 4 of the original 10 crew members still alive and they have met annually for the past 11 years. After Warren was discharged from the service, he attended and graduated from Central Bible College in Springfield, entered the ministry and retired from full time ministry 15 years ago and has been working on his Honey-Do List that his wife of 54 years has been compiling and working for the Wal-Mart organization.

Submitted on behalf of the Moore's by Duane Smith

Next Meeting April 11th at Plane Café