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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.

Annual dues.....20.00

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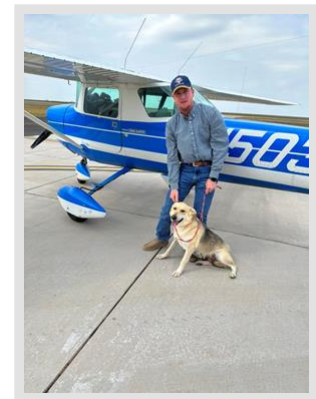
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Letter From The President

Good day Pilots,

Thank you for all who attended Ponca City Fly in. There were 16 attendees and 11 in which were members. I would say that's a good turnout. Mexican food was fabulous and the place was hopping.

I started my morning out flying from Haviland to Beaumont (07S) for breakfast. There were 3 planes there 2 in the pattern and one taking off. There was also 3 paramotors that just folded up their chutes and enjoying coffee before driving out. I ordered what I thought was a small breakfast so I would have plenty of room for lunch at Ponca city. I later learned that there is not really a such thing as a small breakfast there. It was phenomenal. If you care to brave the grass runway is worth the trip.



Got back in the Cessna and headed to Ponca City, flying midfield to the downwind the ground transmitted that the front parking was full. There was at least 10 planes there, People from all over shower up, one of our own Steve Hatfield even flew in from his cabin in Missouri with 3 of his relatives. It was a major success!

Look forward to seeing all of you at Chico's next Tuesday.

Blue skies and tail winds.

Terry

AVIATOR'S CORNER

There has been some discussion in the KPA ... Are we a Flying Club or a Social Club? I say YES to the fact that we are both. Please let me expand on this thought and throw out a few ideas.

1. We are the Kansas Pilot's Association. It is our direction to increase awareness of General Aviation in our communities.
2. When possible we fly to and from events.
3. In order to reach people in our communities we need to

socialize and spread the word that General Aviation is alive and well in Kansas

To do this we have fly-Ins and Drive-Ins. We post on Facebook, Send out emails, Post a monthly newsletter, and have monthly meetings to name a few of the things we do.

We also raise money and donate some of that money to worthwhile organizations featuring general aviation uses. Some of our funds we collect go to the club for socializing events as in our annual potluck carry in at Steve Hatfield's.

It has been brought up that we can also have HANGAR PARTIES and BARBEQUES to showcase some of our pilots and their planes at airports that we may not normally get to tour. This could be a breakfast, lunch or dinner. The get together could be potluck, pizza, sandwiches or breakfast foods as an egg casserole, biscuits and gravy or donuts. We could fly-in or drive-in depending on the location and the weather. There are members all over the state. This would open it up to ALL members to increase participation and work with those of us that may not be able to fly but love aviation. It could also give us an alternative if a fly-in has to be cancelled. Costs could easily be absorbed by the club with minimal expenses.

We would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions to help make OUR KPA more fun and have continued growth. The hardest part of any journey is the first step. So please speak up and step up.

Dan Bowles
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You Want How Much?

Couldn't make the annual meeting thanks to Clemens Aviation at Jabara. Needed biennial transponder certification. They said maybe 1-1/2 hours of work and they had a 12 p.m. Wednesday opening. So, I flew down. Learned that their quitting time was 3 p.m. (!?) They found a couple of static system leaks and couldn't finish that day.

By the time wife came down to pick me up, it was too late for the meeting.

Was called Thursday a.m. and told A/C was ready for pick-up. On arrival learned that mechanic hadn't filled out logbook entry and couldn't be located. Fifty minutes later I was able to beat the eastbound thunderstorm out. The bill was astounding.

Two years ago the previous ownership charged \$139 for the same certification work. Clemens charged \$500. They said they also had six hours fixing the leaks at \$110/hour. What blew my brain was the "Paperwork and Logbook Entry" for \$57.50! Huh? In all my years of A/C ownership and responsibility for USAF planes in C.A.P. this has always been included in the basic charge. These folks are obviously out to "harvest" the customer.



Bottom line: Ain't no way I'm ever going to allow Clemens to work on my Ol' 25X again!

Could you please put this experience in the next newsletter so it will hopefully warn fellow members about this company?

Thanks.

Chet

Augusta Airport Update

By Robert Johnson

The Augusta Municipal Airport (AMA) is currently in the planning phase of an extensive runway reconstruction project necessitated by several factors including current runway pavement condition, obstructions to the north, and a dangerous line-of-sight hump in the runway. A high resolution pavement exhibit can be downloaded [here](#) EditSign. Project highlights include:



Shift runway to the south by 500'
Lengthen runway to 4500' (from 4200')

Widen runway to 75' (from 60')

Reconstruct runway with concrete, fixing elevation and line-of-sight problems

Lengthen taxiway A to match new runway location to the south

Reconstruct taxiway exit off of runway to meet current FAA standards

Shift/install navigational aids

Install new LED lights on runway and extend LED lights on taxiway

Build up southern elevation, closing/crossing SW 110

Upgrade water main on south end

Remove NE corner of north ramp

The project will require a closure of the airport's only runway for roughly 4-6 weeks at the end of 2023 and roughly 4-6 months during spring of 2024. Airport management and the airport's consulting firm Olsson made every attempt to look for ways to make a suitable temporary runway, but unfortunately, due to the extent of the runway project and lack of a suitable location on airport-owned property, the runway will be fully shut down with no options for takeoff or landing of fixed wing aircraft during the construction phase.

Morse Message for the Month!

Sent in By Dan Bowles

Figure out the message and answer the question inside this code



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July Fly-Out

Ponca City Fly-Out on the 22nd of July had 15 participants and members.

Food was fantastic and the company was great!

Weather was beautiful for flying.

We hope to see you all at our next fly-out!

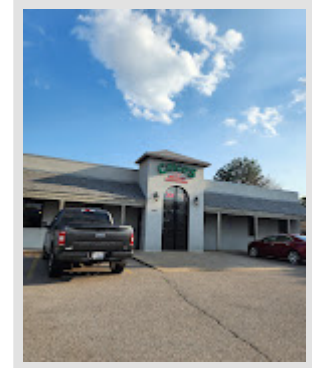


August KPA Meeting

Date: August 1st

Time: Arrive at 6 PM to eat/social time
7 PM for meeting

Location: Chico's Mexican Restaurant,
4407 W Maple St, Wichita



What's Coming Up?

2023/2024 Events Calendar

Please note the times you are in charge!

August

Meeting: Aug 1
Chico's Mexican Restaurant
Wichita
6 PM - 8PM

Fly-Out: Aug 19th
Jabara Airport
60th Annual Fly-In EAA 88
8 AM - 4 PM

September

Meeting: Sep 5th
Yingling
TBA

Fly-Out: Sep 16th
Hatfield Air Park
TBA

October

Meeting: Oct 2nd
Gil Wooten
TBA

Fly-Out: Oct 21st
Atchinson
Trish Minard

November

Meeting: Nov 6th
Ortega Aviation
Trish Minard
TBA

December

Christmas Party
Dec 9th
7 PM
Hot Hor' Dourves
Fun TBA

January

Meeting: TBA
Fly-Out: TBA

February

Meeting: TBA
Fly-Out: TBA

March

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Fly-Out: TBA

April

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June

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Special Note: Annual Membership Dues are due in July.

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No minutes at the KPA.

See President's Letter



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