

The Rescuing, Resurrection and Expansion of the Kansas City Aeronautical Museum

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The former Airline History Museum, located in Hangar 9 at the Charles B. Wheeler Downtown Airport (Southwest corner of the field), is announcing a rebirth and expansion under its new name of **Kansas City Aeronautical Museum (KCAM)**. Through a collaboration of Signature Flight Support, the TWA Museum, the new management and Board of Directors of KCAM and others, the new entity is implementing a multi-year plan to expand the scope of operations to appeal to a broader base of visitors. Properly executed, this vision will create new revenue streams to not only assist in the expansion plans, but provide financial support to the museum in perpetuity.

Both the TWA Museum and Kansas City Aeronautical Museum are pivotal institutions preserving and showcasing the rich history of Kansas City aviation. The TWA Museum currently operates as a separate entity within the original airport terminal, primarily focusing on the legacy of Trans World Airlines. Meanwhile, KCAM currently houses a variety of vintage aircraft including the iconic Constellation, aka "Connie," and has developed a broader focus on the restoration and display of vintage aircraft..

Through a dedicated task force, KCAM is leading this collaboration and expansion effort, with key board members including John Miller, Steve Woods, Nick Riesenbergen and Terry Reed, whose task is to develop and implement a detailed plan to:

Phase I.

1. Preserve, remodel and upgrade Hangar 9.
2. Protect and preserve the valuable aircraft and artifacts under KCAM's control.
3. Incorporate a multi-function Events Center within Hangar 9.

Phase II.

1. Expand KCAM's footprint to include hangar space for an operational Aircraft Mechanics Vocational Training and Education Center (this will be done under a **Northland Career Center** partnership).
2. Expand KCAM's footprint to include a new hangered area that will house select operational military aircraft on loan to KCAM on a rotational basis. (This can serve as a military recruitment program and draw repeat visitors to see new aircraft on temporary display).

If the vision of the "NEW" KC Aeronautical Museum is properly executed and advertised, this City owned property/complex will not only serve the entire community, but attract a fresh stream of tourism and appeal to a much broader base of aeronautical enthusiasts who represent the past, present and future of aviation and space travel.

KCAM is seeking a small and diverse group of talented professionals to join the Board of Directors. If you possess talent, knowledge and expertise that could help bring our vision to fruition, contact:

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