



Missouri Pilots Association
November 16, 2017

Co-PRESIDENTS – Carl Sparks
 Dan Maresh
VICE PRESIDENT – Jan Hoynacki
SECRETARY – Joe Berman
TREASURER – J.C. Zalog

The Ozarks Chapter of the MPA met November 16th at the Ozark Auto Show for a pot luck and the monthly meeting. Co-president Dan Maresh opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

When it comes to public speaking, brevity is next to Godliness. Dan demonstrated his piety with, but a smattering of words for our benefit.

However, those few words described in excruciating detail the new State MPA directory that you will be receiving.

For such a riveting topic one would normally have to engage an accountant or an actuary. Dan, well done! I thought it was fascinating.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our treasurer J.C. Zalog submitted the Chapter balance sheet as of June 24, 2017, which is summarized as follows:

Balance in the 50 / 50 fund	\$ 1,532.00
Richard Cooper Fund	0.00
Funds available for use	<u>506.56</u>
Total bank balance	<u>\$ 2,038.56</u>

J. C. reported that nothing had changed since June 24th, hence, no new report.

NEW MEMBERS and Guests:

With us this evening was Mr. Mike Mulnik the Manager of the Branson Airport.

Also with us was Ray Davison's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davison, who are here tonight from Dayton Ohio.

As always, a warm welcome was extended to our guests! Please come back and visit, or better yet join us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WINGS:

No chairman no report

CAP:

No chairman no report

USPA:

Jan Hoynacki reminded us of upcoming USPA events:

April 26 – 29, 2018
Full day tour of FAA headquarters and controller training facilities, high altitude experience and much more

June 7 – 10, 2018
Annual meeting in St. Louis with a long line up of events.

Late September, 2018
Los Alamos, New Mexico
Learn about where WWII ended.
Jan promises you won't glow in the dark, after!

The USPA motto is "Having Fun with Your Airplane".

SCHOLARSHIP:

Bob Ryder, Chairman:

No new activity at this time thus nothing to report.

FLY-INS:

Andy Anderson produces an excellent list of aviation events which he disseminates by email on a more or less monthly basis. It is recommended to all that you contact him via his email address listed below and asked to be put on the mailing list. He really does an excellent job.

andya@diamondcity.net

AIRPORTS:

David Davidson, Chairman

Dave reported, that the Ava airport rehabilitation has resulted in an increase in traffic count.

He also reported, that a Robinson Helicopter, traveling cross country, stopped in Ava for gas.

From Dave's remarks, it was not clear whether that Helicopter stopped at the airport or the local Casey's.

Perhaps KAOV should consider putting in a Slurpee Machine. I am just saying.....

OLD BUSINESS:

Dan reported that the Peti Jean State Park Fly out is still in the works. However, it does not appear that it will be in our immediate future.

Dan also announced that we will not meet in December 2017 and that our January 2018 meeting will be at McFarlain's. The location of our February meeting is undetermined at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annually, this chapter has supported the needy at Christmas. Christian Action Ministries, in conjunction with the Branson Public Schools, sponsors an outreach known as the Christmas Assistance Program. This program identifies needy families, and gives the children a gift for Christmas. The gift is usually in the form of clothes or other necessities, and a toy.

Jan Hoynacki made a motion to donate \$ 300.00 to the Christmas Assistance Program. Jack Reynolds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the membership unanimously approved the donation.

In addition, on the spur of the moment, a hat was passed for this Christmas outreach. The result was an additional \$ 265.00 from the assembled members, to share Christmas with those children in need.

As the spirit of giving continued, Bob and Mary Ryder made a \$ 300.00 contribution to the Scholarship Fund. To Bob and Mary, many thanks for your generosity.

PROGRAM:

Our program this evening came in two related parts.

The first part was from our very own Bill Hendricks. He was kind enough to share one of his

treasured keepsakes with us. That treasure came in the form of a video about our dear departed friend Mark Trimble. In 1989 KPLR channel 10 TV produced a segment that featured Mark and his collection of aircraft. Although, Mark did not consider it a collection but more of an accumulation. The video featured an extended interview with Mark and many of the famous aircraft that he owned. As we watched, we were reminded, of the “Treasure” that we had lost.

The second part actually began during the October meeting. Lea Trimble, who was not present, had agreed to let us have our traditional Thanksgiving meeting at her late husband’s Ozark Auto Show location. Having lost Mark just this year, it was a lot to ask of her. But Lea, ever gracious, agreed without hesitation. As the magnanimity of her generosity was discussed, story after story began to emerge of all the work she had done behind the scenes for our organization. It became apparent that over the decades she had labored diligently for the benefit of our Ozark chapter, and many individuals as well. However, Mark cast such a large shadow, her efforts and accomplishments went largely unrecognized.

It was agreed, this oversight could not stand. And the perfect time and place to formally recognize Lea was, the fast approaching, Thanksgiving meeting.

But how best to do this? It was decided that, with the exception of Lea and her family, we would solicit the membership for Testimonials of her many good works. Even though there was less than three weeks to the Thanksgiving meeting, the accolades kept pouring in.

Jan Hoynacki took it upon herself to secure a gift as part of a presentation. And the presentation itself would be, a bound book of gratitude, in the form of the many Testimonials.

It was hoped that all of this would be a surprise. And by the look on Lea’s face, as she was called to the podium, it was.

Lea Trimble, friend and fellow aviator, was then presented with The Tribute of Thanks and

Appreciation for the many years of her dedicated service to our organization, and her friendship to all.

As part of the recognition Jan Hoynacki then presented Lea with a gorgeous Christmas Wreath.

The assembled arose and showered Lea with both thunderous applause and personal attestations of how very much she was appreciated and loved.

Thank-you Lea, for your service and your friendship!

P.S.

The following is just one of the many Testimonials received by Lea that day:

Schoolmarm

Behind Every Successful Man
Is a
Strong, Intelligent, Capable Woman

And
A Truly Astonished Mother-In-Law

In an odd sort of way, I have only just met Lea Trimble. At least that’s how it seems, when compared to so many, in the Ozark Chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association. A fair number of you have known her for so many decades, that decorum, and self-preservation, prevent me from specifying the exact number.

But Lea, I do remember when I met you. It was my first Ozark Chapter meeting and I didn’t know a soul. Painfully shy and reclusive by nature, I was doing my best to disappear into the woodwork, when you

spotted me. Bold and unabashed, you strode directly to what had been, up until that moment, my perfect hiding place. Your warm smile and welcoming countenance instantly put me at ease. Over the years, I have seen you do this many times with many strangers. This portends a graciousness of spirit and a kindness of heart that is far too often lacking in our impersonal digital age. More than anything else, it was that warm welcome that resulted in a second pilot's meeting for me. I do sincerely, wish to thank you for that act of kindness.

And your thoughtfulness continues!

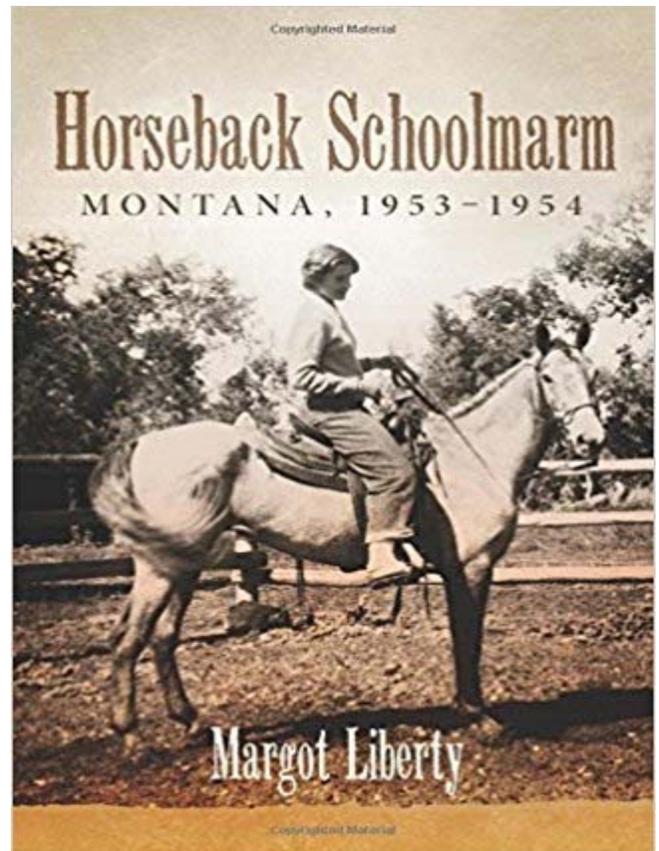
You had toiled as Secretary of this organization for many years when I succeeded you in that position. Instead of running off into the sunset, doing your happy dance, to the tune of "Free at Last", you stayed and helped me with the transition. And help does not even begin to describe it. I receive all the files and tools, in perfect order, well labeled and organized perfectly. Lea, you made the transition effortless. And I thank you for it.

I am somewhat embarrassed to admit that it has only been in the last year or two that I learned you were a Teacher by profession, a successful business woman, an accomplished actress, and a licensed pilot who loves skydiving. Skydiving! Lea, really? You would exit a perfectly serviceable aircraft that wasn't on fire? How odd! And for all those accomplishments, and many more, you were proclaimed "Outstanding Missourian" by the 92nd General Assembly of the Missouri House of Representatives.

I have given some thought to your life in the classroom and how things have changed over the years. The only constant I see is the molding and shaping of those young skulls full of mush. To help each child find the path that will lead them to their highest and best self, has to be both rewarding and frustrating.

Times were so different when you began teaching. Just getting to school could be a challenge.

Lea's Morning Commute:

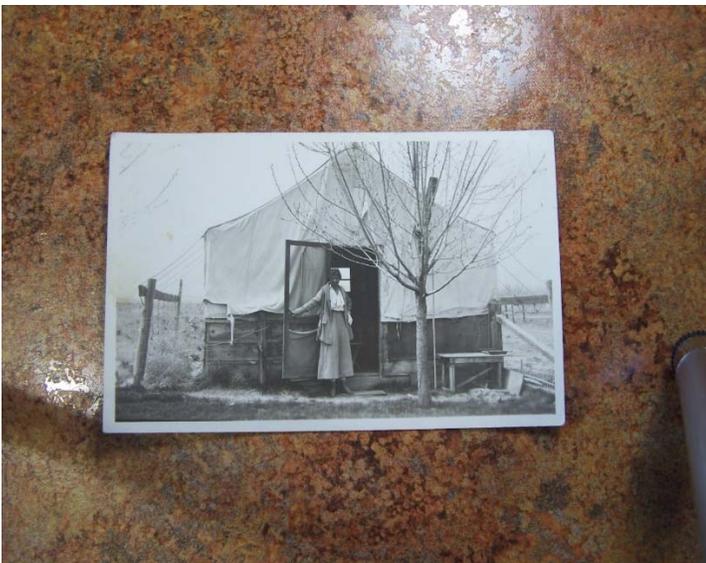


And the school facility had its own set of issues.



But unlike schools today, there was plenty of fresh air ventilation. And physical education came in the form of chopping wood.

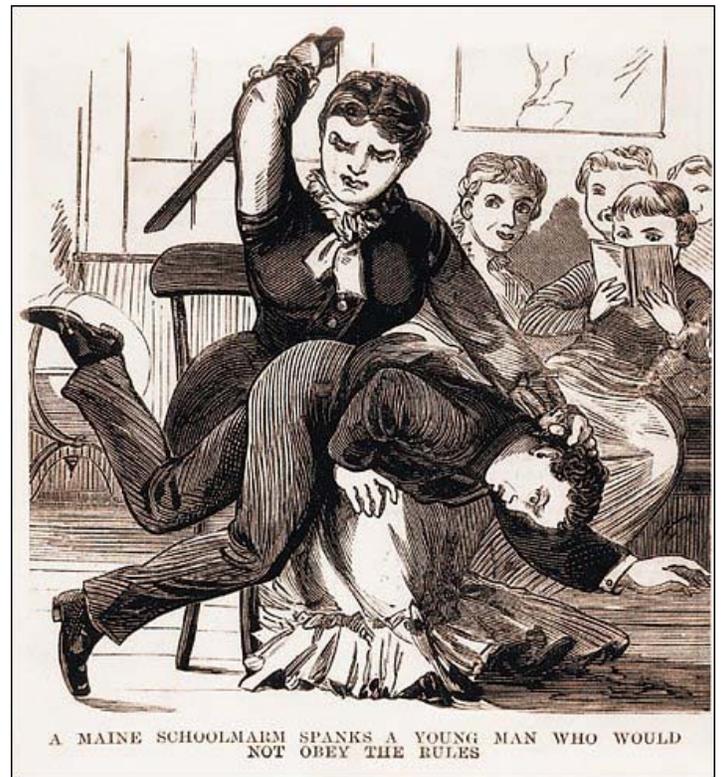
But this fine school was a step up from where she did her student teaching.



You will note that her classroom lacked some of the technology, that teachers enjoy today.



And while student discipline is a significant problem in our contemporary schools; Lea did have an advantage over today's educators.



And the skills a teacher must now possess, are far afield from the traditional reading, writing and arithmetic that made America great.



And teachers back then were not afraid to openly demonstrate religious faith.



Lea's colleagues, unabashedly praying For the End of Term !

Lea, happily ensconced in her classroom.



Yes Lea, much has changed over the years but not that which is most important. For what has not changed, is the Lea Trimble who is strong, intelligent, kind and caring. The Lea Trimble with a spine of steel and a will to match, has neither been bent or broken by the passage of time or the suffering of adversity.

Lea, it is with both pleasure and pride that I call you friend.

Joe Berman, Secretary
Ozark Chapter of the MPA

All teachers dressed like that, back in the day!

50/50 DRAWING:

We did not have a 50 / 50 drawing this evening.

NEXT MEETING:

We will not have a December meeting.

Our Next Meeting:

People gather for conversation and dinner at 6 pm followed by the meeting which will start when most folks are finished with their meal which is usually between 6:30 and 7 pm.

The next meeting will be held on 1-25-18 which is the 4th Thursday of January at McFarlain's Restaurant in Branson Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Berman, Secretary