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# Kansas Pilots Association Newsletter

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## Annual Dues Reminder

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KPA dues run from July 1 of each year until June 30th of the following.  
Please send the annual \$25.00 amount to

## Letter from the President

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Good Day Aviators,

I hope everyone is having a safe and happy holiday weekend.

At our last monthly meeting at Chico's we had a few special speakers that talked about the Air race classic. Trish Minard introduced the speakers Bonnie Johnson, Christy White and others which are racers in their Cessna 182's.

They talked about everything from their plane to the preparation of the race and planning.

We had good attendance and everyone really enjoyed getting to know the insides about the race



Our May fly out to Liberal air Museum was also a success, We had 6 planes fly over to the museum and enjoyed seeing all the different planes on display. If you've never been there it is definitely worth the trip whether driving or flying.

Saturday May 25th Myself and Taylor went to a breakfast fly in at Watonga Oklahoma. Headwinds were a little strong for a Cessna 150 on the way there but were a big help for the flight home.

current Treasurer Steve Hatfield.

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

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67026**

There was. Around 25 planes that flew in before the Saturday evening storms.

Join us June 4th for our next meeting at Chico's with speaker Bob Johnson.

Also don't forget about our fly out to Table Rock lake for out June fly out on the 15th.

I know I've said it before but the approach to this airport is by far the coolest one I've ever experienced. Come check it out!!!

Terry

### **Membership Dues Increase**

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The board met this last month to discuss upcoming events and meetings. They also discussed things that can be done to enhance the KPA membership and attendance.

During the session, it became clear that to add some of the changes to member benefits, they would need to increase the dues.

Note: (Dues have been at 20 dollars for over 20 years)

The board decided to raise the membership dues from 20 dollars a year to 25 dollars a year starting this July.

If you have already paid for this coming year and/or future years, you will be "grandfathered" in and not need to pay the increase until your next due date.

We hope this will not add undo burden to any of our current members.

### **Why Use a Checklist!! by Trish Minard**

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Joe and I have been really looking forward to our Liberal fly-out. A friend of mine had donated his 3/4 scale P-51 to the museum, and I was looking forward to seeing it again, albeit in captivity and not out in the wild blue yonder.

The Bonanza was fresh out of annual and I took a friend along for a 2 hour maintenance flight on Friday to ensure both the pilot and plane were ready to go. Six positive gear

extensions/retractions and the last landing in to ICT was so smooth my safety pilot joked he couldn't tell when we quit flying.

Saturday, the weather was beautiful, the course easy breezy; no pesky terrain or limited visibility. The plane was fueled and waiting on us and our VFR flight plan was filed. I was sure to get in a little early and watch my KPA cohorts nail their landings. Carefully followed my Before Start Checklist. All good.



N81HB fired right up and I continued through the Start and After Start checklists. Hmm. That LDG GR & THROTTLE breaker looked out a little far. Running my hand along the circuit breakers just as I did during the Before Start Checklist, yup. That wasn't out before start. Ok. I have one shot to reset. I taxied out, completed the run up, pressed the breaker and No Joy. And no happy 3 green gear down lights! With no way to determine the gear position, we headed back to the FBO. (Yes, I knew the gear was down but that would be the last time I could be certain of the gear's position.)

Just in case I didn't press the breaker correctly, once we were unloaded, I pressed it just to see. It stayed in. Flipped the battery switch on and blew the breaker. We were done. Monday morning comes and my shop is booked up. They may get to it next week or not. In over 20 years of flying this is my very first breaker issue. And that is why every single flight, I go down the checklist every single time.

Blue skies and tailwinds.... Trish.

### **Congradulations Chester Peterson Jr!**

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Our Member Chet Peterson Jr. had an aviation Milestone back in April.

Chet logged he 3500th hour of flying! 2600 of those hours were done in his "middle-aged Mooney"!

Congradulations Chet Well Done!!



### **May Meeting**

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May 7th  
Chico's Mexican Restaurant  
4407 W Maple St, Wichita, KS 67209

Standard meeting was called to order and both old and new business was discussed.

Presentation: Air Race Classic Update!!  
Trish Minard lined up experienced racer Bonnie Johnson and new racer Christy White to come and update us on the Air Race and what it takes to prepare for the race.



Melinda Clemens and Christy White are racing this year in Melinda's 182.

The presentation was exciting and very interesting! There was a lot of conversation with the ladies following.

Sorry we got you home late! :-)

### **May Fly-Out**

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May 18th  
Liberal KS - Mid-America Air Museum  
2000 W 2nd St.

Liberal, KS 67901



Steve Hafield in Charge

The Mid-America Air Museum is the premier aviation museum in Kansas and one of the largest in the United States. It is home to over 100 aircraft.

There were 17 people in attendance and 7 planes that flew in. It was a great turnout and great time.

We were given a hand guided tour that allowed us access to aircraft not normally given to the public. We all learned a lot of new things and had a great time.

Afterwards we all went to town and had some fantastic BBQ and social time before all flying home. The winds had picked up but made the flight a bit more challenging.

## June Meeting

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KPA Meeting June 4th  
Chico's Mexican Restaurant  
4407 W Maple St, Wichita KS

Arrive at 6 for food and social, Meeting at 7 pm

Bob Johnson is in charge of the presentation.

Bob will be going thru items in FAR 43. (Part 43 sets the standards for aircraft maintenance to ensure safety and efficiency and includes preventative care, general maintenance, rebuilding, and alteration of an airplane.

What the owner/operator should know about the upkeep of his plane.



## June Fly-Out

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Table Rock Lake Airport ( MO32) [Airnav Here](#)

**Arrive by 11:00 AM**

**Please let Steve Hatfield know you will be attending by Cell or text 316-655-3239.**

***Note: No Fuel or services at this airport!***

Our fly-out in June has recently been featured in the AOPA Monthly Magazine. It is a beautiful area and very well kept single strip airport.

The runway begins at the edge of the lake and makes for a truly fun landing.

Once you have landed and taxi'd up to the diner, it doesn't take long to see this a great place to visit as well as eat.

The food on the menu and the specials are very well done and delicious.

We hope to see all of you there!!



## What's Coming Up?

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# 2024 Events Calendar

Please note the times you are in charge!

## June

Meeting: June 4th  
Chico's Mexican Restaurant  
4407 W Maple St, Wichita, KS 67209  
Bob Johnson in Charge

Fly-Out: June 15th  
Depot Dinner. MO32  
Steve Hatfield in Charge

## July

Meeting: July 9th  
Annual Meeting  
Airport Steakhouse Hutchinson (KHUT)  
Eat at 6PM, Meeting at 7PM

Fly Out: July 20th  
Canyon City CO - Fremont County Airport (1V6)  
Jim Scarpelli in Charge

## August

Meeting: August 6th  
TBA

Fly out: August 17th  
TBA

## September

Meeting: September 3rd  
TBA

Fly Out: September 21  
Fredericksburg Texas - Gillespie County Airport (T82)  
Jim Scarpelli in Charge

**Special Note: Annual Membership Dues are due in July.**

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**KANSAS PILOT ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES**

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MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**



**KPA Meeting Agenda**

**DATE:** April 2, 2024

**PLACE:** Chico's Mexican Restaurant

**Call to order – Made by Dan  
Bowles**

**Treasurer Report: March 2024**

**There were 12 members and guests in attendance**

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

**Old Business**

**March Fly-Out to Monkey Island – Dan Bowles talked  
about the flight down and beautiful views. He and his  
girlfriend Sandy met and ate with Steve and Lee Hatfield.**

**New Business**

**April 20th Fly-out – Pioneer Village – Tim Gaither in  
Charge**

**May 7th Meeting – Chico's Mexican Restaurant – Terry  
Williamson in Charge**

**May 18th Fly-Out -- Liberal KS -- Steve Hatfield in Charge**

**Discussions not on the Agenda  
Member Suggestions/Comments:**

**Presentation: Dale Bleakney discussed issues of Engineering and Flight Test to get airplanes through the Certification Process**

**Meeting Adjournment:  
Motion: Made by Gill Wooten  
Second: Made by Jim Fallis**

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