



Special points of interest:

- Wednesday December 16—Holiday Crabby Dinner Meeting
- Tuesday January 5— Chapter Board Meeting

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President's Message:

Santa Klutz

Many years ago, in another place, in another century, a little coastal village made a seemingly simple request of the local Coast Guard Air Station. Could they deliver Santa Claus to the local holiday celebration in a Helicopter?



Volunteers were sought and soon a crew was assembled including a rather large crewman in a Santa suit. Our PIO (public information officer) attended the celebration with a radio to summon Santa at the appropriate moment. Santa looked pretty good in his rented Santa suit, we even put a wig and beard on his helmet. We strapped Santa into the back of our best looking helicopter with a gunners belt and then a seat belt with shoulder harness. We had a bag of toys which had been donated for local children and



set them prominently in the doorway. The stage was set, the flight departed and the PIO called for a landing. As Santa was exiting the helicopter the pilot applied the rotor brake, the helicopter lurched as the rotor stopped, Santa missed the step and slipped out the door only to flip upside down and find himself suspended by the gunners belt, which because of the padding in the Santa suit he overlooked during his exit. At this point the village youngsters witnessed (in horror) Santa flailing helplessly (upside down) as he grabbed at anything within his reach. What he grabbed was the sack of toys which were flung amid the amassed youngsters scattering the group like a flock of wild geese. At this point Santa remembered the gunners belt so he released the latch whereupon he fell squarely on his head.

AND THAT (to my knowledge) WAS THE LAST TIME THE VILLAGE EVER ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THEIR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION.

Merry Christmas
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MEETING MENU:

SEE INFORMATION

Reservations:

Self-pay evening with everyone ordering their meals from the regular menu ... payment must be credit card or cash ... NO checks accepted ... however ... RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST Call Terrie Jo Fox with your reservations.

If you have questions, call 816-525-3592 (home) or 816-985-5406 (Gary's Cell) by Monday Dec 14, 2015

Future Meeting Dates



December 16 —*HOLIDAY CRABBY DINNER MEETING*— **Red Lobster—4328 Noland Road**

January 5— Board Meeting at Downtown Airport

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

Calendar of Events (## indicates KC local)

Dec 16 Holiday Crabby Dinner Meeting _____ **Red Lobster—4328 Noland Road**

Jan 5 (1st Tuesday) Board Meeting—Downtown Airport—Signature

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**



HOLIDAY CRABBY NIGHT –

Wednesday, December 16th at the **Red Lobster** at 4328 Noland Road in Independence, MO. The Social will begin at 5:30 and we will begin ordering by 6 pm . . . It will be a self-pay evening with everyone ordering their meals from the regular menu ... payment must be credit card or cash ... NO checks accepted ... however ... RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST ...so please call Terrie @ [816-525-3592](tel:816-525-3592) or email: terrie@foxware.com



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