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NEWSLETTER

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Museum

at 10 Richards Road

www.twamuseum.com

From the Director, Pam Blaschum. . .

It's hard to believe that **March 2022** marks our 10th anniversary at 10 Richards Road. If you've not visited us previously, we are located in the art deco building that was TWA's first corporate headquarters and overhaul base. The building was completed in 1931.

The TWA Museum was officially established in 1986, however our roots go back further. Several years earlier, TWA employees at the Maintenance and Overhaul base in Kansas City had accumulated a collection of TWA memorabilia to display in a small space, in the lobby of the administration building. The collection, inspired by maintenance technician **Tom Perry**, continued to grow.

Former **Flight Attendant Marie Trainer** took care of the museum and all artifacts for 20 years and moved the entire collection four times from 1985-2009. The last destination was KCI Expo Center and that agreement expired in 2009.

It was then that I was asked to assume the directorship of the museum. I had such a passion for TWA's legacy and my desire to increase public awareness of the museum led me to pursue permanent housing at 10 Richards Road. After much preparation and hard work, the TWA Museum opened there in 2012,

A group of nine former flight attendants, **Betsy Martin, Joy DeCoursey, Pam Dennis, Pat Brinkman, Karen Martin, Carol Emert, Zana Allen, Linda Maloney** and myself met with Marie on a weekly basis learning about all the items that had been accumulated since the mid 80's when **Tom Perry** started his collection of artifacts.



In 2011 we acquired two rooms at 10 Richards Road. The nine of us renovated both rooms installing flooring, painting walls and ceilings, building display cases and opened for business in March 2012

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Since then we now have seven Board Members, two Archivists, three on our research team and thirty-nine volunteers. We received our 501 C 3 non profit status on August 29, 2013 with the assistance and determination of **Zana Allen and Karen Martin**.

Our first two galleries showcase the Connie simulator, Founder's room, Gift shop and Memorial room. We have several exhibit spaces in the hangar area, including our Lockheed Electra 12A Jr., Link Trainer, Education center, Library, Scout room,

Ambassador club, Conference room and 707 Cabin trainer. In addition, we have a collections storage area.

To celebrate our tenth anniversary, we will have a **free day on March 17th**. Please come join us.



Thinking of Donating Items to the Museum?

Before sending or dropping off items to the museum, please send an email to:

twamuseum@gmail.com

describing your donation, list of items and pictures if possible.

We will respond as soon as we can!

We truly appreciate the donations we receive but are running out of storage room.

Thank you for your consideration!



FROM OUR MUSEUM'S BLOG

In putting content together for our blog, our goal is to make the history of TWA interesting and enjoyable. While written information is clearly at the core of what we do, sometimes we come across a photograph that needs no description. Our Photo of The Week posted on January 3 is one of those!

We purposely made it our first photo of 2022, as we felt it communicated our hope that 2022 would be a better year than the previous two. Thanks to our great supporters, friends, and volunteers, we managed to make it through the challenges of these past two years and look ahead to a bright future for all of us.

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New Episode Now Available:



Episode 13: The TWA Edition! Exploring the TWA Museum and TWA Hotel

Guests:
Pam Blaschum, a 37-year veteran TWA flight attendant and director of the [TWA Museum](#) in Kansas City, Missouri.

Tyler Morse, Chairman and CEO of MCR, the developer of the [TWA Hotel](#) at JFK Airport in New York City



Volunteer News



Our Volunteers logged over **8415** volunteer hours in 2021. Thanks to all of our dedicated Volunteers. We could not do it without you.

We have two new volunteers to staff the front desk. **Sharon Horton** is retired from TWA/AA where she worked in Industrial Relations. Sharon also volunteers at Hill Crest in Parkville.

Carol Piper retired from AA and Jet Midwest. She has also operated her own Pet Grooming shop for many years before closing her shop the end of last year

Welcome to the TWA Museum Family!



Thank you to Bra Couture KC for partnering with the TWA Museum!

The TWA Museum would like to thank Bra Couture KC for partnering with us in our fundraising events this year. By having our events on back to back evenings we will be able to use the tables and chairs that will already be in place for the Bra Couture KC Event, April 22, 2022, saving us a huge expense!

Sharon Butler Payne, a breast cancer survivor, is the **Founder and Executive Director of Bra Couture KC**. She also worked for TWA from 1964-1993 in Human Resources in Information Technology. The last years of her employment were spent as Employment Representative for the Western Region, all TWA cities West of the Mississippi. We are very grateful for her willingness to help us with our event on April 23, 2022!

Bra Couture KC (BCKC) is the only non-profit in Kansas City that has built two cancer service centers physically located within area hospitals, with a new one opening soon. These centers serve uninsured/underinsured patients and are managed by on-site nurse navigators. BCKC also funds: two Patients in Need Funds at The University of Kansas Cancer Center, the annual free mammogram program at Samuel U. Rodgers, services at Cancer Action, and holds 200 free mammograms each year for women in underserved communities with Imaging for Women. Through the generosity of our donors, we have raised nearly \$3 million over the past 10 years and cared for more than 11,000 cancer patients. Their mission is to raise funds for the Greater Kansas City area to provide cancer care to uninsured/underinsured men and women cancer patients facing any cancer, and to focus on the cancer care disparity issues. For more information go to:



WEBSITE: BraCoutureKC.com

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REMEMBERING JOHN WILDMAN September 8, 1953-December 17, 2021

The museum has lost one of our volunteers. **John Wildman** passed away of an unexpected cardiopulmonary event on December 17, 2021.

John had a love for Aviation in general and especially TWA. He had volunteered as a tour guide at the museum for 4 ½ years. As a former Eagle Scout, he also assisted in the Scout Merit Badge program that the museum conducts.

John worked for TWA for a short time during his college years. His knowledge came from reading and researching TWA. He could talk Aviation with anyone and everyone.

John never let his wheelchair hold him back. Those visitors who were given a tour by John, received a great and informative tour. It may have been a little long but you got a wealth of information.

John's knowledge will be missed by future museum visitors as well as his fellow volunteers who will miss his friendship.

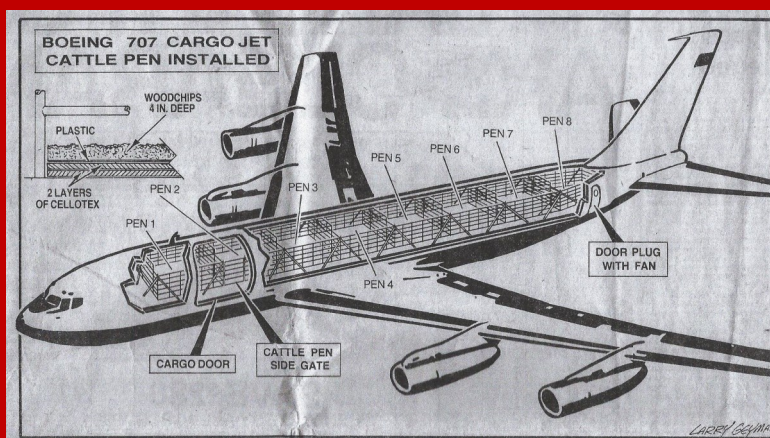
Travel with the Angels, John.



Did you know that TWA flew Cattle Charters?????

Yes! TWA flew a Cattle Charter operation in the early '70s, I worked as a cargo service supervisor at the TWA MCI air freight terminal. My manager, Frank Stephan, asked me to head up a new freighter operation moving cattle to Teran, Iran. Since I grew up on a dairy farm, he thought I would be a good candidate for this project. I worked with the TWA cargo department in New York and the TWA engineering department at MCI to come up with a loading ramp to offload the cattle safely from the truck into the cargo aircraft. The operation came together in late August 1977. We shipped 12 planeloads of 80 Holstein dairy cattle over a few months. The revenue was approximately \$1,000.00 per cow. We had no unhappy passengers. The 707 cargo aircraft was to layover in Philadelphia over the weekend, so we would not be taking a plane out of a revenue flight. It was cleaned and flown to London to pick up another revenue charter back to Philadelphia. The attached pictures show the process of getting the cattle across the ocean.

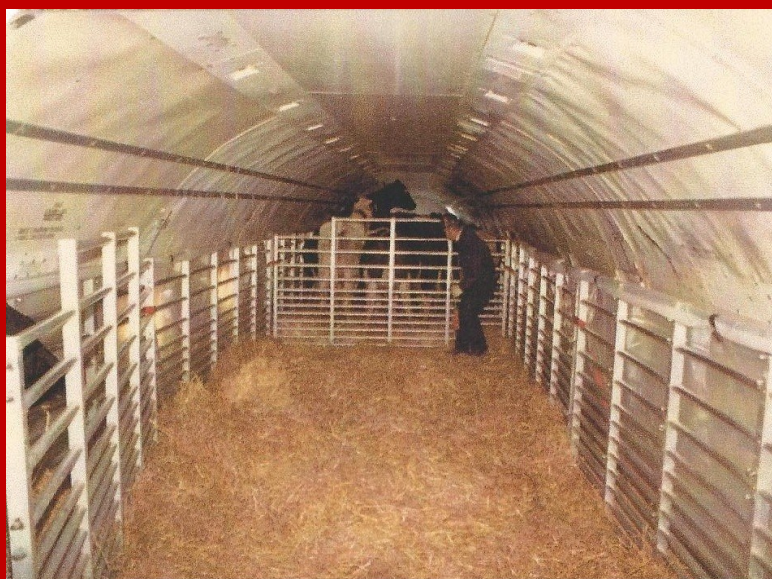
Submitted by Terry VanDyke



TWA's Cattle Drive in the Sky Takes KC Stockyards to the Shah of Iran 1977. Not for a harem but for the good of the country a chartered jet cargoliner leaves Kansas City every Sunday with a load of 80 females for the Shah of Iran. In a modern-day replay of the cattle drives of the 1880's two-year-old first class heifers are driven by truck rather than trail drivers to Kansas City International Airport rather than the railheads of Sedalia, Abilene and Dodge City.

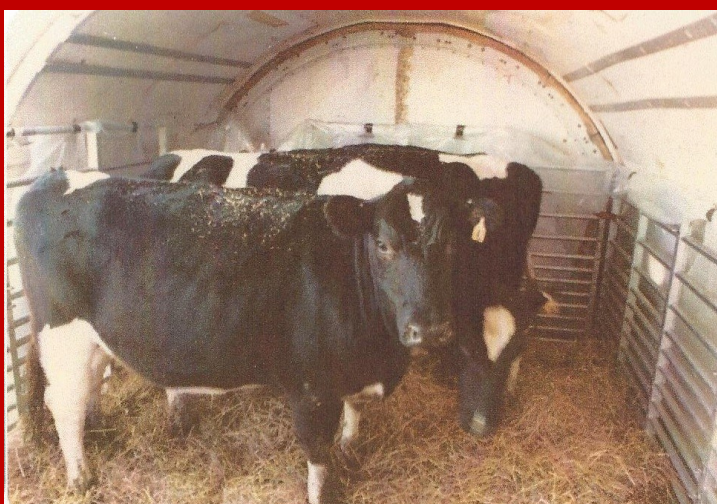


TWA 707 Jet Cargoliner being loaded with the two year old dairy heifers, each about six months with calf. The passage for these heifers was \$1,000.00 each. They weighed in at about 950 lbs each. Each load consisted of 80 heifers. This was the 12th shipment I supervised totaling 925 head. Gross weight of all the shipments at 887,381 pounds. Kansas City International Airport KCMO 1977.



Loading them pen by pen, the first pen to be loaded is in the front of the main cargo door. They will be first in, last off.

I guess they are first class!



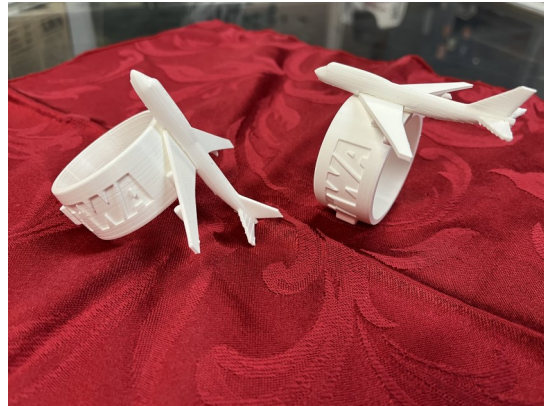
These two year old first class dairy heifers are onboard the TWA 707 jet cargoliner. They will stop in New York, Shannon and Athens for fuel, no food service onboard. They will arrive in Tehran, Iran some 13 hours later. This cargo jet normally has a lay over in Philadelphia on the weekend. The aircraft charter is cleaned in Tehran and then flown to London for another charter back to the USA in time for the Monday evening flight

There is always a lot going behind the scenes at the museum. **Joe B., Mark and John** in the Library, **Carol and Zana** in Archives work ceaselessly to organize, catalog, and safely store TWA's history. **Judy** tiptoes through the uniform case to straighten and remove the silver serving pieces so that she, **Marcia**, and **Belinda** can clean and polish them at least once a year. **Joe H.** and other volunteers' dust and tidy other cases and our model airplanes. **Larry C.** keeps Miss Ellie (our Lockheed Electra) looking as beautiful as she did in her youth. **Pam** is always working in the back on many projects. **Art** and others are constantly working on the Connie simulator to keep it flying. **Dennis C.** keeps busy with repair projects as well as building items for our displays. All of this happens when we are not busy with visitors. The museum is so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers.

We are looking to **promote the TWA museum more actively**. Getting our name out through several different types of media is one of several different avenues we are pursuing. If you visit the museum, please consider giving us a rating and review on **Google** or **Yelp**. We are always open to new thoughts. If you have ideas or suggestions, please send them to the museum.

NEW ITEMS IN THE GIFT SHOP!

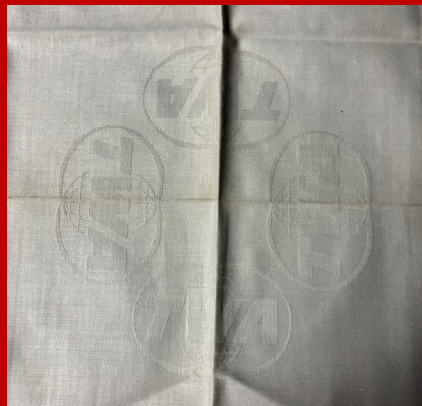
Are you a fan of the Lockheed Electra, "Ellie" ? We have a 15 ounce coffee cup with that image. The handle and inside is dark blue. The price is \$15.00. We also have napkins rings with an airplane and TWA on the sides. They were made with a 3D printer and are very unique. The price is \$7.00 each or a pair for \$12.00 It would make a nice display for your TWA dishes or a dinner party.



Archives Wish List!

The museum collection has a shortage of the **Royal Ambassador First Class white 22" x 18 3/4" linen meal service napkins** and the **27 1/2' x 23 1/2" Royal Ambassador First Class linen tray tablecloths** introduced in 1961 with the arrival of the jet age.

The napkin had a button hole in one corner to aid the gentlemen passengers in protecting their white dress shirts. In the center of the napkin was a circle of 4 embossed TWA twin globe logos on the linen fabric. The RA and crest was embossed in the center of the tray tablecloth.



Royal Ambassador Service

TWA Crab Imperial



Description:

Wonderful Crab appetizer that we served coast to coast.

Yields 14-3oz portions

2 lbs. 8oz lump crab meat

4 oz. butter

1 1/2 oz sauterne wine

1 1/2 pale dry sherry

1 oz cornstarch

Salt to taste

Pinch MSG

Pinch rosemary

Pinch white pepper

Pinch mace

Breadcrumbs

Dice crab into bite-sized pieces and saute in butter. Heat until crab meat is no longer opaque. Canned crab meat can be used as well. In this case heat just until warm.

Mix cornstarch with wines. Add to crab. Add seasonings. Heat for 3 minutes, stirring constantly.

Place 2-3 oz of the filling into a natural crab shell (or ramekin) Top with bread crumbs. Bake just until browned and set. Don't overbake. Garnish with parsley and lemon wedge. Can be made the day before and baked just before serving.



On December 5th the holiday season officially started for the TWA Museum Volunteer Family!

At right all the volunteers in attendance gathered for a group photo!



Happy 2022 from your Kansas City TWA Museum Volunteers!

WHY YES, WE DO HAVE A YOUTUBE CHANNEL!



Otis Bryan

Trans World Airlines

Chief Pilot, Vice President, a man of many talents. Otis transported VIP's during World War II (Roosevelt), helped setup Philippine Airlines, and later managed the Muehlebach Brewery.

This oral history recording, taken December 14-15, 1982, is courtesy of the Department of the Air Force, Air Force Historical Research Agency, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. There are four parts to this oral history, each lasting about one hour in length. Includes: family background; early interest in aviation; appointment as a flying cadet in the Air Corps; work for Trans World Airlines; TWA government mail contract; flying mail airplanes; celestial navigation; establishing the Eagle Nest Flight Test Center to train Air Corps pilots; piloting flights taking Roosevelt to conferences at Casablanca, Cairo and Yalta; providing flight transportation for other prominent personalities such as Eisenhower, Marshall and President Inonu of Turkey; and his role as Executive Vice President of Philippine Airlines.

Visit our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBTMEt3Ba6z-NpjPbqY7ejg>



TWA Firsts.

First to develop the light-weight electrical engine synchronization indicator, now standard equipment on most airlines.



COME CELEBRATE OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY!

Thursday, March
17th

Free Admission

Time to
Celebrate

From the Archives. . .

Volunteers Needed!

The TWA Museum archives department is in need of a volunteer twice a month for four hours to assist with the following: Separate in date order and bundle extra Skyliners, file donation forms and other documentation, tag extra uniforms, and assist where needed. Preferable days will be either Mondays or Tuesdays in the archives area, and either Carol Emert or Zana Allen will work with the volunteer. Hours and days can be agreed upon by the volunteer and archivists. Contact: Carol Emert at carolemert@gmail.com or Zana Allen at zallen2@kc.rr.com for further information.

As of publication date, MASKS OPTIONAL



Where: **Signature Flight Support Hangar at
10 Richards Road,
Kansas City, Missouri**

When: **Saturday, April 23, 2022**

Time: 5:30-7:00 Check in/Museum Open



7:00-10:00 Dance to the Music of the
Moonlight Serenade Orchestra

Featured Dance Performers:

The Swingsters

TWA Captain Russ Longley and Partner

Maysen Wilder (Just Dancing in St. Louis)

Mark Harris and Partner Of Walter's Dance Studio

TWA Museum

2022 Hangar Dance

*You are cordially invited to attend a 1940's
USO style Hangar Dance to benefit the
TWA Museum!*



**PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD ITEMS!**

The TWA Museum has proudly chosen Harvesters – The Community Food Network as a 2022 beneficiary of our dance. Please support our efforts to feed hungry children, families, and seniors in our community by **canned goods or personal items such as**

OTHER INFORMATION:

Vintage WWII and other military uniforms, vintage 40's attire and TWA uniforms welcomed or come as you are!!!

Cash Bar

(No outside alcohol/beverages are allowed)

Bring a picnic dinner or appetizers for your group!

\$30.00 per person pre-reservations (before April 21st)

\$35.00 per person at the door!

(Tables seat 4 or 10)

Ticket Reservations: Call the TWA Museum at 816-234-1011 for more information or email twamuseum@gmail.com or nlsitzmann7@gmail.com. Fill out the form below, attach your payment and we will confirm your reservation via e-mail or by phone.

Please include names of attendees on the back of this form.

Name _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Method of Payment: Check ___ Visa ___ Mastercard ___ Name on Credit Card _____

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration _____ CCV# _____

Mail or drop off this form with payment (please make checks payable to the TWA Museum) to: TWA Museum, Attn: Nancy Sitzmann, 10 Richards Road, Kansas City, MO 64116

THANK YOU!

The TWA Museum would like to thank the following businesses for their support in so many ways!



IWERX for allowing us use of their space for events!



MCR for our partnership with the new TWA Hotel at the former TWA Terminal at JFK and their generous donation!



Community America for their history and partnership in the future with the TWA Museum!



Perfection Floor Tile for the wonderful flooring including logos that they have provided for the Museum and our new Ambassador club!



Signature Flight Support for allowing us to hold our TWA Museum 1940's Style Hangar Dance each spring as our annual fundraiser!



Silver Wings International for their generous annual donation!



Bra Couture Kansas City for partnering with the TWA Museum in sharing our events weekend!

BRA COUTURE KC

Also thank you to our wonderful TWA former employees who have donated items and money to make sure we preserve the history of TWA here in Kansas City as well as the world.



Did you know you can support the TWA Museum simply by shopping??? Go to smile. Amazon.com and igive.com and list the TWA Museum as your favorite charity. A small portion of your purchase price will be sent to the Museum every time you shop!



Museum Legacy Society

The TWA Museum Legacy Society has been established to provide you the opportunity to commit a gift during your lifetime that will help preserve the TWA Museum for years to come!

Dying is not something we want to think about. However, if we want to have a say in what happens after our passing, we need to make sure our wishes are known ahead of time. If in lieu of flowers you would like Memorial Donations made to the TWA Museum in your memory or the memory of a loved one, make sure that your loved ones are told of your wishes or if you would like to leave part of your estate to the museum, make sure it is put in your will or trust to that effect.

All of the memorial Donations are tax deductible as the Museum is a 501C3 Non-Profit.

Museum Library Hours

10-4 PM by Appointment

For more detailed museum information, please visit our website at TWAMUSEUM.COM. Upon payment of the museum entry fee, simply advise your welcome volunteer of your intent to visit the library and a volunteer will escort you to the Library. If you have any questions, please contact John Mays at 913-515-0080 or via email at twajohnmays@gmail.com

MAKE YOUR PROM OR ENGAGEMENT A SPECIAL MEMORY AT THE TWA MUSEUM



We have had several requests for **Prom and Engagement Pictures** to be taken with Ellie, in our **vintage phone booths** or in the **Ambassador Club**. Now we can include our **Cabin Trainer!** We

love to get our pictures out there and welcome the opportunity for those special moments in time. A \$25.00 donation is suggested for personal phone photos and a \$50.00 donation for professional photographers. Reservations are recommended so we can secure the volunteers we need to help with this one of a kind opportunity. Call the Museum at **816-234-1011** to make your reservation!



TWA Museum Hours

Wednesday - Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM

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Your support ensures that the Legacy of TWA and it's influence on early aviation remains intact within future generations, and for that WE THANK YOU!

If you would like to make a donation through this newsletter, please fill out the following form and mail it to the volunteers at:

TWA Museum
10 Richards Road, Suite 110
Kansas City, Missouri 64116

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number: _____

Amount Enclosed:

___\$250 ___\$500 ___\$750 ___\$1000 ___Other_____

Friend of the Museum

Additionally, if you would like to become a Friend of the Museum, please choose from the Options below:

____ Individual - \$45.00

Benefits: Member card, unlimited free museum admission 1 year, a 10% discount in the gift shop and online sales, and advance notice to special events and exhibits.

(Senior \$35.00)

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(Senior \$65.00)

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Benefits: Member card, free family entry life of the member, 10% discount on all merchandise, newsletter, advance notice of special events and exhibits.

____ Founders Club-\$2,500.00

Benefits: Member card, free family entry life of donor, 20% discount on all merchandise, newsletter, advance notice of special events and exhibits, PERMANENT RECOGNITION on beautiful plaque displayed in the TWA Museum.

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