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Kansas Pilots Association Newsletter

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Annual Dues Reminder

KPA dues run from July 1 of each year until June 30th of the following.
Please send the annual \$20.00 amount to current Treasurer Steve Hatfield.

Annual dues.....20.00

Remit to "KPA" or "Kansas Pilots Association" and mail to:
Steve Hatfield/KPA Treasurer
9811 S 183rd St W
Clearwater, KS 67026

Letter From The President

Unfortunately we had to cancel April's membership meeting due to the presenter (and venue) becoming unavailable – at the last hour.

Only one of our airplanes attended the April 22nd KPA fly-out to the brand new Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum in Atchison.



A fellow member and I hopped in one of my club's 182's early Saturday morning but had a minor engine issue during the pre-flight run-up, and decided not to launch on the cross country. Definitely on my list to make it up there some day soon, however.

I hope you've been watching for KPA event NOTAMs issued on a timely basis by Jim Scarpelli, with the next meeting being May 2 at Chico's, hosted by Dan Bowles.

Then we have the big spring fly-out to Branson the weekend of May 18-21.
Blue skies and tailwinds.

Hope to see you there.

Note from a Member

Sent by Steve McKinzie

Friends of AHM: PLEASE SHARE THIS!!
As you may know, Signature Aviation has locked us out of the Museum despite lease agreements with the City that guarantees us use of Hangar 9. We've been out for MONTHS, and you can be a part of fighting back against this injustice. On our webpage (www.airlinehistory.org) will find detailed information about this unfortunate situation, as well as what you, as an individual, can do to right this wrong. Here's the press release going out to the world today:



AHM PRESS RELEASE April 12, 2023
LONGTIME TOURIST ATTRACTION ENDANGERED BY LOCKOUT

The Airline History Museum shuttered by Signature Aviation despite binding agreement with City

Kansas City – The Airline History Museum (formerly “Save-A-Connie”) has been locked out of its hangar facility at Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport since fall. Signature Aviation, the FBO (“Fixed Base Operator”) at the airport, believes it has control over the facility despite a 2005 master lease agreement with the City of Kansas City, MO guaranteeing the Museum use of Hangar 9 through 2035. A district court ruled against the Museum in a case filed last year. AHM believes the court ruled in error and is currently appealing. This case should come before The Missouri Court of Appeals later this spring. Signature Aviation is owned by Blackstone, Inc., an immense investment firm that owns FBO’s around the world.

“We fully expect to win this appeal,” says Airline History Museum President John Roper.

Ultimately, the City Council of KC has jurisdiction over Downtown Airport and the use of all land at that airport. AHM asks The City Council to honor their 2005 Master Lease agreement, and is asking people to write to their council representative and KC Mayor Quentin Lucas expressing their concern at possibly losing this iconic local treasure. More information is available at the group’s website, www.airlinehistory.org.

Kansas City was home of TWA and played a vital role in aviation history. The Lockheed Constellation airliner on display there, one of the last in the world, is in full TWA colors and captures a lost era in aviation. Many other historic aircraft are also housed there, including a classic plane formerly belonging to actor Harrison Ford. It had been undergoing restoration in conjunction with local STEM organizations. The world’s last Northrop Delta is there, as are a DC- 3, which was delivered to Kansas City and TWA in 1941, a Martin 404 passenger airliner in TWA colors and a Lockheed L-1011, originally delivered to and owned by TWA in 1973. They are normally open to tour.

This unique collection of classic aircraft and aviation memorabilia have been left unattended in Hangar 9 since July of 2022. Padlocks are on the doors at the direction of Signature Aviation and the caretaking of this priceless collection is no longer possible due to this lockout.

Contact: John Roper, President, AHM. by email at jroper@airlinehistory.org or AHM Board member Pete Barrett at pbarrett@airlinehistory.org.

April KPA Meeting

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April 22nd KPA FLY-OUT

Our members Steve and Lee Hatfield bravely flew from Wichita to Atchison for our April Fly-Out.

Steve shared that "it was very smooth up top but VERY bumpy down low!"



They had a really great time and said that the Museum is definitely worth the trip.



Bob Weber and Phillip Tyner Memorial Fly-In

Saturday, April 29th, 2023

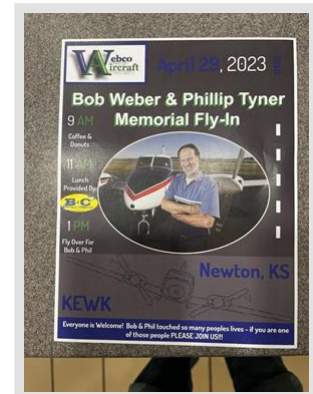
9 AM Coffee and Doughnuts

11 AM Lunch provided by B & C Specialty Products

1 PM Fly Over for Bob And Phil

Newton Airport (KEWK)

Everyone is Welcome! Bob and Phil touched many lives. If you are one of them, please come and JOIN US!!!



May KPA Meeting

Location: Chico's Mexican Restaurant

Time: 6 PM - Social Hour

7 PM - Meeting and Program

Dan Bowles will be showing airport safety videos and leading an open forum for discussion.



US Pilots Association Spring Fly Out 2022

Spring FlyOut 2022

Branson, MO
May 18-21, 2023

Join us in Branson, Missouri, for the USPA Annual Meeting and a weekend of fun.

The weekend will include a WINGS safety seminar, the Lost Canyon Cave and Nature Trail, the Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum, Branson's Grand Country Jubilee, and the Hughes

Brothers Dinner Theatre.

The hotel room block is guaranteed through April 21st. Don't delay in booking your hotel and flyout registration.

View more details and register by visiting <https://USPilots.org>

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What's Coming Up?

2023 Events Calendar

Please note the times you are in charge!

May Meeting

May 2nd, 2023

**Time/Location: Chico's Mexican Restaurant
6 PM - Eat and Social Time
7 PM - Meeting and program**

Person in Charge: Dan Bowles

Program: Airport Safety

May Fly-Out

May 20th, 2023

Person in Charge: Terry Williamson

Cook Out

Kingman Airport

June Meeting

June 6th, 2023

Time/Location: TBA

Person in Charge: TBA

Program: TBA

June Fly-Out

June 17th, 2023

Person in Charge: Tim Gaither

Pioneer Village (0V3)

KANSAS PILOT ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

KANSAS PILOT ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

No minutes at the KPA.

See President's Letter



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