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SHARON WATKINS RETIRES AFTER 40-PLUS YEARS AT MID-CONTINENT



Join us in congratulating Sharon Watkins on her retirement after more than 40 years at Mid-Continent. Sharon began her insurance career here in July 1981. She hit the ground running, earning her agent's license, then broker's license, all the while representing Mid-Continent at various state and national association conventions, and even abroad in the United Kingdom. Taking the reins of the Insurance Division in 1992 and later becoming a corporate officer, Sharon's reputation for devotion to her customers and our company is widely-known and respected throughout the aviation industry.

Whether guiding a fledgling operation through its growing pains, delivering welcomed news of a really good quote, or calming an anxious insured with a worrisome claim, it has been Sharon's nature to go above and beyond; to make extraordinary tasks seem ordinary. For this and more, it is no wonder why she has been named one of Pemiscot County's Outstanding Women in Business.

As a reliable colleague, mentor, and friend to those in her division, Sharon has been a chief encourager who has nurtured ambitions and championed accomplishments. As an example of her selflessness, Sharon has worked with her staff on a transition several years in the making that has included imparting valuable wisdom, ensuring the future of the agency is in good, capable hands.

Words cannot adequately express our gratitude to Sharon for her leadership and service. We wish Sharon the very best and we hope she enjoys every moment of a much-deserved retirement.



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JOSH RITTENBERRY

Congratulations to Josh Rittenberry on his promotion to Manager of the Insurance Division. Josh began his career at Mid-Continent on November 1, 2000 as a customer service representative before becoming a licensed Property & Casualty Insurance Producer. In the years since, Josh has been recognized with the Supporting Personnel Award and has represented Mid-Continent at state, national, and international association meetings. More recently, Josh acquired his Life & Health Insurance License, adding another facet to the division's offerings.

In addition to serving on the National Agricultural Aviation Association's Insurance Committee and Communications Committee, and as a member of the Caruthersville Memorial Airport Board, Josh contributes much of what you read in Mid-Continent's monthly newsletter, penning articles and content that cover company highlights, as well as the past, present, and future of the aviation industry.

A Caruthersville, Missouri native, Josh is an author, playwright, city councilman and former sports reporter. He and wife Tiffany are members of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

With more than 21 years of experience on our insurance team, Josh will bring an enthusiastic and steady approach to his new position while building on the reputation of excellence Mid-Continent has earned in the half century since becoming one of the nation's leading aviation insurance agencies.

"I have learned from some of the best,—Dick Reade and Sharon Watkins to name a few," Josh says. "All of our current and prospective clients should be confident in the fact that while change is inevitable, what will remain constant is our division's continued dedication to providing the service, knowledge, integrity, and experience you have come to know and expect. Our exceptional team of Heather Riggs, Lisa Curtis, Laura Terrett, and Tanner Cobb share an indelible bond that ensures you will receive nothing less than the best."

HEATHER RIGGS

Congratulations to Heather Riggs on her promotion to Assistant Manager of the Insurance Division. Heather brings with her a length of service dating back to April 2001. In the last two decades she has excelled at every task, from mastering the complexities of the claims process, to earning her Property & Casualty License, and ultimately named Claims Manager. With her Life & Health Insurance License, Heather has guided pilots and their loved ones toward valuable peace of mind.



In addition to going above and beyond in the office, Heather is a familiar face who represents Mid-Continent at state and national conventions around the country. Her reliability and warmhearted personality has earned her the loyalty of many customers and their families.

Heather is married to husband Les and they share two children: son Gavin and daughter Avery. A Pemiscot County, Missouri native and former school board member, Heather stays active not only hunting and fishing, but also as a dedicated kickboxing instructor.

While maintaining her existing duties, an additional title and responsibilities will only strengthen Heather's already valuable position on our team.

"Mid-Continent is like my home, and I will continue to care for and maintain the interests of our customers the same way I would my own family. I look forward to continuing to strengthen relationships and form new bonds for many years to come."

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In Remembrance

We continue to mourn the passing of Doug Jordan on April 14, 2022. As an aircraft mechanic, then as a leader in our parts department at the Hayti, Missouri home office specializing in helmets, Doug recently celebrated 30 years as part of the Mid-Continent family.

Our condolences continue to go out to Doug's family, friends, and loved ones.



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2013 THRUSH S2R-H80 N3046N

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1978 PIPER PAWNEE BRAVE N3787E

45,950 A/F TT, Lycoming TIO-540, 1851.0 TT Engine, 446 Hrs on New Carbine, Cylinders Top OH, Spreader, Boom & Nozzles, 86 Gal Fuel, Satlock GPS, 3656 Hrs Left on Wing Spars

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1998 Air Tractor AT-802A N5094H

12,152.6 A/F TT, 1230 HP, 2000 SPOH, Reabe Digital Hopper, Quantity & Spray Boom Pressure, E-TEC Inc Fast Start System, Comm Radio, Hemisphere G4 GPS, RT Side Boom Shut Off, Smoker, Hydraulic Gate, Air Conditioner, Wipaire Vortex Generators, Wingman Wing Due at 15,823.2, Gear Due at 12,798.2, Eyebolt Stabilizer Due at 14,798.2, 4479.7 Hobbs

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1983 AIR TRACTOR AT-301 N31580

9679.2 A/F TT, 600 HP, 550 Engine TT, 350 Gallon Hopper, Bantam GPS W/ G4, Light Bar, Intelliflow, Stainless Steel Boom, Nozzles CP-03, Smoker, A/C, Bottom Load Fuel, New Side Windows

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1981 CESSNA A185F N61955

7300 A/F TT, 770 SFRM, Continental IO520, 285 HP, Audio Panel w/ 3 Light Markers, Garmin 430 WAAS, Garmin 255 Com, Garmin GTX 345 w/ ADSM In and Out, Glide Slope, Stormscope, S-TEC-50 Auto Pilot with Altitude Hold, Rosen Sun Visors, VG Kit, Horton STOL Kit, Float Kit, Cessna Turbo Vents for Cabin Cooling, Backup Altimeter, Backup Artificial Horizon

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2010 Dream Tundra, N523MM

90.0 A/F TT, Aerosport IO375 210 HP, PMA-8000B Switching Panel with 4 Place Intercom and Three Light Markers, Garmin SL-40 Com, Garmin 430 GPS, Garmin GTX-330 Transponder, Garmin 496 GPS (Panel

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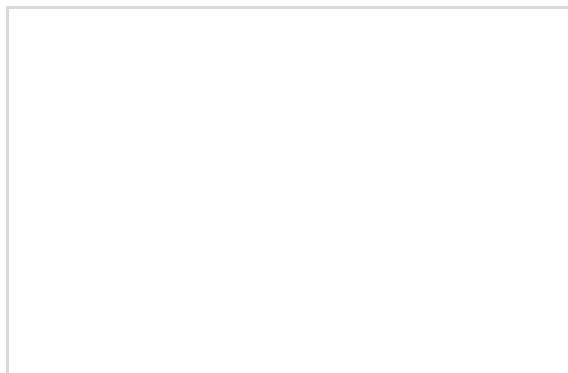
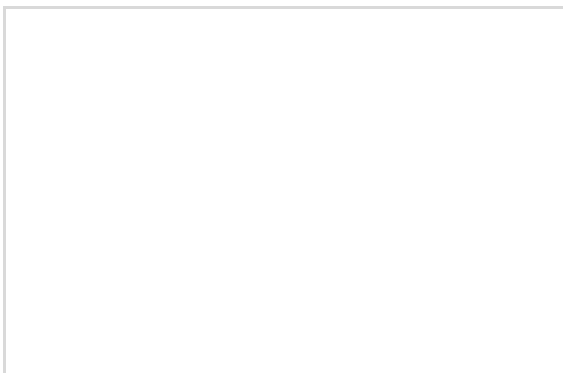
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