



**Special points of interest:**

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

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**THE FLYER**



**President's Message:**

**Preflight: Check for Hitch-hikers**

Soon it will be Christmas, Indian summer is now a memory, a fond memory, but a memory nonetheless. If you intend to fly to grandma's (over the river and over the woods too) and haven't flown your favorite ride in a while, maybe an extended preflight is in order. In the fall/winter of the year as temperatures drop, all manner of bugs and critters like to drop in and make your plane their happy home. I'll never forget a fall

ously advise about spiders in the pitot/static system...now there's a challenge that makes the mouse look like an elephant with a flag on his back. Yes, the next preflight also included a check for wiring with little teeth marks or any other disruptions he might have caused. Parenthetically a (few years later) I was part of an investigation involving a jetliner with hundreds of mice on board, but that's a story for another day. Happy Holidays but be vigilant for fall hitch-hikers! And don't miss our next Holiday Party Meeting **THIS WEDNESDAY!!!**

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flight in a Cessna-310 a few years ago. As we climbed out after our initial takeoff, I turned on the heater and opened the ball vents to warm up the cabin. My son excitedly pointed out a mouse who was poking his head out of the vent to escape the heat. Luckily for us he couldn't exit his predicament. On landing we removed the vent cover and helped our stowaway into a Kleenex box. Embarrassing yes! Dangerous? Not so much! But it could have been. Not something you normally include in your preflight- until that happens to you. Now I listen, sniff and look for telltale signs of occupancy. You have heard me previ-



**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, 2016

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday )** Board Meeting—Downtown Airport—Signature

**CHECK CALENDAR AT** [www.MOpilotsKC.org/calendar](http://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](http://www.MOpilotsKC.org) (capital letters not required). Updating coming soon. **Tom Eagle**



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**HOLIDAY CRABBY NIGHT –**

Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the **Red Lobster** at 4328 Noland Road in Independence, MO. The Social will begin at 6:00 and we will begin ordering by 6:30 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](mailto:terrie@foxware.com)



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