



Missouri Pilots Association

June 28, 2018

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

The Ozarks Chapter of the MPA met June 28th, at Point Lookout Airport (KPLK) for a potluck dinner and the monthly meeting. Vice President Jan Hoynacki opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as clarified and corrected.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Jan Hoynacki our Vice President, stood in for, both our Co-Presidents, who for various reasons could not conduct the meeting.

Jan suggested, and the assembled agreed, that due to lackluster interest, the Petit Jean Fly-In, schedule for July, will once again be postponed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our treasurer J.C. Zalog submitted the Chapter balance sheet as of June 25, 2018, which is summarized as follows:

Balance in the 50 / 50 fund	\$ 114.00
Richard Cooper Fund	465.00
Funds available for use	<u>563.56</u>
Total bank balance	<u>\$ 1,142.56</u>

NEW MEMBERS and Guests:

Mr. Jeff Raberding of the National Weather Service is both our guest and our speaker this evening.

Mr. Jessie Fosnaugh of the Branson Jet Center was also our guest this evening. Jessie provided information about various upcoming airport events that are brought to us by the Jet Center to celebrate the expansion of the Airport Diner at the FBO.

As always, a warm welcome was extended to our guests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WINGS:

No chairman no report

CAP:

Tom Martin, chairman, no report

USPA:

Future USPA events are as follows:

Late September, 2018

Los Alamos, New Mexico
Learn about where WWII ended.

Jan Hoynacki promises you won't glow in the dark, after this tour!

April 2019:

The USPA annual meeting will be held in Branson. There will be many fun group events for all to enjoy. Non-USPA members are always welcome.

June 2019:

A Fly-In to Dayton Ohio is in the planning stages by none other than our very own Joe McNeil. I am pretty sure that Joe is target fixated on the Air Force Museum. If you have never been, it is a definite must for your bucket list.

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

SCHOLARSHIP:

Bob Ryder, Chairman, no 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, no report

OLD BUSINESS:

The Petit Jean State Park Fly In is postponed, again! Accordingly, the event, which was scheduled for July 14th, is cancelled.

While the Petit Jean mission was scrubbed, our summer picnic at Ava Airport (KAOV) is very much a go!

Accordingly, on August 11, we will have our Ozark Chapter summer picnic at Ava Airport. It will be a Potluck and the feeding frenzy will begin at noon. Come early and enjoy the camaraderie of your friends and fellow aviators.

So dust off your best summertime picnic recipe and mark the date on your calendar. Pulled pork, hotdogs and some drinks will be provided.

Our September meeting is scheduled to be held at McFarlain's Restaurant.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business this evening.

PROGRAM:

Its been a long day at work. You come home, drop your mail, bills mostly, on the counter and take off your jacket. Something cold from the fridge finds its way into your hands as you settle back into your easy chair and flip on the TV. There the impossibly young, and earnest, news guy drones on about the startling increase in Jaywalking citations issued by our local Barney Fife. The tedium of this life altering news is about to make your eyes bleed, when the tease for the next segment tells you the weather is coming up. At least that will present something useful. Or so you thought!

The weather man, a little older, has an authoritative air about him. He comes across as if the forecast came from God's lips, to his ears, to your TV set. He assures us, that in-spite of the way it looks outside, the most we could expect is a light winter mix with no accumulation.

The next morning, I call him to report that I have 6 inches of "No Accumulation" on my back deck. And would he please come over and remove his light wintery mix.

Thus, the plight of the meteorologist, which our speaker, Jeff Raberding, is all too familiar with. For you see, Jeff is a 26-year veteran meteorologist, stationed at the Springfield office of the National Weather Service. He also has begun teaching the subject at the Ozark Technical College.

Jeff was quick to explain that “6 inches of no accumulation” is all about probability. Statistically, a 30% chance of isolated thunder storms doesn’t sound so bad. But, inevitability, as one flies, that 30% seems to always park itself just off the nose of your aircraft. And a spider web on an automated weather data collection instrument can result in reported visibility far below minimums on a clear and cloudless day. Aging radar sites, prone to breaking down, add to the problems. All of this and more, Jeff and his fellow meteorologists, overcome on a daily basis.

In the past the National Weather Service worked behind the scenes. They would prepare the forecast and disseminate it to the FAA, the military and state organizations such as MoDOT. Now, especially at times of severe weather, they are equal partners reporting directly to the public.

Jeff also informed us about the new digital aviation services, now available in Springfield, and spreading across the country. Among other things, you will be able to obtain a TAF (Terminal Area Forecast) for all airports. The National Weather Service is meeting with the airlines and other stake holders to ask them what they want to see in the way of weather products.

In conclusion, we are so very thankful for Jeff and his colleagues, who suffer the slings and arrows that inevitably follow a forecast gone astray. For without them, I fear we would almost certainly fly into the face of adversity. Jeff, on the other hand, would predict that we have a 30% chance of disagreeable atmospheric conditions.

50/50 DRAWING:

In JC’s absence, we did not have a 50/50 drawing.

NEXT MEETING:

Our Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is our **Summer Picnic**. People should start gathering for conversation at 11 Am with the potluck lunch to begin at noon.

The next meeting will be held on 8-11-18 at The Ava Airport (KAOV) in Ava Missouri. This is a Potluck so bring lots of good eats to share.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Berman, Secretary