

General TWA Membership Meeting  
Oct. 31st, 2017

Captain Dusty West called meeting to Order. A card was passed around to be sent to Rufus Mosley. Captain West welcomed American Grey Eagles and suggested TWA become life members of Grey Eagles. An invitation to US AIR was made to join our organization.

TWA crew memorial, which was dismantled, was sent to K C Museum, 10 Richards Road. It took a year to switch. Retired mechanics put it together. TWA flight memorial has it own room. The 800 memorial in NY had its 20th anniversary. At exactly 8:17p.m., the time of the downing of FLT 800, a fly over took place.

Bob Dedman reported on the funding of the Memorial. Funding was cut by the state. A TWA mechanic who took care of the area, passed away. He was responsible for taking care of the grounds on his own and moving memorial to K C. One full room is dedicated to the crew of 800. After the hurricane that hit Long Island the electrical wires had to be repaired. Families of Fit 800 gave \$500 to replace flags. They need to be replaced 7-8 times/year. The chairman of the corporation stepped down and \$255,000 that was promised by TWA was not delivered.

The memorial was being used as a skate board jump. TWA retirees donated \$500 to the memorial. The memorial is a beautiful sculpture. It has # of birds engraved to represent the souls departed. The sculpture has a crack and the company said they would be repair at their cost but cannot install. To replace it would cost 20,000. A 5013 C tax deduction on donations can be filed.

Thank You to American Airlines for our passes. Thank You to all our dedicated Board Members Bob

Bob Willcutts Webmaster  
Bob Dedman hospitality  
Ed Madigan treasurer  
Susie Madigan table decorations  
Bill Kirschner TWA Topics  
Dale Kavula TWA photographer  
Bob Kavula 2nd VP  
Gene York 1 st VP  
Rufus Mosley Flown West co coordinator  
Charlie Wilder senior director  
Vicki McGowan meeting planner  
JC Farrell V P American retirees  
Ed and Stephanie Cook American hospitality

Gene York reported about looking into Toronto, Niagara Falls, Buffalo NY. for 2019. Decided this would not be a good venue.

JC Farrell stated that liquor costs are much higher in Canada, Niagara Falls would be a 9 hour day which would be too long of a day. We will be looking into Vancouver to San Diego Cruise, Canadian Rockies train tour, and a repositioning cruise 7 nights and 8 days.

Vickie McGowen: 2018 Cruise more convenient

Bill Kirschner TWA Topics Magazine will be sent out the end of November. Sept 30 the check airman convention was held and suggested we should try to get there next year. It was a very worthwhile time.

Hilton MCI had a bus downtown to take them to the Museum and gave a grand tour.

Bill asked for stories to be sent to him to publish in TWA Topics. We all have stories about our careers to tell and put down for history.

Ed Madigan said we projected more people for our convention last year. We had a 20/80 split with American and people should purchase insurance so that if they have to cancel we won't be left with the bill. We have to be more conservative.

Bob Dedman talked of Rufus and how he is recovering from a fall. Bob Dedman has been on the Board 25 years. He thanked Stephanie and Ed Cook for hospitality.

Bill Kirschner read list of the names of flown west and did a moving whistling of TAPS

Dusty West was presented with a plaque for being President of TWA Retired Pilot Assoc. A motion was made to accept the nominees for the new Board of Directors. All in favor said AYE. Motioned was carried. Charlie Wilder made a motion to adjourn and Bob Dedman seconded.

Respectfully submitted Dale Kavula