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The November 13, 2007 meeting of the Bolivar Chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association was held at The Runway Café, located at the Bolivar Airport (KM17). Attending were: Don and Pat Baker, Paul and Sharron Evans, Peter Hauer, Dean and Fay Jefferis, Steve Marshall, Pete Mosca, Jack Reynolds with guest Glenda Durnell, Alan and Lucas Roberts, John and Nancy Savage with guests John and Ann Bennett, Duane and Kay Smith, Jim and Mary Shawley with guest Marc Popejoy of Buffalo, Frankie Stretesky, and Sam Swihart.

Before dinner was served Don Baker led us in prayer, and Lucas Roberts led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. During the prayer we remembered one of our own who had gone west recently, Mel Dixon. We will all miss him, and we offer our deepest sympathy to his family.

We enjoyed a delicious meal of coleslaw, chili, cornbread muffins, and an assortment of dessert cookies and brownies—just the thing for a cool, hazy November evening. Serving were Kim, Emily, and Heather.

The meeting was opened with the minutes and treasurer's reports being presented and approved. John Savage then announced that due to several scheduling conflicts vis-à-vis CFIs, this Saturday's WINGS program will be postponed; however, one CFI will be available on a limited basis on that day. Meanwhile, the December 15 WINGS meeting is still on.

Jack Reynolds shared a thank-you from Mel's wife, Jennifer; she extended her appreciation for the flyby during her husband's graveside service. Those who were able to participate were Jack Reynolds, who flew Mel's Alon A-2 Aircoupe, Dean Jefferis, Sam Swihart, and Wendell Jones.

Peter Hauer relayed some expressions of thanks from several folks in the Buffalo area, stemming from our flyover last Saturday; eight planes participated, and each pilot and passenger noted how enjoyable and important we honor our veterans in this way. Peter also mentioned that he had a passenger, Charles Francis, who was a WWII and Korea Veteran, and Pete Mosca mentioned the thanks he heard from some other folks. While over the Veterans' Cemetery south of Springfield we saw some folks waving at us while performing our flyover there.



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After sharing our anecdotes, we all sat down for a little brainstorming on how to improve the quality of our flyovers, as well as continuing enhancing our safety.

Dean Jefferis mentioned that we may expect some requests for some Christmas parade flyovers.

There was neither Old Business, nor New Business; however, it was noted that the December 11 meeting we will be celebrating with our annual Christmas party, and everyone is to bring a gift worthy of fighting over, including a new tie for Duane.

John Savage moved, and Sam Swihart seconded the motion to adjourn, after which we all retired to Steve Marshall's hangar to view his newly built aircraft, a Zenith 701 with a Rotax 912S engine. It's all yellow with black trim, and he has already reported that it just jumps off the runway. We congratulate him on a really good looking bird.