



**The Bolivar Liberator Chapter of the
Missouri Pilot's Association**

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Pilots Meeting, September 13, 2005, Dean Jeffries Hangar

After thanking Rex Warren our FBO for the smoke grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, the meeting was called to order by President John Savage. Guests were introduced as well as new members: Rick Honea and Bob Hargrave. Geri Moore read the August minutes and they were approved as read. Pete Mosca reported our balance to date (\$1,122.92) not counting our 50/50 pot, and the proceeds from the Saturday and Sunday Airport Open House. The balance was approved as read.

Old Business:

Fly-Out and Activity committee:

- Peter Hauer reported on the Oseloa Fly Over, which was again totally successful. Eleven planes participated, and each pilot was congratulated for a job, well-done.
- Peter Hauer will have pilots meet at M17 by 1:00 for briefing before the fly over at the Humansville parade which is set for 2-2:10 p.m., and all planes will set altimeters at the 1092 foot M17 elevation.
- The AOPA AFS will present a seminar from 7-9 September 28 at the Lanplighter Inn, Springfield MO.
- Oct. 8 the state has a fly-out planned (second Saturday in Oct.) The meeting destination is at Rebel's Bluff 2 miles N? of Mt. Vernon. Let Duane Smith know if you are going to attend so that he can give the airport a tentative head count and heads-up. The meeting will still be going on due to rain so plan to drive if needed.
- The Cajun Shrimp Boil will be the 3rd or 4th weekend of October. First date will be Oct. 22 for a Shrimp Boil and WINGS program. John Savage will begin training at 8 am. Oct. 29th is the backup date.

Program Chairman: Roni Burns announced we will be having Steve Marshall sharing a Powerpoint presentation about his trip to New Mexico. Pete Mosca will check with CMH to see about using their projector system.

Scholarship: Colin reported that Gabe Spurgeon is building up time and getting ready for his check ride. Gabe is now a freshman at Pitt State in Kansas. Kevin Barnhouse will try to get a medical certificate. It was suggested that Kevin see Roni Burns for additional information about his FAA certification

New Business:

OPEN HOUSE. The Bolivar Airport Open House was a very successful event. Special thanks goes to Rex and Diane Warren, Duane and Kay Smith, Susan Zidlicky, and the entire M17 staff. There were lots of booths and lots of people in attendance. The Sky Jumpers were a hit as well as the helicopters, firetrucks, and Army vehicles. Special thanks goes to the following pilots. Sam Swihart with 4 flights and 5 first-timers; Roni Burns with 5 flights and 2 first timers; Jonathan Rimington with 5 flights and 4 1st timers; Don Baker with 5 flights and 8 first timers; Dean Jeffries with 7 flights and 5 first timers; Duane Smith with 9 flights and 8 first timers; Paul Evans with 10 flights and 11 first timers, and Jon Savage (numbers were not counted) As a chapter we had a total of 126 riders and 48 first time fliers. Congratulations. A certificate was awarded to Paul Evans for that the most first timers and one

was awarded to Dean Jeffries for being the most requested pilot. A special thanks goes to Paul for his generous donation of his fuel. A special thanks also goes out to Pete Mosca for his Photo Shop and for getting all the drinks taken care of.

Eric reported that the letter to the editor was sent and many positive comments have been received. A copy will be posted, it is found in the newspaper and there will be one in our notebook. Thanks to everyone who emailed Eric with input. For our membership, a copy of the letter is as follows:

To the Bolivar Mayor, City Council, and Airport Board:

On behalf of the Missouri Pilot's Association, the Bolivar Liberator Chapter, we would like to extend our appreciation to the city council, the airport board, and especially Charlie Hendrickson for their vision and foresight in championing the development of a great general aviation airport. The Bolivar airport is home to more than 48 privately owned aircraft and has a waiting list of pilots who want to hangar in the airport facility. Our local airport has an all weather, instrument landing capabilities with 4000 feet of runway; a ramp with tie down facilities for transient aircraft; hangar, fueling, and maintenance facilities; a full service space for pilots to view weather radar and plan flights based on developing forecast weather across the US; and a wonderful restaurant. The Plane Cafe is outstanding with a full variety menu serving great hamburgers, salads and sandwiches, and an occasional barbequed brisket when FBO director Rex Warren fires up his smoker.

The Bolivar airport is a poster-child for airport development and success in Missouri. General Aviation makes an annual contribution to the economy in excess of \$43 billion. The local airport is part of a valuable and important infrastructure attracting business and industry to our area of the beautiful Ozarks. Each dollar spent by aviation-dependent businesses generates \$1.52 in economic activity. We understand the great economic impact our local airport has on our economy, and such a facility took a great deal of planning and hard work by our community leadership. Thanks to your efforts, the community of Bolivar is nationally known as an attraction for business and industry. We appreciate what you have accomplished. So thank you, from all of our sixty-five local MPA members and the many other pilot's and family members who greatly appreciate the wonderful facilities at M17, our Bolivar airport.

John Savage, President; Geri & Eric Moore,
Co Secretaries; Bolivar Liberator Chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association

The meeting was adjourned. The sky was filled with quite a lightning display as we made our way home. Happy flying.

Respectfully submitted,
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