



REFLECTIONS



The Newsletter of the NWA History Centre
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NORTHWEST AIRLINES 1926-2010

GIVE WINGS TO YOUR HEART! The NWA History Centre reopens, and WE'RE BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!

After weeks of unpacking, getting organized and setting up displays, the NWA History Centre reopened to the public on Saturday, July 18, 2015. That we were able to accomplish this so quickly after our move is due to the nonstop dedication of our Board of Directors and our corps of volunteers, who devoted so many hours of their summer to get us up and running.

What follows is the culmination of the "Saga of our Move", which has filled many pages of the previous two issues of this newsletter.

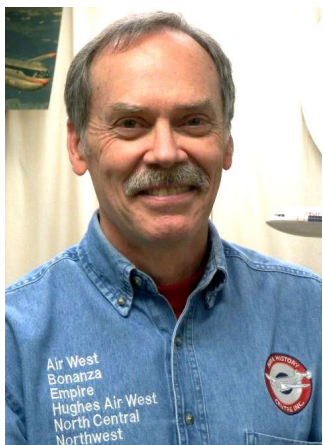
But first, a final farewell to the space that was our "home" for the first 13 years of the NWAHC. Minus people and contents, the rooms appeared stark and lifeless.

Photos: Bruce Kitt.



First official visitor to the new HC: **David Grabitske**, Manager of Outreach Services for the Historic Preservation Department of the Minnesota Historical Society, accompanied by sons **George** and **Daniel**. HC Board members **Fay Kulenkamp** and **Bruce Kitt** did the welcoming honors. Rear: HC volunteer **Elaine Mielke**. Photo: Robert DuBert.





Bruce Kitt Photo: Joe Callaci

From the Executive Director

People and museums. Rivets and airplanes.
Natural pairings.

It is a nice feeling to be open again, greeting visitors as they walk into the NWA History Centre, many familiar, but also a surprising number of new visitors. And it's funny that their first impression is that we're in a larger facility, a perception helped by our removing a wall and creating an inviting L-shaped display area. You can see quite a bit of the museum as you enter and you sense that it extends beyond what you see, inviting you in to explore.

I am pleased that visitors feel that the new museum setting and arrangement seems fresh and new, but we are actually "frozen" in place. A critical component of the inventory grant we received from the Minnesota Cultural and Legacy Fund is to record the location of an item after it's been photographed and catalogued. Until the NWA History Centre's entire collection has been inventoried, we can not move things around, as doing so incurs the professional 'tsk, tsk' of Lindsay Marshall, our archivist-in-residence. In deference to Lindsay's knowledge and frustration with our constant "improvements", we have given her the keys to the display cases as a means of limiting any do-it-ourselves improvements and to ensure that she is aware of any impromptu changes. We are slowly learning what acceptable museum "best practices" really means. Talk about recurrent training!

RIVETS is the name we've given to the membership drive we kicked off in July. Just as an airplane is held together with hundreds of rivets, the funding of the NWA History Centre is made possible by the financial support of our members - *our* rivets. Without you there would be no museum, no place to visit that reminds you just how important Northwest and its 12 legacy airlines were to travel, business, communities worldwide and people. Our Rivets Campaign is focused on the people in our museum database who are not yet members, with an invitation to become a subscriber to REFLECTIONS and help support the museum. I extend a heartfelt personal welcome to the approximately 150 new members who have joined us since July. Thank you for your response and welcome to your first issue of REFLECTIONS!

The 2015 MSP Airliner Show, Sale and Get Together is shaping up as a must-attend event on October 10th. In addition to local vendors from the Twin Cities area, we have table reservations from several vendors around the country. We are extremely pleased to announce that noted aviation artist Chris Bidlack will be attending, and he'll launch 3 new art-print posters with NWA and MSP themes. You can see examples of his work at www.jetageart.com.

Once again I thank our volunteers for all their work and dedication. Thank you to our visitors, and thank you, new members! You make this endeavor fly. CAVU. →

NWA History Centre Visitor Information

Open Tuesday-Friday 11AM-5PM Saturday 9AM-1PM.
Closed Sunday and Monday and major holidays.
Admission FREE (special events may incur a charge).

Advance reservations preferred for visits by groups of 8 or more.
Please call 952-698-4478.

Free parking. Metro Blue Line—American Blvd. Station.



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THE SAGA of our MOVE: Setup and Reopening

SETUP Our volunteers began the painstaking process of unpacking and loading the display cases, taking care that each case tells a story and shows facets of the history and operation of the different airlines in the Northwest Family Tree.



setup:

Left: Dave McCarthy and Vince Rodriguez prepared to set up the Republic 727, the largest model in the HC collection.

Right: Vince installed shelf standards and glass shelves, a task requiring planning and thought, and Vince was obviously the right man for this job!



Left: Sue Rostkoski reattached propellers on a Stratocruiser model, part of the display about service during the 1950s.

Right: Carol Hall set up her case following the photo guide at the top of the case, using her judgment to modify the display for story flow and visual appeal.



Left: For a display of china and glassware, Gail Diercks and Fay Kulenkamp examined a plastic cup, previously unlabelled, which proved to be from the Regal Imperial Service on the Electra.

Right: Fay Kulenkamp worked on the presentation of Steven Rothmeier's Boeing sport coat, as Dave McCarthy supervised.



Scenes from one day in June, one of many days devoted to

Left: The ever-present jack of all trades Steve Marks prepared a bag of trash from the mountain of packing paper and boxes.

Right: Gail Diercks and Carol Hall prepared to discard the bag, after receiving training from Vince Rodriguez in the operation of the hydraulic trash compactor and dumpster.

Photos: Robert DuBert
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Continued from p. 3 **PREVIEW** Saturday, July 11, 2015: a preview opening for our volunteers and Life members.



Left: Just before the doors opened, a glitch! Don't ask.



Right: Kay Ferrell put last-minute touches to the Reservations Dept. Case. She dislikes having her photo taken.



Left: Retired Capt. Richard Duxbury at the flight engineer's panel of the 747-151.



Right: Greg Thompson, Bobbi Weiss and Joan Thompson admired the exhibits while Tanner Thompson (rear) watched a vintage Northwest Orient commercial starring Buster Keaton.



Left: Warren Nentwig and son John with the RC 727 model they rescued from the trash in 1986, after it was deemed redundant by management after the merger.



Right: Volunteers and visitors alike enjoyed the refreshments prepared by Fay Kulenkamp, assisted by Gail Diercks.

Photos: Robert DuBert

FORMAL REOPENING Saturday, July 18, 2015: Ready or not, here they come!



Left: Sue Rostkoski, with visitors Carol Petkoff and Suzanne Coyne as they signed the guestbook and donned HC pins.



Right: Southwest Airlines Capt. Don Falenczykowski, with daughter Susanne and Anne Kerr (left) marked our reopening with a strike of the Northwest Orient gong.

Photos: Robert DuBert.



Left: Herb Kulenkamp, Cass Hoins (with infant daughter Mya), Fay Kulenkamp and John Yuen. Fay is a board member and manager of the Gift Shop.

Right: Anne Kerr (center) explained the location of the organ installed on one of the Stratocruisers to Dave and Wendy McCarthy.



Left: Bill Marchessault and retired flight attendant Carol Petkoff caught up on flight attendant gossip.

Right: Scott and Ann Norris with their daughter Wynne, and Bruce Kitt. The Norris's adopted Wynne from China and flew NWA to and from the adoption center in Guangzhou to bring Wynne to her new home.



Left: Tom and Pamela Knutson.

Right: Vince Rodriguez (left center) and Bill Marchessault (right) with visitors Ron and Carol Meyer.



Left: Savoring the moment, volunteers John Yuen and Elaine Mielke with Executive Director Bruce Kitt and board member Bill Marchessault.

Right: In the Break Room, Gail Diercks and John Yuen, with the celebratory spread of refreshments prepared by Fay Kulenkamp.

**IT'S OFFICIAL.
WE'RE OPEN!**

Photos: Robert DuBert



NWA at CENTENNIAL LAKES PARK

The Dedication of Statues honoring Donald Nyrop and the people of Northwest Airlines

Sunday August 23, 2015

by Anne Kerr Photos by Anne Kerr unless otherwise noted.

It was gratifying to see so many Northwest and legacy airlines alumni and friends at Centennial Lakes Park in Edina, Minn. on Sunday, August 23. The dreary grey overcast day was marked by low scudding clouds pushed by 20-30 mph winds out of the N/NW. The temperature was barely clinging to 60F. Happy to say these stalwart NWA folks knew a good thing when they were anticipating it, and the crowd of around 200 people drove those low dark clouds away! By the time of the dedication ceremony the sun shone, the winds had abated and folks were shedding outer layers of clothing. It turned out to be a magnificent day!

Right: the area of the park where the statues are located.



Far right: part of the crowd. Photo: Barbara LaValleur.



John Horn

Artist **Nicholas Legeros**, creator of the group of bronze statuary honoring **Donald Nyrop**, was present with demonstrations as to how the statues were constructed after he created the art. Attendees were in awe of the art and the beautiful setting at Centennial Lakes Park, a true oasis in the midst of, and hidden from, the bustling urban landscape surrounding it. At the Amphitheater, guests were entertained by the Max Graham Bluegrass Band and addressed by former Northwest president **John Horn**, leader of the Northwest Sculptures project, which recognizes the contributions of Donald W. Nyrop and the women and men of Northwest Airlines to the growth of commercial aviation.



Two of the sculptures are in place. "Dreams of Flight" is represented by a five-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl dreaming about the future in aviation. The two airplanes represented are to scale, and are a Convair 580 and a Boeing 747. A third sculpture, "Glamorous Days of Flight" is a family boarding an aircraft in the 1960s when flying was an adventure. This sculpture will be dedicated in September of this year; follow the NWA History Centre and NWA at Centennial Lakes Park pages on Facebook for updates on its progress. Below: sculptor Nicholas Legeros and his work.



The NWA History Centre staffed a table in the pavilion, with information and gift shop merchandise. Sweatshirts and caps went flying out the door, the chill in the air making them coveted items. We sold about \$1000 worth of merchandise! Representatives from Wings Financial, Edina Community Foundation, the City of Edina and Centennial Lakes Park Staff were also present.



Carol Hall, Elaine Mielke and Annette Herman (center) worked the Registration Desk. Right: Kay Ferrell makes a sale to Joan Thompson and Mary Eitrem.



Joe Wolf (former NWA Pricing Analyst), Bruce Kitt, Sara and Dan Gradwohl. Sara worked in Corporate Communications for Northwest, and husband Dan is an NW/DL pilot, recently upgraded to 757/767 Captain.



Steve and Barb Lapensky. Steve's father M. Joseph Lapensky succeeded Donald Nyrop as president of NWA in 1977.



Vince Rodriguez, Gary Thompson, Joan Thompson, Mary Eitrem and Milt Eitrem. Gary and Milt are retired NW pilots. Vince is a retired NW Buyer and NWAHC board member.

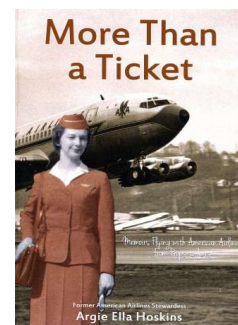
Right: Wings Financial Representative Melinda Mellenbruch.

Far right: the cast of **SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH NWA.**

Photo courtesy Sandy Elliott.



AMAZING GRACE While we all know about the career of Donald Nyrop, let's not forget his wife **Grace**, who had a brief airline career of her own as a stewardess for American Airlines. She's fondly remembered by retired AA stewardess/flight attendant **Pauline "Polly" Harlan Viertel** in the recently published book *More Than a Ticket-Memoirs Flying with American Airlines, from Props to Jets*, by Argie Ella Hoskins. Polly married Air Force pilot **Lee Viertel**, who was subsequently hired by NWA, rising to the rank of Chief Pilot during the 1980s. Grace Nyrop and Polly Viertel enjoyed attending meetings together of the Kiwi Club, the association of retired AA stewardesses and flight attendants.





NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual RARE (Republic Airlines Retired Employees) Picnic. Sept. 12, 2015, 10a-3pm. Apple Valley American Legion Park, 14521 Granada Dr., Apple Valley MN. Lunch (\$15) will be served 11a-1p and includes burgers, brats, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, cookies, beer, soda and water. For information and reservations: **Byron Lind** 651-457-8913. Walk-ins also welcome.

The ANNUAL SUMMER DUCK (North Central and Republic) REUNION. Sept. 17, 2015, Noon-3pm. Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth MI 48170. "Hot Fox Buffet" and Cash Bar, \$25 per person. Reservations: send a check, by Sept. 10, to: **Bruce Heiss**, 9980 McCrone Rd. Milan MI 48160. \$30 per person if paying at the door. Information or late reservations: 734-481-0027.

Save the date: **The Annual RARE Christmas Party**, Dec. 3, 2015, Lost Spur Country Club, 2750 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Eagan MN. 11a-3p. For information and reservations: **Jim Frisbee** 952-423-2991

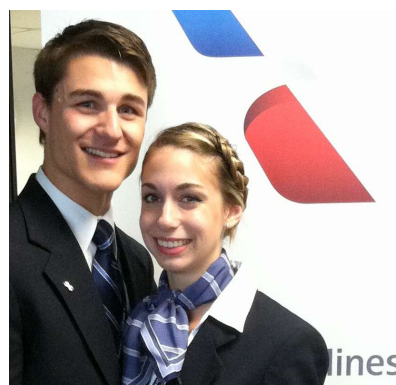
The NWAHC was present, as usual, at the annual **MSP Delta Block Party** this past June 6. This year the party was a ticketed event and the HC booth enjoyed a prominent location near one of the secured entrances. According to Delta, over 9000 employees, retirees and their families attended the event, where 6500 burgers, 3600 BBQ sandwiches, 2000 hot dogs and 50 kegs of beer were served. Making its debut this year was the Delta Celebration Grill, in the shape of a DC-9, where most of the cooking was done.

Right: Board members **Jeff Schwalen**, **Bruce Kitt** and **Bill Marchessault** with some of our visitors. Far right: **Gail Diercks** and **Jeff Schwalen** stocked our table with our "giveaways"--fans, balsa gliders and brochures. Kids love the gliders!
Photos: Robert DuBert.



Earlier this year, HC Executive Director **Bruce Kitt** attended the annual **Archivists Summit** of airline museum directors and airline corporate archivists, held this year at the Museum of Flight in Seattle, with a day of activities at the Alaska Airlines corporate headquarters and training center. Bruce learned about the latest developments in museum management and his attendance helped to increase the national profile of the NWAHC. Thank you, Bruce!

Photo courtesy Bruce Kitt.



UPDATE Remember Northwest Airlines kid and YouTube presenter **Jonah Robles** (REFLECTIONS, Fall 2013)? His goal was an airline career, and his resumé thus far is typical of what it's like to work in today's volatile airline industry: a year as a Customer Service Agent for Great Lakes Airlines, a furlough, time on the ramp at Sun Country and now he's a flight attendant for American Airlines subsidiary Envoy Air, based at ORD and living in Chicago. And he's still shooting video and posting on YouTube! Above: Jonah and his girlfriend Angela Hams--they met in flight attendant training! Photo courtesy Jonah Robles.

NWA HISTORY in THE PRESS: See the August 2015 issue of *CONTRAILS*, published by the Retired Northwest Airlines Pilot Association, for a reprint of an article by **Johannes Allert** about the 1929 crash of an NWA Ford Tri-Motor in St. Paul (a version of this article appeared in REFLECTIONS, Winter 2012, available online). Allert is a fluent and articulate writer, and an NWAHC member! **Justin H. Libby**, Professor Emeritus of History at Indiana-Purdue University, has added another article to his series about past executives of Northwest Airlines with an article about **William Bushnell Stout**, in the Summer 2015 issue of *The Journal of the American Aviation Historical Society*. Stout was an aircraft and automotive designer and engineer, sometime employee of the Ford Motor Co., and the original secretary on the Northwest Airways Board of Directors. He is often given credit for being the designer of the Ford Tri-Motor, which is only partially correct. The article is available online, for a fee, at Aahs-online.org.

REMINDER: all back issues of this newsletter, **History Matters** and REFLECTIONS, can be found in the newsletter section of nwahistory.org.

SOME PEOPLE JUST KNOW HOW TO FLY—ANNE KERR AT AIRLINERS INTERNATIONAL 2015

Our own **Anne Kerr**, author extraordinaire and roving ambassador for the NWAHC, was keynote speaker at the banquet of the Airliners International 2015 Convention, Show and Sale at the Delta Flight Museum, a 4-day event which attracted over 1300 attendees. Anne had a table on the sales floor where she promoted the second edition of her memoirs and distributed NWAHC flyers. The banquet, attended by 130, included an Airline Trivia Quiz, in which Anne placed third for the most correct answers! In addition to air and hotel accommodations, Anne received a custom-built NWA DC-4 from Atlantic models, and was awarded a Gemini Jets Delta 767-400 model for her third place finish in the quiz. Bravo, Anne!

L-R: **Sara Gradwohl**, former Corporate Communications staffer at NWA, an exhibitor at the show. She and husband Dan helped plan AI 2015 and arranged for Anne to be the keynote speaker.

David Stringer, History Editor for *Airways* magazine, and a former SO/RC/NW flight attendant.

Back at the HC, Anne shows off her new 767 and DC-4 models to **Capt. Don Falenczykowski**.



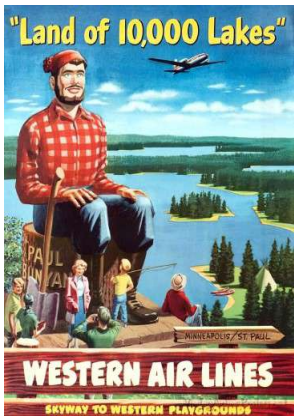
Would you like to try the AI 2015 Trivia Quiz? Warning: it's Atlanta-centric, and *very* difficult. No fair asking Anne for help! Answers on p. 11. A future issue of REFLECTIONS will contain a quiz based on Jack El-Hai's *Northwest Airlines, a Turbulent History*.

AIRLINERS INTERNATIONAL 2015 TRIVIA QUIZ

1. The original name of Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport (ATL) was:
 - a) Candler Field b) Atlanta Municipal c) Hartsfield Airport d) South Atlanta e) College Park Airport
2. The first airline to serve Atlanta was:
 - a) Delta Air Service b) Pitcairn Aviation c) National Airlines d) Florida Airways e) Eastern Air Transport
3. In what year did Eastern Air Lines begin direct service from Atlanta to an overwater international destination?
 - a) 1948 b) 1971 c) 1950 d) 1961 e) 1958
4. According to the Atlanta Airport Administration, ATL has how many Cargo Aircraft parking positions?
 - a) 20 b) 15 c) 28 d) 35 e) 40
5. In what year did American Airways begin scheduled service to Atlanta?
 - a) 1934 b) 1978 c) 1979 d) 1930 e) 1983
6. New England Airlines flew what model of aircraft as a non-scheduled passenger airline?
 - a) Douglas DC-4 b) Curtiss Curvair 55 c) Budd Conestoga d) Douglas DC-2 e) Northrop Pioneer
7. Which airline flew the first scheduled nonstop over-ocean flight from Atlanta?
 - a) Braniff b) Delta c) Eastern d) Sabena e) British Caledonian
8. What year did TWA aircraft begin serving Atlanta? (hint: it was a TWA-Delta interchange)
 - a) 1955 b) 1951 c) 1948 d) 1959 e) 1966
9. In what year did Delta Air Lines begin scheduled service to Atlanta?
 - a) 1939 b) 1924 c) 1929 d) 1926 e) 1930
10. Which airline suffered a fatal crash on takeoff that took the lives of many of Atlanta's business, civic and cultural leaders? (hint: the crash occurred in 1962 and did not take place in Atlanta).
 - a) Swissair b) Sabena c) Air France d) Eastern e) Capital

AND, speaking of Airline Collectible Shows, save the date, **Saturday, Oct. 10**, for our MSP Airline Collectible Show, Sale & Get-Together. See p.12 for details. This year's show will be better than ever—artist Chris Bidlack will premiere three new high-quality art print posters depicting the Northwest Stratocruiser, the North Central CV-580, and MSP International (see p. 13 of the digital edition of this issue to see the beautiful color flyer he has designed to promote our show!) **AND**, the NWAHC will offer recently deaccessioned duplicate items from the archives for sale. Don't miss it! For more info on the artistry of Chris Bidlack: jetageart.com

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Who collects airline memorabilia? People who enjoy the excitement of aviation and travel, the artistry and allure of airline promotional materials and the nostalgic remembrance of personal travel adventures that these collectibles evoke.



If you've never attended an airline collectible show, come visit us on Oct. 10 and prepare to be caught up in the magic! See p. 12 for details, and p. 13 (digital edition).



NW 2501, a DC-4 operating a flight segment from LGA to MSP, crashed into Lake Michigan during a severe thunderstorm on June 24, 1950, killing all onboard. **Valerie O. van Heest**, a professional diver, author, exhibit designer and Director of the Michigan Shipwreck Research Association, has curated and designed an exhibition at the Michigan Maritime Museum devoted to the doomed flight, its crew and passengers, and the ongoing search to find the wreckage. The tragedy is the subject of van Heest's book, *Fatal Crossing*, reviewed by Anne Kerr in the Fall 2013 issue of REFLECTIONS: http://nwahistory.org/newsletter/13_fall_newsletter_a.pdf

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Hours vary by time of year. See website for schedule and details.

Closest airports: AZO and GRR.

Ground transportation: Car rental.



Right: detail from a wall mural showing the doomed flight.



Far right: personal effects of **First Officer Verne Wolfe**.

Especially chilling and moving are the photos, profiles and personal effects of the crew and many of the passengers, which were retrieved during the original search and rescue missions by the U.S. Coast Guard in 1950. Other exhibits are devoted to shipwrecks and shipping on the Great Lakes. *Note: the logistics of getting to the museum are somewhat complicated. Verify that it will be open on the day you plan to visit!* Photos: Robert DuBert.



HELP WANTED

Wanted: a volunteer with a digital camera, basic computer skills and email access, to assist your editor and Anne Kerr with covering NWAHC events. Anne and I can't be everywhere all the time, and we need help. Please contact Robert DuBert, BobNWFA@aol.com or call the NWAHC and leave a message. 952.698.4478

SITTING ON THE SIDELINES?

ARE YOU reading this newsletter and are not yet a member of the NWA History Centre? If so, we need your help! The NWAHC is staffed and operated *entirely* by volunteers. The funds for our operation come entirely from annual memberships, financial donations and third-party grants. We receive NO financial support from Delta Airlines. Northwest Airlines no longer exists--don't let it be forgotten. Consider becoming a member today! Details are on p.2. To apply: <http://nwahistory.org/membership.htm>

NORTHWEST VETERAN FACES FIRESTORM

No doubt you've seen on tv the immense forest fires that have plagued our western states all summer long, with no end in sight. As of August 12, one of the DC-10 tankers battling the blazes is a former Northwest aircraft, DC-10-30 c/n 48290, which NWA acquired second-hand from Thai Airways in 1988, registered as N239NW, assigned ship no. 1239. Northwest sold the aircraft to Omni Air International in 2006. Earlier this year, **10 Tanker Air Carrier**, based in Albuquerque, acquired the plane to replace an older DC-10 which was retired. It was fitted with a tank on the lower fuselage which holds 11,600 gallons of fire retardant, and placed it into service as **Tanker 910**, currently stationed at the Pocatello Air Tanker Base in Idaho. Watch for it in the news reports! For information on the 10 Tanker operation: <http://www.10tanker.com/>



N239NW at AMS. Photo: Orlando Silva.



Tanker 910. Photo: Bob Garrard.



A DC-10 of the 10 Tanker fleet (not 910) drops retardant near a residential neighborhood. Photo courtesy Chay Wilkerson Moore.

REMEMBERING THE CREW OF NW 6231

An important message from Scott Salotto, Director of Strategic Communications, Rockland County, New York:

"On Dec. 1, 1974, NW 6231, a 727-251, crashed after takeoff from JFK, on a ferry flight to Buffalo. All three crew members died. The crash site has never been marked and remains a nondescript clearing in part of the Palisades Interstate Park in Rockland County, New York. The County of Rockland, the Palisades Interstate Park Commission and the Rockland County Historical Society are working with relatives of the crew to honor the captain, first and second officers with a fitting memorial at the crash site. We are hopeful that former colleagues of the flight crew will participate in this endeavor. While still in a conceptual stage, we plan to hold a ceremony at the crash site this fall, including the unveiling of a memorial stone and historical marker. We've already raised \$3,000. Any additional support is greatly appreciated. Financial support can be directed to the 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization listed below. For further information, contact me (Mr. Salotto) directly at: (845) 638-5645."

The Historical Society of the Palisades Interstate Park Region, PO Box 243, Tomkins Cove NY 10986
Fed. Tax ID: 13-4159714



As noted on p.5, **Scott Norris** and his family were some of our first visitors on opening day. Daughter Wynne was adopted from China and now attends Yinghua Academy in Northeast Minneapolis, the country's first public charter school with a Mandarin Chinese immersion program. Recently, the school added some new space, and the school community decided to create a mural. Scott Norris relates: "Northwest Airlines, as the only U.S. flag passenger carrier to serve Guangzhou, served thousands of families on their 757 run to Tokyo-Narita and then onward to the States. For Minnesotans, taking the Red Tail was the obvious choice; hundreds of Yinghua families have had that association with NWA. When the call went out for volunteers (to create the mural), I knew that was going to have to be my contribution. The artwork celebrates both Chinese and Minnesotan culture for students, families, staff, and visitors to enjoy. Hundreds of volunteer hours were donated to create the 40-foot long mural on both sides of the entry hallway."

Left upper: a section of the mural. Note the aircraft flying over the mountains in the center.
Left lower: the NW 757 painted on the mural by Scott Norris.



Answers for the quiz on p. 9

1.a 2.d 3.e 4.c 5.d 6.b 7.a 8.c (TW-DL interchange) 9.e 10.C (at ORY).

DIGITAL EDITION EXCLUSIVE EXTRAS

Vintage newspaper advertising is an evocative window into history. Two of the best sources for these ads are the Vintage Ad Browser—<http://vintageadbrowser.com/>—and the archive of the John Walter Hartman Center for Sales, Marketing and Advertising History at Duke University—<http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/adaccess/>

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