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# Kansas Pilots Association Newsletter

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## Annual Dues Reminder

KPA dues run from July 1 of each year until June 30th of the following.  
Please send the annual \$20.00 amount to current Treasurer Steve Hatfield.

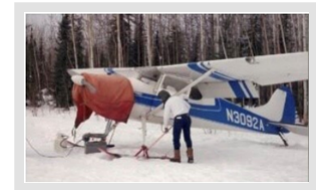
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Clearwater, KS 67026

## Letter from the President

Hello All!

Be sure to put our upcoming events on your social calendar – as announced by KPA 'NOTAM.' The April 5th meeting will be held at Ortega Aviation at Eisenhower Airport, and Gil Wooten is in charge (thanks, Gil!). More details will be forthcoming.



The "Flight MD" article in the April 2022 issue of AOPA Pilot magazine has come comments that I think are applicable to our membership. It's entitled The Magic Age, and senior AME Dr. Brent Blue discusses 'Staying Safe AND in the cockpit as we get older.'

His recommendations for these two interconnected goals include:

- • Guarding against fatigue by limiting time in the cockpit on any given day
- • Planning flights to end in daylight rather than after night-fall
- • Staying hydrated – improves concentration and judgment
- • Considering modifying our personal weather minimums, such as gusty cross-winds
- • Flying with a friendly co-pilot, perhaps a younger one who has a better understanding of modern avionics but doesn't have your depth of experience in various flight conditions

I particularly like that last one. I think we can learn a lot from one another – and of course maybe add to the enjoyment of sharing our flying interests at the same time.

Blue skies and tailwinds.

Dan DeMott  
KPA President  
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## Do You Know?

### 1. Fouling of spark plugs is more apt to occur if the aircraft:

- A. Gains altitude with no mixture adjustment.
- B. Descends from altitude with no mixture adjustment.

C. Throttle is advanced very abruptly.

**2. Which is correct concerning preventive maintenance, when accomplished by a pilot?**

A. A record of preventive maintenance is not required.

B. A record of preventive maintenance must be entered in the maintenance records.

C. Records of preventive maintenance must be entered in the FAA-approved flight manual.



**3. Every physical process of weather is accompanied by or is the result of:**

A. A heat exchange.

B. The movement of air.

C. A pressure differential.

*Answers are at the bottom of the Newsletter..*

## **Flyout Weatherford Oklahoma**

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### **TO THE STARS AND BACK**

*BY DAN BOWLES*

It was a journey well worth it. A trip to the Air and Space Museum in Weatherford Oklahoma. The Skies were clear and the air was smooth for the perfect flight. We had a total of 5 airplanes attend with 8 people.



The morning started off with a road trip down Historic Route 66 to Lucille's Road house. It was a relative short trip as Lucille's was a less than 2 miles from the airport but it was still fun to be on one of the most historic highways in America. The food was good and Andrea Scarpelli had one of the most American meals a fried SPAM sandwich. Everyone else played it a little down with different items including good old fashioned hamburgers, salads and different varieties of chicken.

After lunch we returned to the Thomas B Stafford Museum, ( A local born and raised pilot, astronaut and American Hero) where we toured the breathtaking museum. It was one of the finest displays of early airplanes, jet fighters and spaceships.

I would like to give special thanks to the wonderful people who worked there to support our Fly In. As I was the first plane there I was met on the tarmac by one of their workers that did everything from marshalling, refueling planes, getting us ice cold water, preparing 2 courtesy cars and making sure our stay was above our greatest expectations. All this was performed by a single person. Just because we flew into the airport to see the museum they allowed us free entry to the museum too. If anyone is looking for somewhere to spend a day with great people and an exciting historic displays... This is the place.

## **What is a "Gaggle"?!?**

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As many of our members, when Andrea and I fly across the country VFR, we always subscribe to Flight Following.

While on our trip to the Weatherford Fly-Out, Kansas City Center transferred us to Ft Worth Center.

As I changed the frequency, I was just in time to hear the Ft Worth ATC quizzing our very own President Dan DeMott!



ATC: "Hey what's going on in Weatherford today?"

Dan: (Very professionally I might add) "We are with the Kansas Pilots Association and some of our members are meeting in Weatherford for our monthly fly-out"

ATC: "Well, I wondered what was going on, I see a GAGGLE of you on the radar all heading that way!"

Me: (Not so professional) "Ft Worth Center, N3701Romeo, and I am part of that gaggle!"

Trish Minard: "I am with them also"

Terry Williamson: "I am here and with them too!"

If you ever wondered how many it took for a gaggle, Dan has provided a picture of what Center might have seen at that time!

I personally have been called a lot of things but NEVER a gaggle! :-)

Blue Skies to all,

Jim Scarpelli

## What's Coming Up?

### 2020-2021 Events Calendar

Please note the times you are in charge!  
Please note that all meetings will be online and in person!

#### March Meeting

March 1st, 2022  
Chico's Mexican Restaurant  
Wichita KS  
6 PM -- 8 PM

Our President Dan Demott has arranged for David Dewhirst to discuss several current safety issues in general aviation. Come & join us for good company and great information about our passion for flying!  
Meeting Begins @ 7 PM

#### April Meeting

April 5th, 2022  
6-8pm  
Ortega Aviation Services at Eisenhower Airport  
Meet at Yingling if you want to eat at Subway prior  
Person in Charge: Gil Wooten

Presentation: A hands on introduction to their new flight Sim and maybe some discussion about their new twin!

## April Fly-Out

April 16, 2022

Berryville AR

Person in Charge: Jim and Andrea and Ron and Diane  
We will be flying to Berryville to join their monthly fly in.  
Plan to arrive around 10am (Or before)

**Note: Fredericksburg has been moved to May for Easter**

## May Meeting

Chico's Mexican Resturant

6-830pm

Person in Charge: Jim S and Dan DeMott

Presentation: TBA

## May Fly-Out

May 20-22, 2022

Super Fly-Out

Fredericksburg, TX

Person in Charge: Jim and Andrea Scarpelli

We will be staying at the Hangar Hotel

We are currently working on a block rate, however, if you wish to make reservations now, please tell them you are with the KPA. This will get you the discount if we get one.

Some members will be going down Friday and staying through Sunday. Others will come down Saturday and stay over one evening. Your Choice.

Room costs at the Hangar Hotel are currently 199 a night, but there are plenty of bed and breakfasts throughout town if you prefer.

We will be going to the museum, Lady bird garden, walking the shops in the downtown. Then meeting at Hondo's for dinner and music Saturday Night around 6pm.

All other events are an "on your own".

**Note: No curtesy cars available but Uber does run.**

## June Meeting

June 7th, 2022

TBA

## June Fly-Out

June 18th-19th, 2022

**We will return to Berryville for breakfast and then fly on to Bentonville AR.**

**We will tour the downtown courtyard, visit Crystal Bridges, and enjoy other activities.**

**Hotel information will be coming.**

**Person in Charge: Jim and Andrea and Ron and Diane**

## KANSAS PILOT ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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March 1, 2022

**We had a good meeting at Chico's. After introductions and the Treasurer's report, we debriefed the trip to Paola for barbeque lunch, and discussed upcoming fly-outs.**



***Dan Bowles is organizing the flight to Weatherford, OK, on 3/19 to visit the Stafford Air & Space Museum (ed. note: see Dan's report on the very successful fly-out, elsewhere in this newsletter).***

***It was also announced that the April fly-out will be April 16th to Berryville, Arkansas, Carroll County Airport 4M1, led by Jim and Andrea Scarpelli. And the May event will be a super fly-out to Fredericksburg, Texas. Contact Jim Scarpelli for details of hotel arrangements and touring opportunities.***

***After conclusion of the meeting, KPA member, long-time pilot and flight instructor Dave Dewhirst presented some of his insights into two areas of safely maintaining and operating light aircraft. Dave cautioned against removing legacy vacuum systems and instruments when upgrading cockpits, detailing the potential pitfalls of relying solely on electrical-powered replacements. He also discussed ways to do an historical audit of your aircraft's weight and balance data, using the problems of a local club airplane as an example.***

**Meeting was adjourned.**

### **Answers to "Do You Know?"**

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1. A -- If the fuel/air mixture is too rich, excessive fuel consumption, rough engine operation and appreciable loss of power will occur.
2. B. -- A person holding at least a private pilot certificate may approve an aircraft for return to service after performing preventative maintenance under the provisions of Part 43.3(g) and shall make an entry in the maintenance record of that maintenance.
3. A. -- The amount of solar energy received by any region varies with time of day, with seasons and with latitude.

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