

STATE AVIATION DAY

As you formulate your plans for attending State Aviation Day, allow me to give you a few tips.

- Make your appointments with your legislators now, if you have not done that yet!
- Be sure to check the MPA webpage MoPilots.org often, as we try to answer as many of your questions as we can in advance and are always updating it.
- Be sure to stop by the registration table in the southwest 3rd floor alcove first, not only register, but to also pick up a copy of this year's Talking Points.
 - These Talking Points refer to the bills that are being considered by the legislature that are of significant interest to the aviation community. They also provide some background information about General Aviation in Missouri.
 - There will be people in the registration area that will be able to answer any questions you may have.
 - Please understand that many times something will happen with a particular bill literally overnight which makes it extremely hard to send the Talking Points out in advance.
- Come with friends from your chapter and enjoy this day. You just cannot spend a day in this historic building and not leave feeling enriched.

There are numerous bills being followed by MoDOT staff, but these are of particular interest to MPA members.

- HB 1905 (Rep. Walker, R-Kirksville) Establishes a procedure for the removal and disposal of abandoned aircraft on airport property.
- HB 1806 (Rep. Matthiesen, R-Maryland Heights) Changes the property tax assessment value of the Creve Coeur Airport to equal the value such land has for agricultural or horticultural use and exempts the airport from the allocation of classifications when the property has multiple uses.
- HB 2561 (Rep. Pike, R-Adrian): Increases the number of hours an antique aircraft can fly from less than 50 hours to less than 100 hours for property tax assessment purposes. AOPA has been pursuing this legislation in recent years.

Finally, I would like to welcome the Missouri State Aviation Council (MoSAC) as a co-host of State Aviation Day. Many years ago MoSAC was founded as an all-encompassing organization where anybody and/or any group with an interest in aviation could join with others to make their voices heard across the state. Welcome MoSAC!

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