



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 \$25.00 amount to current Treasurer Steve Hatfield.

Letter from the Editor

Tis the time to fly!! Weather has been beautiful the last few weeks.

A lot of things happening this new KPA year.

Please note the Schedule for this coming year. We are trying a few new things.

Note that the fly-out dates are not set. They will still be on the 3rd Saturday, but we are allowing for changes as other fly-outs or opportunities arise. We will be promoting events out 90 days at a time to keep you more informed of things happening around Kansas.

We are also not putting locations this year as we have in the past. We are asking instead for members to pick a month and event they would like to help with. If you would like to help with any of these months or events, please contact Jim Scarpelli or Rick Dirks and we will get you hooked up.

We are suppling some suggests if you can't think of any place you would like to go, but please feel free to use any ideas you may have.

IDEA LIST:

KHP AViation Presentation
Soft Field Take off and Landing Training
Topeka -- Combat Museum
St Louis -- Historic Aircraft Restoration Museum
Coffeyville KS

Editor's Note®

**Annual
dues.....25.00**

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“Kansas Pilots
Association” and mail
to:**

**Steve Hatfield
KPA Treasurer
9811 S 183rd St W
Clearwater, KS 67026**

Inid OK
Clinton IA -- Wooden Trolls
Mexico MO -- Zenith Aircraft
Miller MO -- Hangar Cafe
Lucas KS -- Garden of Eden
Beaumont KS -- Beaumont Hotel
Minden NE -- Pioneer Village
Weatherford OK -- Stafford Air and Space Museum
Liberal KS -- Liberal Museum
Rapid City SD -- Mount Rushmore
Bentonville AR -- Crystal Bridges and Downtown

This is not a complete list but may help some of you that are interested.

We will be updating FaceBook and The Website as we receive information about upcoming events.

Thanks for helping out!!

KPA MEETING

KPA AUGUST MEETING: Aug 4, 2026

Chico's Mexican Restaurant
4407 W Maple St, Wichita

Eat/Social: 6 PM

Meeting and Presentation: 7 PM

Person in Charge: Dan B



MEMBER SOLO!!!

KPA Member Tyler Smith Soloed on July 17th at 9K8 (Kingman Airport).

He completed his solo in N2432P, a 1955 Piper TriPacer 150hp after 12 flights and 7.0 of dual time with his "terrific" CFI. All after a 24 Year and 3 month hiatus.



His last traing flight was 3/16/2004 (A Long Long time ago, in a far away galaxy!)

We are so glad that he decided to return to flying!

He is currently looking for the next phase of training and planning a check ride before the end of the year.

Congratulations Tyler Smith, our newest pilot!

What's Coming Up?

2026-2027 Events Calendar

Please note the times you are in charge!

AUGUST

Meeting: Aug 4, 2026

Chico's Mexican Restaurant, Wichita

Eat/Social: 6 PM

Meeting and Presentation: 7 PM

Fly-Out: Aug 22, 2026

Goodland Airport

Incharge: Dan B

SEPTEMBER

Meeting/Fly-Out: Sep 1, 2026

Location: 9k8 (Kingman Airport)

Arrive by 10 AM

Hamburgers and Hot dogs

Bring a Side Dish

OCTOBER

Meeting: Oct 6, 2026

Location: TBA

Eat/Social: 6 PM

Meeting and Presentation: 7 PM

Fly-Out: TBA

Incharge: Jim F

NOVEMBER

Meeting: Nov 3, 2026

Location: TBA

Eat/Social: 6 PM

Meeting and Presentation: 7 PM

Fly-Out: TBA

Incharge: Gil W

DECEMBER

Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec 5, 2026

Scarpelli Home

9302 W Maple, Wichita KS

(More info by NOTAM)

JANUARY

Meeting: Jan 5, 2027

Location: TBA

Eat/Social: 6 PM

Meeting and Presentation: 7 PM
Incharge: Dan B

Fly-Out: TBA
Incharge: Steve H

FEBUARY

Meeting/Fly-Out: Feb 19, 2027
Location: 1K1 (Stearman Field)
Arrive by 10:30 AM

MARCH

Meeting: Mar 2, 2027
Location: TBA
Eat/Social: 6 PM
Meeting and Presentation: 7 PM
Incharge: TBA

Fly-Out: TBA
Incharge: TBA

APRIL

Meeting: Apr 6, 2027
Location: TBA
Eat/Social: 6 PM
Meeting and Presentation: 7 PM
Fly-Out: TBA
Incharge: TBA

MAY

Meeting/Fly-Out: TBA
Location: Hatfield Field
Arrive by 10:30 AM

Incharge: Steve H
(More info by NOTAM)

JUNE

Meeting: Jun 1, 2027
Location: TBA
Eat/Social: 6 PM
Meeting and Presentation: 7 PM
Incharge: Jim S

Fly-Out: Jun 18, 2027
Location: KEWK
Buddy Flights
Arrive by 9:30
Breakfast Served

JULY

Annual Meeting: Jul 6, 2027
Location: Hutchinson Airport Restaurant
Eat/Social: 6 PM
Meeting and Presentation: 6:45 PM
Elections held this year

Special Note: Annual Membership Dues are due in July.

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KANSAS PILOT ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

**KPA Meeting Agenda
Annual Meeting**



DATE: July 7, 2026

PLACE: Hutchinson Airport Restaurant

Call to order – Meeting called to order by President Dan B at 6:43 pm

Request to add Agenda item: Discuss the KPA outdated constitution, bi-laws, and handbook

Motion to accept Agenda Add: Motioned by Jim Fallis/ Second Trish Minard

Vote to accept Agenda Add: Vote to add was unanimously in favor

Treasurer Report: Steve Hatfield reported receiving lots of annual dues. Current bank balance is \$8,878.94.

Routine Business: Introductions and recent (brief) memorable flying experiences.

In Attendance: 22

Old Business

- Still in need of a First VP and Second VP and club Secretary– Looking for interested People
- We hope to add a few impromptu Fly-outs to the schedule this year along with promoting other aviation events in the general area. Please let Jim or Trish know if you are going somewhere and want some other pilots to meet you. We will send out a NOTAM. Also, if you want company (Passenger) let us know and we will get the word out. We have plenty of members that would like to fly and are available.

New Business

- We are seeking nominations and election of 2 members to serve as Board members at large. (The board is looking to meet in-person or online quarterly to brainstorm and assist in the leadership of the club) – The board asked for nominations to review at next meeting.

- A motion to remove two of the current members; Albert Madero and Cheryl Madero on the signature card at the bank be removed was made: Motion: Tim Gaither/ Second Tyler Smith. Motion unanimously in favor.

- We also need nominations and a vote to add 2 members as signers on the accounts.

Motion to add members Trish Minard and Jim Fallis was made.

Motion: Tyler Smith/ Second Rick Dirks. Motion unanimously in favor.

- It has been requested that we start using Zoom at monthly meetings for those members that can't attend in-person. The general consensus was a yes to the idea.

- Fly-Out Planning – we are looking to try something new this year.

We are forming a committee to assist any member with any resources for them to be in charge of a fly-out.

We are going to just list fly-out ideas and not set them to the schedule but allow a member that is planning the fly-out for a month to use the list or come up with their own idea.

We are requesting that all planning for a given fly-out be turned into the Webmaster (Rick Dirks) at least 90 days in advance.

Ideas for New Fly-Outs

- Buddy Flights – Set a Saturday or Sunday and have members that don't have a plane or don't fly anymore meet. Volunteer members would then take them for flights. This Item was added to the Fly-Out Idea list.

- Soft Field Training – Several members asked if we could get some of our CFI's to meet and give ground school and practical training on Soft Field take off and landings.

This Item was added to the Fly-Out Idea list.

- The current by-laws have some typos and outdated verbiage. A discussion to review and update the constitution, bi-laws, and handbook will be added to the August agenda for review.

Discussions not on the Agenda

Some members would like to see about finding different venues for our monthly members meetings. There is concern about the current venue as the building is up for sale.

Member Suggestions/Comments:**Meeting Adjournment:**

Motion: Jim Fallis

Second: Mike Murphy

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

Minutes compiled and submitted by:

Jim Scarpelli

Newsletter Editor/ Acting Secretary