

Flying Miss Martha

A LOOK AT PRESIDENT SAUNDERS' DEC-2010 TRIP TO LOUISVILLE FOR SACS MEETING

Judging by documents now in possession of USMNEWS.net, USM president Martha Saunders visited Louisville, KY, from 2-Dec-2010 to 7-Dec-2010, in order to attend a SACS meeting. As members of the USM community have come to expect, Saunders used the USM Beechcraft airplane, not commercial air travel, to journey to the Commonwealth. What is unique about this particular trip, however, is that the USM pilots flew Saunders up to Louisville on 2-Dec-2010, and returned to Hattiesburg. Later, on 7-Dec-2010, the pilots returned to Louisville and retrieved the USM president, whisking her back to Hattiesburg that same day. The USM Airplane Operations auxiliary charged Saunders' office, and ultimately Mississippi taxpayers, \$3,200 for the 2-Dec-2010 journey north. The bill for the retrieval on 7-Dec-2010 cost Saunders (Mississippi taxpayers) \$3,280. The total, as shown on the invoice inserted below, was an astounding \$6,480.

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOICE
 THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
 (FOR CAMPUS USE ONLY)

Date: 12/9/2010

CHARGE: President's Office CREDIT: Airplane Operations
DEPARTMENT NAME DEPARTMENT NAME

5001 266-5001 5003 266-4136
BOX PHONE NUMBER BOX PHONE NUMBER

#	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL
1	4.0 Hour Trip to Louisville, KY to take Dr. Martha Saunders to attend Annual SACS Meeting on December 2, 2010	3,200.00	3,200.00
1	4.1 Hour trip to Louisville, KY to pick Dr. Saunders up from SACS Meeting on December 7, 2010	3,280.00	3,280.00
Purpose: Attend SACS Annual Meeting			
TOTAL			6,480.00

SPA APPROVAL IF REQUIRED: _____
SIGNATURE DATE

PROVOST APPROVAL IF REQUIRED: _____
SIGNATURE DATE

PURPOSE	604121	10110	10000	06300	AMOUNT
CHARGE STAFFING TO CHARGE FOR SERVICE OF MATERIAL RECEIVED					6480.00
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The USM community has also come to understand that Airplane Operations' charges for trips like this are only the beginning. On this particular occasion, USM associate vice president for research Julian Allen, also a pilot in AO, assisted Saunders in securing a rental car from Enterprise in Louisville. The receipt for that is inserted below, and it totals almost \$70.

enterprise
Rental Receipt - Thank you for your business

LEA Contract Number: **888233**
JULIAN ALLEN Receipt Date: Dec 3, 2010

Enterprise Location: 1360 BARDSTOWN RD
 LOUISVILLE, KY 40204-1355
 US
 Tel.: (502) 459-3115
 Driver: JULIAN ALLEN

Start Date:	End Date:	Make/Model	Start Miles	End Miles	Miles Driven
Dec 2, 2010 @ 11:21 am	Dec 3, 2010 @ 8:26 am	DODG CALI	5,888	5,899	11
Total Miles			11		

Charge Description	Quantity	Per	Rate	Total
Rate	1	Day	63.99	63.99
VEHICLE LICENSE COST RECOVERY				0.76
				Subtotal: USD 64.75
TX and charges				
KY U-DRIVE-IT TAX				3.84
				Subtotal: USD 68.59
Total Charges:				USD 68.59

DUPLICATE

Payment Information

DEPOSIT	68.59
Subtotal: USD 68.59	
Total Payment Amount:	
	USD 68.59

If you have any questions about this receipt please contact our support staff at (502) 459-3115 or Email us.

Since cars require fuel, a \$6 gas charge was also necessary, as the fuel receipt below shows.

Fuel

888233
 2011 DODGE CHALLENGER
 LOUISVILLE, KY
 12/02/2010 11:21 AM TO 12/03/2010 08:26 AM

2011 DODGE CHALLENGER
 4574 88-8784M
 REF #100012034150M

FORM 3
 REGULAR
 PRICE/GAL

FUEL TOTAL \$ 6.00

Subtotal = \$ 6.00
 Tax = \$ 0.00
 Total = \$ 6.00

GRATUITY
 15% (1 See Item 20)
 21% (20% APPROX)
 YOU COULD HAVE SAVED UP TO \$ 0.20
 BY USING A REWARDS CARD

Lastly, the AO pilots never miss an opportunity on occasions such as this to catch a nice meal. The cost of that is, of course, on president Saunders/Mississippi taxpayers. On this particular trip, the meal was a 2-Dec-2010 dinner at Louisville's [Texas Roadhouse](#) restaurant. As the receipt below indicates, that meal totaled more than \$38.00, including gratuity. Thus, *only some of the incidentals* associated with this trip to Louisville cost USM/taxpayers more than \$110, raising the total cost of this experience (for Saunders and the pilots) to *at least \$6,600* (approximately).

Pilots Plaza

TEXAS ROADHOUSE
6480 Dutchman's Foot
Lourdesville, MO 65050
(502) 897-9008

Server: DANI DOB: 12/02/2010
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SALE

Card #XXXXXXXXXXXX 3145752
Magnetic card present: PRICE JR KENNETH G
Card Entry Method: S

Approve: 00255

Amount: \$ 32.31
+ Tip: 6.00
= Total: 38.31

I agree to pay the above
total amount according to the
card receipt amount:

R.D. Saunders

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These types of reports continue to roll in. Stay tuned as the picture of Saunders' less-than-stellar stewardship of taxpayer funds becomes clearer and clearer.