



The *TWA* MUSEUM COMES HOME TO 10 RICHARDS ROAD

Pamela Blaschum, Director of the TWA Museum, has announced the relocation of the Museum to 10 Richards Road, at the former Kansas City Municipal Airport (currently known as The Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport). The Museum is now known as The TWA Museum at 10 Richards Road and is dedicated to the preservation of the legacy of Trans World Airlines' leadership in the world of commercial aviation. An agreement has been signed with Signature Flight Support/BBA Aviation (formerly Executive Beechcraft) for space within the historic 1931 Art Deco style building, built for Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc.

THE TWA MUSEUM – Instrument Shop mechanic Tom Perry collected TWA items for many years and displayed them throughout the Trans World Airlines Overhaul Base in Kansas City. TWA eventually donated a large space for Tom's collection near the employee cafeteria. The employees built a special case that exhibited his many items. The opening of the TWA Museum at the Overhaul Base highlighted the pride typical of virtually all employees for their company. Over the years, with the closing of TWA's Kansas City Administration Center, and other facilities, all museum items and displays came together at the Kansas City Expo Center. TWA was a major sponsor for the 1996 celebration of the Smithsonian's 150th Anniversary, and the TWA Museum's collection traveled to 12 cities over a period of two years as part of "America's Smithsonian" Exhibit. The TWA Museum has been a Chapter of the Platte County Historical Society since 1985. The TWA Museum Committee expects The TWA Museum at 10 Richards Road to open this summer and invites membership and participation from aviation enthusiasts, the general public, former TWA employees and their retirement organizations worldwide.

The TWA Museum is fast approaching its first anniversary at 10 Richards Road. The past year has proven to be successful and it would not have been possible without the generosity of Bryan Orr and Signature Flight Support and the hard work and dedication from the volunteer committee members. They are: Karen Martin, web master and administrator, Zana Allen, fundraising and legal research, Mary Ellen Miller, public affairs and communication, and Joy DeCoursey special events. We recently added two new members: Carol Emert, Curator and Exhibitor of the Mulvane Museum in Topeka and Karen Holden Young, granddaughter of one of the original founders of TWA, Paul Richter. Carol will now be our archivist and Karen Young will be in charge of upcoming events and historical research. We also owe a great deal of thanks to our many volunteers, most of whom are former TWA employees. Because of the history of the volunteers, it makes our museum especially exciting as all have a unique story to tell.

In addition to our Open House in March 2012, we were a part of Signature Flight Support's Grand Reopening in June. On July 15th we received the Flight 800 Crew

Memorial from New York and had a service on the 16th anniversary of the tragic loss of Flt. 800. We held the 3rd Annual Up Up and Away Event in Oct. with the arrival of Ruth Richter Holden and her vintage Lockheed Electra 12 A aircraft, owned by TWA and flown by her father, Paul Richter, in the late 1930's.

2013 will be another exciting year as we make plans to enlarge the museum and host several events. One such event is **Art Bra KC** event to be held May 3rd. It is a unique and fun auction event showcasing eclectic work-of-art bras modeled by breast cancer survivors to celebrate their triumph over cancer. A tribute to survivors' fighting spirit, Art Bra KC benefits The Patients in Need Fund at Missys' Boutique, an accredited appearance center at The University of Kansas Cancer Center's Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Care Pavilion. The fund ensures access to Missys' services for eligible uninsured/underinsured individuals. For more information visit ArtBraKC.com.

Our future plans include an educational center and library. Nearly every day we are receiving artifact donations. We have added many new pieces to the museum and have plans for several Special Exhibits this coming year.

Come see us sometime. We think you will be proud to see what you—former employees and volunteers-- started, and with your help, what the TWA Exhibit will become.

For more information visit the website: <http://www.twamuseumat10richardsroad.org/>

