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Kansas City Downtown Airport Tenants Keeping Busy

Kansas City Downtown Airport's aeronautical tenants have a lot of activity going on these days. Some includes "brick and mortar" while some includes a bit of aviation history as well as future.

To accommodate the growing needs of tenants and transients in Kansas City, Atlantic Aviation began construction on Hangar 11, the third hangar built in 5 years on Atlantic's leasehold at Downtown Airport. The Hangar will be large enough to accommodate a large business jet such as a Gulfstream 650 with 19,676 sq. ft. of hangar space and 6,460 sq. ft. of office/shop space, and includes common kitchen, galley and lobby areas. The Hangar was designed by Dye Aviation from Atlanta, Ga and the General Contractor is Titan Built from Olathe, KS. Completion is expected by December 2015.

- Hangar: 19,676 sf
- Office/Shop: 6,460 sf
- Large enough to accommodate a G650
- 10 enclosed garage stalls for customer vehicles.
- Gated entrance and parking spaces.
- Energy consumption (staying green) remains a focus of Atlantic. Translucent panels in the hangar allow natural light to help illuminate the facility. In addition, LED lights with motion detection and ambient light sensors are being used throughout the hangar. We continue to use and set-up the facility for electric vehicles, tugs, GPU's, etc.
- Storefront windows will be installed in the office space to provide an open feel.
- Office space includes 11 offices, 5 shops, a small common lobby, kitchen and galley area.
- This is the third hangar built in five years on this site and completes the master plan that was originally conceived in 2009.
- This hangar is being built to accommodate the growing needs of our existing tenants and transient customers.
- Design and Architects: Dye Aviation out of Atlanta, GA
- General Contractor: Titan Built out of Olathe, KS
- Construction begins in early May
- Completion is December 2015

[TriStar History and Preservation](#)

KANSAS CITY, MO – October 7, 2015 The Wings of Pride is now being used for ground-based educational programs based at Kansas City's Charles B Wheeler downtown airport. The aircraft is being kept in flyable condition and could ultimately be used for flight-based programs toward which some work still remains. With operational jet aircraft, TriStar can also support the charitable mission of other non-profits needing access to air travel as well as offer tours of the aircraft.

On Friday August 7th TriStar Experience ("TriStar") returned to service an MD-83 (N948TW) known as the Wings of Pride (WoP). The Wings of Pride is TriStar's first jet returned to service. The aircraft flew into Kansas City's Charles B. Wheeler downtown airport upon completion of a restoration that included new engines and a paint job. The August 7th welcome home event commemorated the return of the Wings of Pride while TriStar thanked those who made it possible recognizing local dignitaries including former Mayor Charles B Wheeler for which the airport is named.

Kansas City's rich aviation history includes aircraft manufacturing, historic figures like Howard Hughes, and the original headquarters for TWA airlines. The Wings of Pride was originally a gift from TWA employees to the airline they loved in 1994, painted in a one-of-a-kind livery of red with white lettering. With the American Airlines (AA) acquisition of TWA in 2001, the Wings of Pride was blended in with the rest of AA's fleet with the polished fuselage and AA livery. Aviators around the world know the history of this plane as a powerful symbol of the love all enthusiasts have for aviation and the commitment to kindling that passion in the next generation.

Since acquiring WoP in mid 2014, TriStar worked to restore and repaint to her original livery and continue flying and inspiring the next generation of aviation enthusiasts and professionals. The restoration effort of WoP was supported by both public and private organizations as well as a small army of private citizens. A listing of organizations that supported the effort may be found on TriStar's website and includes large firms like: Signature Flight Support, Republic Airways, American Airlines, Boeing, Jet Midwest, AirSure and Dean

TriStar Experience, a KC Non-Profit, Offering Kids STEM Educational Programs using Operational MD83 Jet Aircraft.

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Baldwin Painting. The City of Kansas City's Aviation Department has also been instrumental in advising and enabling TriStar's mission.

Inspiring the Next Generation

TriStar primarily serves students in grades three through eight, underprivileged children and aviation enthusiasts of all ages, succeeding by inspiring children to explore STEM fields of study and to pursue aviation and aerospace related careers. TriStar Experience accomplishes its mission with operational jet aircraft, working with organizations like schools, museums, and youth organizations to engage and positively impact those it serves.

TriStar will be working with schools, museums, after school programs, and a range of youth education groups that already serve children to seek opportunities to expose children to different experiential learning activities. Initial programs are now being offered that can include: principles of flight, aircraft pre-flight

inspection, airport operations, aviation related careers and flight competitions with student built model gliders.

Interested groups should contact TriStar via email or by calling 816-866-5848.

Staying Aloft—Help Keep TriStar’s Jets Operational.

TriStar did the work to acquire, restore and return the aircraft. Community support will enable TriStar and its jets to achieve their greater potential to positively impact the Kansas City and aviation communities. With no recurring source of income TriStar Experience must raise funds to pay for a wide range of expenses and capital items. Community support is necessary to keep the aircraft operating. Donations can be in the form of assets, services or dollars, all of which are eligible as tax deductions. Cash donations are the greatest need.

Donations support:

- o **Maintenance & operations** (e.g. fuel, parts & equipment, repair services, certification & inspection)
- o **Professional services** (e.g. online & social media, financing, legal, bookkeeping & accounting)
- o **Program operations** (e.g. printed material, advertising, refreshments, transportation)

TriStar’s internal team is a 100% volunteer force comprised of professionals with day jobs, retirees and corporate employees donating time to the TriStar mission. TriStar appreciates your help “inspiring greater achievement through higher altitude.”

About TriStar Experience

TriStar History and Preservation d/b/a TriStar Experience is a Kansas City, Missouri based non-profit that uses operational jet aircraft to provide educational experiences for school age children and those who influence them with ground-based and in-flight programs.

Also on airfield are the [National Airline History Museum](#) and [TWA Museum](#) where aviation enthusiasts can see rare and historic aircraft and airline industry memorabilia.

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