



Special points of interest:

Wednesday November 19—Early Monthly Meeting

Wednesday December 17—Crabby Night

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## NOTE!!!

November's Meeting is **early** on November **19th** at HyVee

## STEPHEN Wilson, November Speaker



Always passionate about computers, airplanes and flying, Steve moved to the Midwest in 1986 beginning his adult life between Wichita, Kansas and North Dakota, moving permanently to Kansas City in 2009. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota's Center for Aerospace Sciences in 1990, then entered aviation maintenance studies at a technical college and working as a flight instructor, aircraft maintenance supervisor, and in various capacities as pilot. He gained thousands of hours experience in all varieties of light general aviation aircraft from the Boeing Stearman to modern technically advanced aircraft. In 1992 he was hired by the Cessna Aircraft Company in Wichita, Kansas as an Experimental Planner/Manufacturing Engineer. After two years' experience in engineering and that of a flight instructor he became an aircraft accident investigator for Cessna. By 1996 Cessna resumed manufacturing of small single-engine aircraft and Steve transferred into Cessna's sales and marketing department as Manager of Cessna Pilot Center development, Cessna's franchise of flight schools. Steve was principally responsible for coordinating Cessna Pilot Center training seminars and overseeing regional managers that called upon aviation businesses nationwide. Steve left Cessna employment in 1998 to become an aircraft dealer himself in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where his territory was North and South Dakota and Nebraska. Steve created a computer database to track all Cessna-made aircraft since 1998, specializing in the models of aircraft used by flight schools and small businesses. In 2008, Steve merged his Cessna dealership on a 50/50 basis with Kansas Aircraft Corporation (KAC) and expanded the relationship with Cessna to include the states of Iowa and Missouri. As the number of aircraft manufactured by Cessna since 1998 has grown to over 10,000 units, the focus of Steve's work from his relationships made at Cessna with dealers has diversified to sourcing such aircraft to flights schools, dealers, and individuals worldwide.

Steve lives in Kansas City and has three teenage and adult children. Steve's aviation interests are varied as he also owns and flies a hot air balloon and his adventuresome spirit has led him on two Atlantic crossings and landings in all forty-nine North American states. Besides flying, Steve enjoys music and computer programming. Steve plays the piano and in 2012 placed 9th internationally singing in Kansas City's acapella chorus known as Central Standard.

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Blue Skies

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**\$30**

Per person



HOLIDAY CRABBY NIGHT –

Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the **Red Lobster** at 4228 Noland Road in Independence, MO. The Social will

begin at 5:30 and we will begin ordering by 6 pm . . . there will be a choice of meals and, of course, a pound of crab legs. The cost is \$30 per person with reservations and payment, in advance, a must.

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