



**Special points of interest:**

- **Wednesday December 13—Holiday Crabby Dinner Meeting**
- **Tuesday January 2— Chapter Board Meeting**

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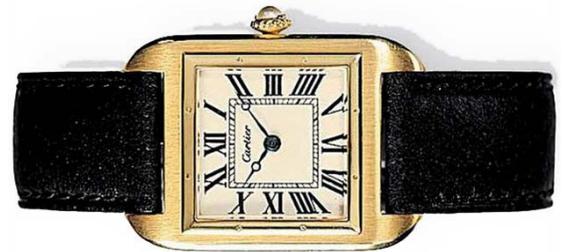
**THE FLYER**



**President's Message:**

**Pilot's Watch**

It's December, do you have your Christmas shopping done yet? In case you are shopping for a pilot friend, a good watch is always appreciated. Pilots, unlike most modern folk, still keep time on their wrist, not their smartphone. Did you ever wonder why? Oh sure, they can time turns, approaches, navigation legs, etc. I often rotate the compass bezel on my watch to calculate reciprocals, but did you know that the wristwatch was invented by an early aviator (out of necessity).

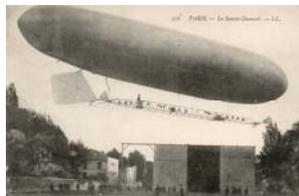


jeweler) Pierre Cartier if he could rivet his pocket watch to a leather strap which he would wear on his wrist and use to time his flight durations, allowing him to land prior to fuel depletion. Cartier agreed to do his bidding but only if Santos-Dumont kept the source of this ridiculous device a secret. Cartier thought that the device was foolish looking and wanted no part of the notoriety for devising such an obvious "Faux Pas" As development of his flying abilities progressed, Santos Dumont became a bit of an international celebrity as an experimental aviator and soon common folk wanted to look like an aviator by wearing a wrist watch. Santos-Dumont kept the secret however and another watchmaker obliged by making wristwatches. To this day the invention of the wrist watch is credited to Patek Philippe and Company. I guess the moral here is to keep an open mind. (With apologies to Erica Jong -who didn't know as much about pilots and watches as she thought)

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Before the Brothers Wright took to the air there was a Brazilian by the name of Santos-Dumont who was experimenting with flying machines in Paris. He could get airborne but lacked the ability to control his



craft. He was controlling pitch by walking forward and aft in the cockpit, while this method was somewhat effective it caused painful injuries on hard landings. He devised a harness and belt device which allowed him sufficient movement for flight but restrained him during landings.

Although he was pleased with the lack of injuries on landing it did not allow him to retrieve his pocket watch to determine how much time his engine would run before consuming a tank of fuel. He asked his friend (a



**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 11, 2016

**Future Meeting Dates**



December 13 —*HOLIDAY CRABBY DINNER MEETING*— **Red Lobster—4328 Noland Road**

January 2— 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 13** Holiday Crabby Dinner Meeting — **Red Lobster—4328 Noland Road**

**## Jan 2 (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 13<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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Blue Skies

## Celebration of Life of Mary Kathleen Fox-Cauthon (Dec. 11th 2 to 4pm)

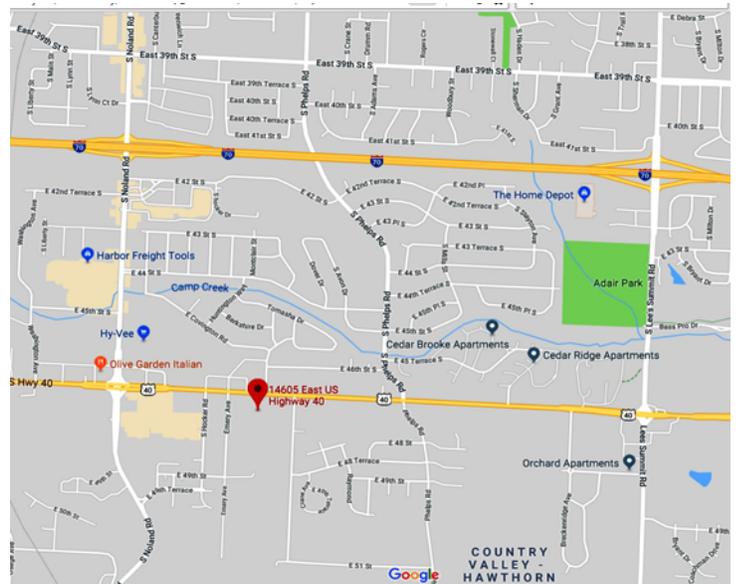
A Celebration of Life will be held Mon, Dec 11th from 2 to 4 pm at the D.A.V., 14605 E. 40 Hwy, KC, MO 64136.



**MARY KATHLEEN FOX-CAUTHON**

Born May 26th, 1965 in Denver, CO to Gary John Fox and Mary Stefania Moskal and passed Nov 28, 2017 in Lee's Summit, MO at age 52. Mary worked at

Job One in an enclave program that allowed her to work over 30 years as a contract laborer at the UMB downtown location. She married her soul mate Richard Leo Cauthon April 21, 2012. Mary was very active in Special Olympics all her life and won two silver medals at the 1991 International Olympics for Roller Skating.



In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Job One Employee Fund, 1085 S. Yuma, Indep, MO 64056