



## MISSOURI PILOTS ASSOCIATION POKER RUN

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Last year the Missouri Pilots Association President, Bob Crandell, ask the South Central Chapter, Poker Run Committee, to develop a State-wide Poker Run that could be coordinated at the State level, but include local chapter airports, to preclude the need to fly potentially from Northern Missouri to Southern Missouri and return in one day. We found that program did not work, because of the lack of available airports in some areas and for various other reasons.

This year again President, Bob Crandell, ask the South Central Chapter to sponsor the program; however, to complete the program in the South Central Chapter only. The South Central Chapter was chosen because of the number of available airports; 10 airports which can be visited in a 4 hour period. The Poker Run and the annual convention are two available programs to allow our members to get together as a group and discuss common interests and chow down on some very good food; therefore, we would like to encourage everyone to attend this fun filled event. We know that some members of the MPA are no longer active pilots, and we encourage every member to make this a drive to affair, if necessary, and we have developed the poker run to allow for non-flight participation. We would like to suggest for those of you pilots that are planning to fly in the Poker Run to invite a non-active pilot to fly along with you during this event.

The South Central Chapter has planned a fish fry, fried potato, hush puppy, coleslaw, and pinto beans meal after the Poker Run is completed; of course dessert will also be available. The fish will be catfish and will be prepared by a local Mountain View group that is area known for its fish fries; from catfish to croppy and sucker cornmeal covered feasts.

The 10 airports are situated in the South Central Chapter in such a manner that flight times between airports are very short. This gives our pilots plenty of practice with their landings, takeoffs, and the correct pattern entry methods; 45 degrees downwind to the selected runway. All airports' Unicom is either 122.8 or 122.9 so you can critique other pilots communication skills as you fly. As flight times vary with the speed of aircraft, it is difficult to guesstimate flight times, but for a Cessna 172, flight times between West Plains, Willow Springs and Mountain View are about 10 minutes each. The longest flight time is about 1 hour from Van Buren to Ava the two furthest points for the Poker Run.

The following airports are participating in the Poker Run:

- West Plains UNO
- Willow Springs 1H5
- Mountain View MNF
- Cabool TVB
- Houston M48
- Mansfield 03B
- Ava OAV
- Mountain Grove 1MO
- Thayer 42M
- Van Buren M05

The main objective of the MPA Poker Run is to get pilots, especially MPA pilots, into the air and flying their airplanes they enjoy the most. But another benefit is showing others that Missouri Pilots Association is an active group and a good organization to be part of; therefore, invite pilots that are not a part of Missouri Pilots Association to also participate in the Poker Run. Constant radio contact is a must which allows us pilots to sharpen our radio listening and communication skills. It also gets us back into the correct mode of approaching and landing at non-towered airports. But, the main purpose is to enjoy a fun filled day of flying and fellowship with others that share our flying interests. And the program provides an opportunity for our pilots and others to win a little fuel money. The Poker Run will be conducted October 7 and food and some prizes will be provided by the MPA.

The pilots can choose the order of airports to be visited. The South Central Chapter will coordinate the poker run and they will provide the staff to man the airports to be included in the Poker Run as card distributors. However, to plan this event to ensure that all can be served and well fed, the South Central Chapter would appreciate a head count by September 29. Please call Floyd D. Deidiker, 417 255-1128 or 417 293-4444 to let him know of your plans to participate. But if you get up October 7, and don't have other plans, please keep this event on the top of your bucket list for that day and come on down to Mountain View for some fun. The email address is [deidikercpa@centurylink.net](mailto:deidikercpa@centurylink.net).

The MPA Poker Run will consist of the familiar poker program; Five Card Draw- Best Hand and Worst Hand. The Las Vegas poker rules will apply, except because wild cards are involved, five of a kind will trump a straight flush. The distribution of the funds contained in the winner's jackpot will be 50% to the Chapter, and 50% to the winning poker hands. Each participant is responsible for determining their best hand. Several other prizes will be awarded, such as high and low cards at each of the 10 airports. Only one prize, the best prize, will be awarded to contest winners. In the past, these prizes have included, fuel awards, Cardinal Baseball tickets, both St. Louis and Springfield, local handicrafts, etc. The South Central Chapter Poker Run Committee is very active in soliciting awards from airports, cities and various organizations for its Poker Runs so if you don't win the best or worst hand awards you still have a chance to win some valuable awards such as the MPA is awarding \$5 each the best card and worst card at each airport.

The MPA Poker Run will be open to pilots and non-pilots, and participants do not have to be MPA members. However, to participate, entrants must visit local airports to obtain poker cards; unless they are required to stay on the ground to make the program work, or choose to drive to the affair. The cost for participation in the Program will be \$10.00 per entry. Participants can enter as many times as they choose. However, participants must obtain five cards, visit at least 5 airports, and a limit of 10 cards if all airports are visited.

## HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The South Central Chapter has developed a verification card that will be available at all airports; this card should be picked up at your first stop. The verification card shows all airports, with their identifier, included in the program. At each airport, the South Central Chapter will man a person responsible for making the airport entry with the selected poker card for that airport. If a participant reaches an airport and finds no one available to distribute the cards, the participant should take a picture of the airport terminal building to be shown to the committee at the end of the poker run to qualify to draw a card for that airport. For example, the poker run has been set for the period 10:00am to 3:00pm which could result in a pilot visiting an airport before 10:00am which could result in taking a picture of the terminal building. If a participant chooses to drive to the airport, follow the above processes.

The participant will draw a card from the open deck at that airport and the validator will mark the card drawn on the verification card next to the airport identifier by card number and suit, and initial the verification card. The participant must visit at least five airports, select a card from the open deck at each airport visited, and the validator at each airport mark the verification card with the card number and suit, and initial the verification card. The participant is responsible to see the validator initials the card. No initials; the card will not be included in the poker run hand.

The verification card is then carried with the participant to the next airport and a poker card is blindly selected, the airport monitor completes the verification card and initials the card for verification. This process is followed for all airports visited. The last airport visited should be Mountain View as the Poker Run awards will be awarded and the meal will be served at the Vaughn Hangar at the Mountain View Airport after 3:00pm. If a large number of airplanes are included in the poker run the 3:00pm ending time may be extended.

For our drive-in guests the verification cards will be available at the Vaughn Hangar at the Mountain View Airport. The complete poker run will be held in the Vaughn Hangar for those who choose to drive to the event. The drive in participants will be limited to seven cards, as would be experienced with Five Card Draw Poker.

For our workers who sacrifice participating in the flying part of the Poker Run to make the program work, will be allowed to draw the number of cards which has been drawn by the pilot that visits the most airports up to 10 cards. The complete poker run will be held in the Vaughn Hangar for these folks, as will be done for the drive in participants.

## FIVE CARD DRAW - BEST HAND

Five Card Draw - Best Hand will consist of at least five cards obtained at five separate airports and the objective is to obtain the best poker hand determined as follows:

Low hand	- high card based on 2-to-ace cards
Highest Pair	- two 2's lowest pair to a pair of aces
Two Pair	- based on above for the highest pair
Three of a kind	- three 2's lowest three of a kind to three aces
Straight	- all cards are in order and not of the same suit
Flush	- all cards are from the same suit but not in order
Full House	- Three cards of the same number and the other two cards the same but another number
Four of a kind	- four of the five cards are the same number
<b>Straight Flush</b>	<b>- all cards are in order and in the same suit</b>
<b>Five of a kind</b>	<b>- all five cards are the same number</b>

## FIVE CARD DRAW - WORST HAND

The participants must include 5 cards to participate in the Worst Hand.

High Hand	- Ace, 2, 3, 4, 6 of cards of different suites
Next Hand	- Ace, 2, 3, 4, 7 of cards of different suites
The next Hands	- up the numbers for the last card to the Ace which then becomes the highest pair
The next Hands	- determined by the same process as the above with combinations that do not contain a pair.
The next Hands	- determined in the reverse order of the best hand shown above.

## OTHER PRIZE DRAWINGS

The Poker Run Committee will examine all participants' authorization cards and determine the highest and lowest card at each airport. The committee will then decide the best prize available at that airport for the highest and then the lowest card. Once a participant has won a prize the authorization card is not considered for additional prizes until all participants have won. If this happens the process starts again for all participants including the best and worst five card draw hands.