

Special points of interest:

- **Wednesday November 28—Monthly Meeting**
- **Tuesday December 4—Chapter Board Meeting**

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President's Message



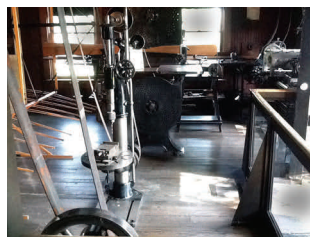
Recently I flunked retirement for the third time by accepting full time employ-

ment with a previous employer (and my Alma Mater). Knowing that my time would be filled, once again, I decided to mark off a "bucket list" item that has occupied my thoughts for many years before I started. I

have had a long time interest in the engine used on the Wright flyer. We have heard a lot



about their airplane, but few know much about the construction of its engine. Many years ago I was introduced to some of the particulars about the engine and its builder (Charles Taylor). I was really fascinated to learn that it was completed in six weeks from start to finish. I



had a consuming desire to learn how that took place and what kind of equipment

Charles Taylor had to work with. Through a bit of research and a lot of luck, I discovered that the shop equipment used by Taylor still existed, so I set about securing permission to see, meas-



ure, and photograph his shop and machinery. Last month I drove to Michigan and spent two days in the fully restored

Wright Bro's Bicycle Shop, learning a lot about: Charles Taylor, his equipment, his incredible talent and understanding of internal combustion, and the how's and why's of the design of the engine on the

Wright Flyer. I really was like a kid in a candy shop! The people at the Benson Ford Research Center were fantastic hosts and allowed me full access to all Wright Brothers memorabilia, equip-



ment and documents. I may have even discovered the cause of the first aircraft accident in this country. Currently I am compiling the pictures and data which I collected with the idea of publishing what I have learned and creating an oral/pictorial presentation of what I learned. I hope to share this information with you in the near fu-

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TWA Museum
 at 10 Richards Road

November Program

**TWA
 Museum,
 November
 Program**



We have arranged a special dinner, meeting and tour at the TWA Museum. The TWA Museum is located at 10 Richards Road on the Southeast corner of Kansas City's Wheeler Downtown Airport.

The TWA Museum is NOT the Airlines Museum. The TWA Museum is now located in the Signature Building, don't go to their old location. The museum is now housed inside the airline's original corporate headquarters .



The dinner catered by HyVee starts at 6:00 pm followed by a short meeting. The guided tour of the TWA Museum starts at 7:00 pm. A donation of at least \$3 would be appreciated.

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The TWA building dates to 1931. That was one year after the merger of Transcontinental Air Transport and Western Air Express



formed Transcontinental & Western Air (T&WA). During the 1960's and 1970's TWA was considered one of Kansas City's largest private employers. In 2001 American Airlines purchased TWA out of bankruptcy.

MEETING MENU:

Fried Chicken
 Potato Salad
 Cole Slaw
 Fresh Fruit for
 dessert
 Catered by HyVee

Reservations:
 Email Terrie Jo,
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 Monday **Nov 26**
Meal Winner(s):
Mitch Stafford
Bob Bond

Future Meeting Dates



November 28—TWA Museum

December 19—Annual Crabby Dinner

We are looking for suggestions of speakers for upcoming meetings. You suggest, we invite and all will enjoy

Calendar of Events (## indicates KC local)

- ##Nov 28 (4th Wednesday)** Membership Dinner Meeting, 6 PM, Kansas City Downtown Airport—Signature Building—10 Richards Road— **TWA Museum**
- ##Dec 2 —Annual 99s Wright Day Dinner** Marriott-Muehlbach Hotel Downtown KC
- ##Dec 4 —(1st Tuesday) Kansas Chapter Board Meeting** Signature Building Downtown Airport
- ##Dec 19—Annual Crabby Dinner** Jumpin Catfish Restaurant 834 Southwest Blue Parkway, Lee's Summit, MO 64063

CHECK CALENDAR AT www.MOpilotsKC.org/calendar FOR LATEST EVENTS AND UPDATES.

OUR OWN WEBSITE! The Kansas City Chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association (MPA) has its own website. Please visit early and visit often at www.MOpilotsKC.org (capital letters not required). Updating coming soon. **Tom Eagle**

**" Meeting NEXT
 Week—Nov 28
 December 19—
 Annual Crabby
 Dinner**

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Blue Skies

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Wright Day Dinner tickets are now on sale. They are \$50 each. This is a fundraiser for the 99s for women's flight scholarships.

Details:
Dec 2, 2012 Marriott-Muehlbach Hotel Downtown KC
6 pm cash bar
7 pm dinner

Speaker: Professor Fred Schieszer, Central MO University "**Seven Ways an Airplane Comes in Contact with the Ground**"

There will be a raffle with great prizes and an auction.

We appreciate your support. Make check to the "Greater Kansas City 99's".
Feel free to pass on this information to anyone who may be interested. For more info email me or please call, [816-537-8820](tel:816-537-8820) or [816-668-5877](tel:816-668-5877)
Blue skies, Jeanné