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Presidents Position
No report

UP COMING PROGRAMS:

January: Rich Milburn - "How Wind Works"



SEASON'S GREETINGS

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

will be held

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 15, 2013

NOTE CHANGE FROM LAST NEWSLETTER

The date is Sunday, December 15th at the Iowa Machine Shed

We have again reserved their meeting room as we did last year. Festivities start at 5:00 with Dinner at 6:00. The menu is stuffed pork loin and marinated chicken with cheddar mashed and little red potatoes served buffet style. Non-alcoholic drinks, tax and gratuity are all included for \$16.49 per person. Adult drinks are available, but not included.

Please make your check out to EAA Chapter 135 and mail to our treasurer at:

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WE NEED PAYMENTS TURNED IN BEFORE DECEMBER 7 SO WE CAN PROVIDE A HEAD COUNT TO THE RESTAURANT.

We will be doing our traditional "Chinese" gift exchange again this year, which is always a hit. Suggested gift value is usually about \$20. If you are male bring a male oriented or gender neutral gift. If you are female bring a female oriented or gender neutral gift.

Looking forward to a good time and seeing you all there!

*David Kalwishky
President
EAA Chapter 135*

HISTORIC HANGAR TO BE RESTAURANT

Photo and story by Bill Hughes

From The Columbia Star website

The Curtiss-Wright Hangar at Hamilton-Owens Airport

A group of private developers and aviation enthusiasts say plans are moving apace to restore and repurpose the historic Curtiss-Wright Hangar at the downtown Hamilton-Owens Airport.

The 1929 structure, rusting and mostly neglected for decades, will be reborn as a family-style restaurant, event space and aviation museum, the developers say.

The hangar was the first building constructed at the former Columbia Municipal Airport by a company created by aviation pioneer Glenn Curtiss and airplane inventors Orville and Wilbur Wright. For years, it served as the main terminal for the airport's passenger and airmail operations and is listed on the National Register of Historic Place.

Columbia businessman Scott Linaberry said the developers are offering to purchase the 15,000-square-foot building from Richland County for \$176,000 plus an abatement fee for the removal of asbestos and lead-based paint.

As things stand now, the sale is in a due diligence state as the business partners, organized under the name CW Hangar Partners, LLC, review restoration, architectural, and development costs that are expected to total \$4.7 million when the project is complete.

Other partners in the development include real estate brokers Ed Garrison and Ben S. Riddle and architect Joe Rogers.

Linaberry said developers expect to finance the project by leveraging historic renovation tax credits and corporate sponsorships that include naming opportunities. Meanwhile, CW Hangar Partners has landed a \$20,000 grant from Richland County.



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The sale still has to be approved by the Richland County Airport Commission and Richland County Council. Even the Federal Aviation Administration, responsible for disposition of any airport properties, has a say.

Hami I ton- Owens Airport director Chris Evermann said he hopes the partners can put together a successful financing that has the potential to showcase the airport. The building is at the northwest corner of the field and is the first building that comes into sight for most persons traveling to the terminal.

"It's a neat building," Everman said of the hangar, one of some 30 that Curtiss-Wright constructed across the country during the "Golden Age" of aviation. Only a handful remain

Linaberry said the proposed 3,500-square-foot restaurant is expected to draw customers from the nearby Rosewood and Shandon areas of the city and will be "an important key" to the project becoming self-sustaining instead of a financial obligation for taxpayers.

"In many cases where you put a museum in an old building, it creates a never-ending burden for the taxpayers," he said. "That's not what we want. The restaurant is there to insure the maintenance and integrity

of the building itself."

Linaberry said he hopes the project can be completed by 2015, but "to tell the truth, I'm not in a huge hurry to rush the project. I want everything done correctly, meticulously. Time is not the real issue for me."

Looming large over the entire project is a partially restored World War II B-25 bomber that crashed on a training mission during the war and was recovered from the bottom of Lake Greenwood in 1983. The bomber is currently housed in the hangar and will remain as a centerpiece for the restaurant and museum.

The developers are inviting public support for the project and have created a crowd funding site at <http://www.rockethub.com/projects/29493-curtisswriighthangar-project#desc....> The site has generated in excess of \$4,600 in the short time it has been online.

The project also has its own website: www.columbiahangar.com and a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/The-CurtissWrightHangar.

Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Aviation Calendar

April 2014

Tuesday, April 22 –
Wednesday, April 23

Iowa Aviation Conference

Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel
West Des Moines

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June 2014

Saturday, June 28, 2014 –
Sunday, June 29, 2014

FLY IOWA 2014

Iowa City Municipal Airport
Website: <http://www.flyiowa.org>
Phone: 319-356-5045 (Michael Tharp)
Email: michael-tharp@iowa-city.org

**NOTICE:
PLEASE PAY YOUR
2012-2013 DUES**

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All scale rentals require check for \$200.deposit (Will be returned, uncashed, upon timely scale return).

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