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Bolivar Liberator Chapter**  
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The Bolivar Liberator Chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association did not have an official business meeting in September, 2011; however an informal picnic was all but rained out when a few hardy (or crazy) souls met at Table Rock Marina Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Present to that picnic held on Wally and Nita's boat were Wally and Nita Edwards, Marc and Shari Popejoy, Jonathan and Jill Rimington, and Jim and Mary Shawley.

Hot dogs, potato salad, pasta salad, and corn salad, along with chocolate cake were the menu items. A time of fun and hangar flying (? On a boat?) ensued; we solved most of the world's problems.

However, relevant to the month of September, Marc Popejoy wrote a brief report of M17's fly-in, held September 11. Read and enjoy!

The Bolivar Liberators chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association, along with the Bolivar Municipal Airport, hosted an old time Fly-in on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> on a day that provided blue skies, fluffy clouds, and patriotic, good time fun on a weekend that made everyone proud to be an American.

The day kicked off at 8:00 with a pancake and sausage breakfast prepared by MPA members Pete Mosca, Kerrick Tweedy, and Mary Shawley, who served up 80 sausage patties and more than 360 pancakes. After breakfast, Mayor John Best flew over the City of Bolivar, along with Certified Flight Instructor Mark Ferguson, who was instrumental in planning the event.

At 10:00 the Boy Scouts, Troop 45 from Bolivar, retired the airport's United States and Missouri flags in a solemn ceremony, cutting the blue field of stars from the flag first, and then each stripe individually, retiring each piece into a ceremonial flame, while a Boy Scout read the history of the flag and of the patriotic and stirring flag retirement ceremony.

With a wave of glory, two parachutes from 417 Sky Dive delivered the new flags and were met by Boy Scouts, who then presented the new flags to Missouri Senator Mike Parson of the 28<sup>th</sup> Missouri Senate district; Senator Parson spoke for a few moments, then presented the flags to Mayor John Best, who greeted the crowd and presented the flags to the Boy Scouts to raise and fly in freedom over the Bolivar Municipal Airport.

Hundreds of guests enjoyed activities such as parachute packing demonstrations, the Bolivar Fire Department showing their fire truck, children trying on the fireman gear, spraying the water hose, touring the St. John's medical helicopter, a fly tying demonstration, along with musical entertainment by Floodwater Band and Tony



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Ingerson. And to keep things rolling, Kelly Grant of Bill Grant Ford presented a new hub cap for the city crew car.

Throughout the day, spectators were treated to the air show practice of Andy Glendenning in his Christen Eagle bi-plane, as he twirled and looped and danced through the blue skies.

MPA members Rex Warren, Kerrick Tweedy and Jim Shawley grilled 200 hamburgers and 100 hotdogs, and every single one was enjoyed by the crowd, served by Mary Shawley, Pat Baker and City Council member Arlene Ferguson in the cafe at the FBO building.

Perhaps the highlight of the day for the hundreds of parents and children who came to enjoy the Old Time Fly-in, was the free airplane rides provided by the pilots of MPA, to encourage an interest in flying. All who wanted to fly, checked in with Bev Swihart (who is a Sweetheart), who marked the one-year anniversary after her open heart surgery by encouraging children to do what she's seen her husband love for the past decades – fly the blue skies over Bolivar.

MPA pilots Don Baker, Jack Reynolds, Dean Jefferis, Wendell Jones, Duane Smith, Sam Swihart and Ronnie Burns offered their skill and their planes to provide an unforgettable moment to 238 passengers, many of whom enjoyed their first ever airplane ride with these experienced pilots who flew 119 flights.

Later that evening these same MPA pilots with Jeff Lilley and Andy Glendenning flew over Southwest Baptist University's home opener football game.

Gene Engledow, aged 97, a respected and revered member of the Bolivar Liberator Chapter said, "This is the most traffic this airport's seen since the grand opening." And he should know.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Shawley  
Secretary