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Known as the “Live Music Show Capital of the World,” Branson, MO, is truly a one-of-a-kind family vacation destination — and an incredible value — with more than 50 live performance theaters, three pristine lakes, 12 championship golf courses, an international award-winning theme park, dozens of attractions and museums, shopping galore, a full range of dining options, and a host of hotels, motels, resorts and meeting and conference facilities.

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Hotel: Comfort Inn at Thousand Hills, 203 N. Wildwood Drive, Branson, MO 65616. For additional information check out their website at <http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-bransonmissouri-MO068>. Call 877 335-4727 for reservations. To obtain our special rate, you must tell them that you are with the United States Pilots Association. The hotel will honor our rate for a few days before and after our meeting dates. The cut-off date for our block is April 20, so reserve your room now. The hotel can't guarantee availability or the special rate after that date. There will be a hospitality suite in the hotel.

Airport and FBO: M. Graham Clark - Taney County (PLK) is the airport of arrival. Runway is 11-29 (3739x100). VOR/ DME RNAV or GPS approaches are available. CTAF is 122.7. Host FBO is Taney County Airport which is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (May operating dates not confirmed yet.) They have offered us

free tie-down. Phone is 417 332- 1848.

If you are arriving by airline, Branson Airport (BBG) is your destination. They have been offering very competitive prices.

Transportation: Avis rental cars are available at both airports. Call 417 334-4945 and tell them you're with USPA. Make your rental car reservation NOW.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 20

**3:00 p.m. - Midnight Hospitality Room
Hotel**

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Safety Seminar
KPLK**

Friday, May 21

**Noon - Midnight Hospitality Room
Hotel**

**6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Continental
breakfast for hotel guests**

**9:00 a.m. - Noon USPA Annual
Membership Meeting and
Board Meeting - Remainder of the day
Enjoy Branson!**

Saturday, May 22

**Noon - Midnight Hospitality Room
Hotel**

**6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Continental
breakfast for hotel guests**

**Noon Lunch together at restaurant TBA
3:00 p.m. Pierce Arrow Theatre
Remainder of the day Enjoy Branson!**

Sunday, May 23

**6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Continental
breakfast for hotel guests.**

**Depart at your leisure or stay and enjoy
more of the Branson area.**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

WILL WE EVER LEARN?

I apologize in advance for belaboring the whole TSA/HSA and their theatrical security imposed on us when we fly the

airlines. You just cannot make this stuff up.

Today on AOPA's website TSA admitted that security issues at GA airports were really not a problem. This after their aborted program to fingerprint and photo ID everybody with airport access was essentially stopped by Congress. Next question: Where will they go next to extend their tentacles?

Last week a family of three—father, mother, and four year old son who was born prematurely and suffered from arrested development of his feet and legs—were on their way to Disneyland on Southwest Airlines. In order to be able to walk, the four year old wears leg braces.

TSA would not let him through security (the metal scanner) unless he removed the braces and walked through on his own. I have but one question. When was the last time a four year old tried to blow up an airplane?

A caller to a talk radio call in show was a 27 year old girl who had broken her back in an accident. She had been fitted with a neck to waist metal brace worn under her outer clothing. She also was not permitted through security until she removed all of her outer clothing in front of everybody else passing through security.

This morning on Yahoo I took notice of the fact that TSA is now requiring

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passengers to submit to having their (the passengers) hands rinsed in some solution which is then tested for explosive residue. I have a better solution.

Lets stop this feel good mentality and political correctness nonsense once and for all. Most important, lets get rid of the Pinheads running HSA/TSA and put people into the top jobs that can actually do their job without interference from outside agencies. One of these days the person being subjected to this "enhanced" security could be you.

Steve Uslan
President

FEBRUARY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Greetings! First, Here is an update from Washington, D.C. The House and Senate have passed another three-month funding extension for the FAA, which has been operating under temporary extensions since its last long-term authorization expired in 2007.

The House passed a three-year reauthorization in May, 2009, but the Senate has yet to pass a long-term bill. Both the long-term bill the House passed in May and the one under consideration in the Senate would continue to fund the FAA through aviation fuel taxes, ticket taxes, and a general fund contribution.

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman James L. Oberstar (D-Minn.) and Aviation Sub-Committee Chairman Jerry F. Costello (D-Ill.) spoke on the House floor before the voice vote December 8, 2009, about the necessity of the bill in order for FAA programs to continue uninterrupted. The need to pass a long-term authorization is evident.

"Short-term extensions and uncertain funding levels can be disruptive to the aviation industry and communities because they do not allow them to plan

for long-term growth," Costello said in his prepared remarks. "Frankly, every month that goes by without a long-term FAA authorization is a lost opportunity to improve aviation safety, security, and to create and maintain jobs around the country."

The short-term extension, the eighth of its kind, extends funding and expenditure authority for the FAA through March 31, 2010. The Senate passed the extension on December 10, 2009.

NOTE: Your Web site address for Texas Legislation: www.texas.gov. Look for Transportation-Aviation, to search all aviation bills. Web site address for Illinois legislation: www.illinois.gov. Look for Transportation-Aviation, to search all aviation bills. All other states should follow this same format, to search your specific state's aviation and airport bills.

Remember, that as members of USPA, MPA, TPA, TXAA, NMPA, NPA, IPA, EAA, AOPA, or other pilot associations of which you may be a member, we have a powerful voice, in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Texas, or whatever state you may represent. Every group of taxpayers and pilots carries a strong voice to Washington, D.C., as well as at the state and local level.

We need to learn how to use our voices, and speak up for general aviation.

So let us not forget to exercise our rights and privileges, so we can continue to make a "Difference for General Aviation".

UNTIL NEXT TIME!

SAFE FLYING!

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