Flying Miss Martha

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

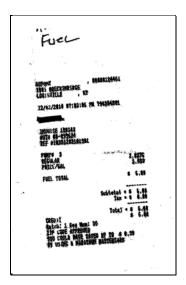
Judging by documents now in possession of USMNEWS.net, USM president Martha Saunders visited Louisville, KY, from 2-Dec-2010 to 7-Dec-2010, in order to attend a SACS meeting. As members of the USM community have come to expect, Saunders used the USM Beechcraft airplane, not commercial air travel, to 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)		
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	Annual SACS Meeting on December 2, 2010	, -	
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1	4.1 Hour trip to Louisville, KY to pick Dr. Saunders up from SACS	3,280.00	3,280.00
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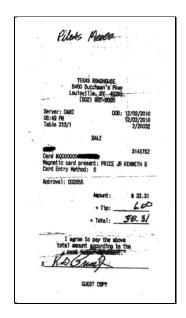
The USM community has also come to understand that Airplane Operations' charges for trips like this are only the beginning. On this particular occasion, USM associate vice president for research Julian Allen, also a pilot in AO, assisted Saunders is securing a rental car from Enterprise in Louisville. The receipt for that is inserted below, and it totals almost \$70.

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JULIAN ALLEN			Co	ntract Number: Receipt Date:	
	1360 BARDSTOWN RD LOUISVILLE, KY 40204-1355 US Tel.: (502) 459-3115		Driver: JULIAN ALLEN		
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Since cars require fuel, a \$6 gas charge was also necessary, as the fuel receipt below shows.



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 <u>Texas Roadhouse</u> 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).



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.