



Missouri Pilots Association

May 24, 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 May 24th, at McFarlain's Restaurant for dinner 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:

We all have one of these in the family. That special relative, that on a good day, is like listening to squeaky chalk on a blackboard. And, just imagine, that you are cooped up with him on a long automobile trip, in the desert, midday, with a broken air conditioner. And you are giving serious consideration to leaving him in the middle of nowhere as you drive off in a cloud of dust! Yeah, that relative! If he were to suddenly depart your

vehicle, without warning, and of his own volition, it would be a happy day.

However,

If you were Tammie Jo Shults, Pilot in command of Southwest Flight 1380, and your port side engine blew up and departed the aircraft, a smiley face emoji would not be your first choice.

But thanks to Tammie Jo and the rest of the crew 142 souls were saved that day. Sadly, one perished as a result of shrapnel from the exploding engine.

Tammie Jo, a former US Navy fighter pilot, flew with her crew for the first time that day. And it is interesting to note that the crew prayed together before the flight.

All this and more, Dan shared with us after having seen a Good Morning America interview of the flight crew.

Dan also spoke about his conversations with Tom Martin who is trying to arrange our June speaker.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our treasurer J.C. Zalog submitted the Chapter balance sheet as of May 24, 2018, which is summarized as follows:

Balance in the 50 / 50 fund	\$ 94.00
Richard Cooper Fund	465.00
Funds available for use	<u>543.56</u>
Total bank balance	<u>\$ 1,102.56</u>

NEW MEMBERS and Guests:

While there were no new members this evening, Jan Hoynacki was pleased to introduce Mr. Jack Reynolds, President of the United States Pilots Association.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WINGS:

No chairman no report

CAP:

Tom Martin, chairman, no report

USPA:

Jan Hoynacki reported on the Oklahoma City flyout which was held on April 26th through April 29th. The event drew 30 people from as far away as Florida.

Our very own Joe McNeil, fearlessly braved the high-altitude chamber. It is amazing what a little oxygen deprivation will do. I can just hear him say: "Honestly honey, I wasn't drunk". "I was just a little oxygen deprived". "What napkin"? "What phone number"?

Future USPA events are as follows:

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

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 back on, again!

The Petit Jean Fly In, is scheduled for Saturday, July 14th. Arrangements will be made to transport us from the air strip to the lodge for lunch. We will need to know in advance how many are coming so that the appropriate arrangements can be made. More details will be forth coming.

It was agreed that our programs need not be limited to aviation related events.

There was some discussion about the potential for the donation of an aircraft to our organization. The idea behind accepting such a gift would be to convert it to an aircraft suitable for flight training. Hence, we could expand aviation by offering reduced cost training to the public.

After some discussion, it was determined that with the limited human and financial resources available, we could start such a program but we could not sustain it long term.

Hence the idea was rejected.

NEW BUSINESS:

It seems that tonight we have our minds on our stomachs!

It was proposed, and unanimously accepted, that we again have our summer picnic at Ava Airport (KAOV).

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.

Last year we had so much fun, and fine food, that the festivities were considered illegal in 5 neighboring states!

Last year, someone, who shall remain nameless, showed up on his motorcycle with nothing but his appetite. This could easily happen again if he can't get a ride in Jan's Mooney. Just another shameless solicitation from an aviation junkie in withdrawal.

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

PROGRAM:

There was no program this evening.

However, I never ceased to be amazed and impressed at the extraordinary creativeness that our membership possesses.

Well, you see it happened like this. I was out for a leisurely evening stroll when I was almost plowed asunder by a most formidable force of nature. There, marching in perfect unison up the middle of our bucolic lane, was Mary Ryder and her little dog. Personally, I would walk a dog, but no, not Mary! This was a precision drill team in training. And her poor little dog must have thought he had just entered doggie boot camp Hell! As she called cadence for the pooch his little legs pumped furiously. And this gave new meaning to the terms quick march and double time.

She called for her column of two to wheel right and halt. Now, directly in front of me she called parade rest. With that, little poochie collapsed!

Eyeing me up and down she was summarily unimpressed with my slovenly attire and sloth like pace.

Mary, in true D.I. fashion, commenced to educate me on the virtues of good health, medical care and exercise. It was at that moment that she had the most brilliant of epiphanies.

For you see in our previous conversation I had been lamenting how hard it was to both attract and retain new members. Not only that but also the difficulties of getting them involved and attending meetings on a regular basis.

Here in a nut shell is Mary Ryder's epiphany:

1. Most of our members are so old they remember when dirt was invented.
2. And we spend an incredible amount of time going from one doctor to another.
3. Mary's plan of recruitment and retention:
4. At each meeting offer free health care screenings, lab tests and examinations. We could bunch up the specialties so that our members could kill two or three birds with one Quack.

"Think of the appeal that would have" she said. "We would draw them in by the dozens". Free medical care with no travel and no hassle.

But just as I thought the madness was ending, a mischievous twinkle appeared in her eye and a wicked grin upon her lips. You know Joe, she began. If you really want to pull them in big time, offer free Viagra! You would have new members by the thousands.

Bob Ryder, where ever you are, I don't quite know what to say. Except that I think you should plan for night maneuvers in your very near future.

50/50 DRAWING:

Diane McNeil's ticket was pulled from the hat but once again the Joker was not drawn. Accordingly, the pot grows another week.

NEXT 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 6-28-18 which is the 4th Thursday of June at Point Lookout Airport (KPLK) in Point Lookout Missouri. This is a Potluck so bring lots of good eats to share.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Berman, Secretary