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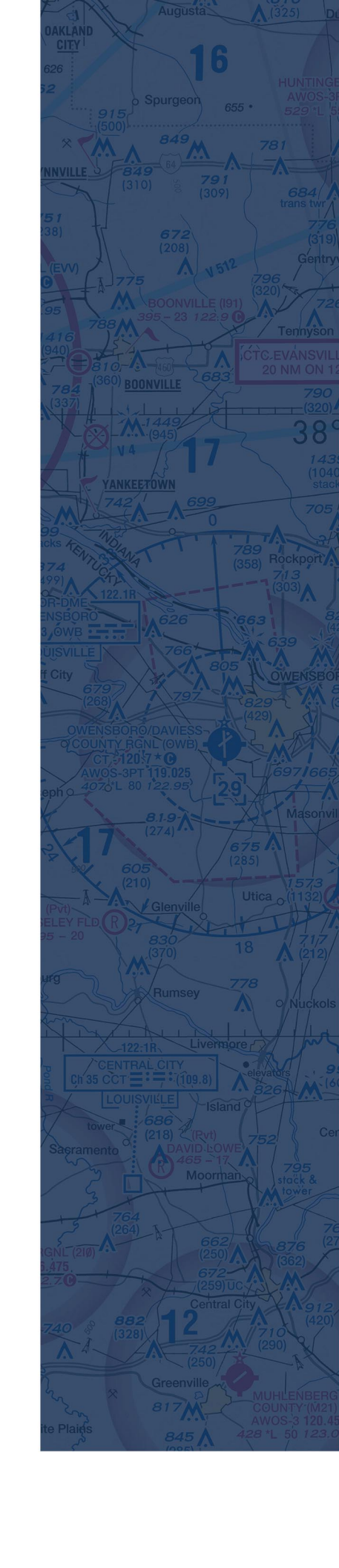
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October 22, 2025

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Kentucky Aviation Association, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 2025 Kentucky Aviation Conference in Owensboro. This event brings together the brightest minds, most innovative leaders, and passionate advocates in aviation across our great Commonwealth.

As we navigate an ever-evolving aviation landscape, this conference provides an invaluable opportunity to share knowledge, explore emerging technologies, and discuss strategies that will shape the future of aviation in Kentucky. From general aviation and airport management to air mobility and policy development, our sessions are designed to inspire collaboration, foster professional growth, and strengthen the bonds within our aviation community.

I encourage you to take full advantage of the networking opportunities, panel discussions, and workshops available throughout the conference. Your participation and insights are vital to advancing the safety, economic growth, and innovation of aviation in our state.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Kentucky aviation. I look forward to connecting with each of you throughout this exciting event. Together, we will ensure that Kentucky remains a leader in aviation excellence.

Safe travels, and welcome to Owensboro!

Warmest regards,



Jonathan Dixon

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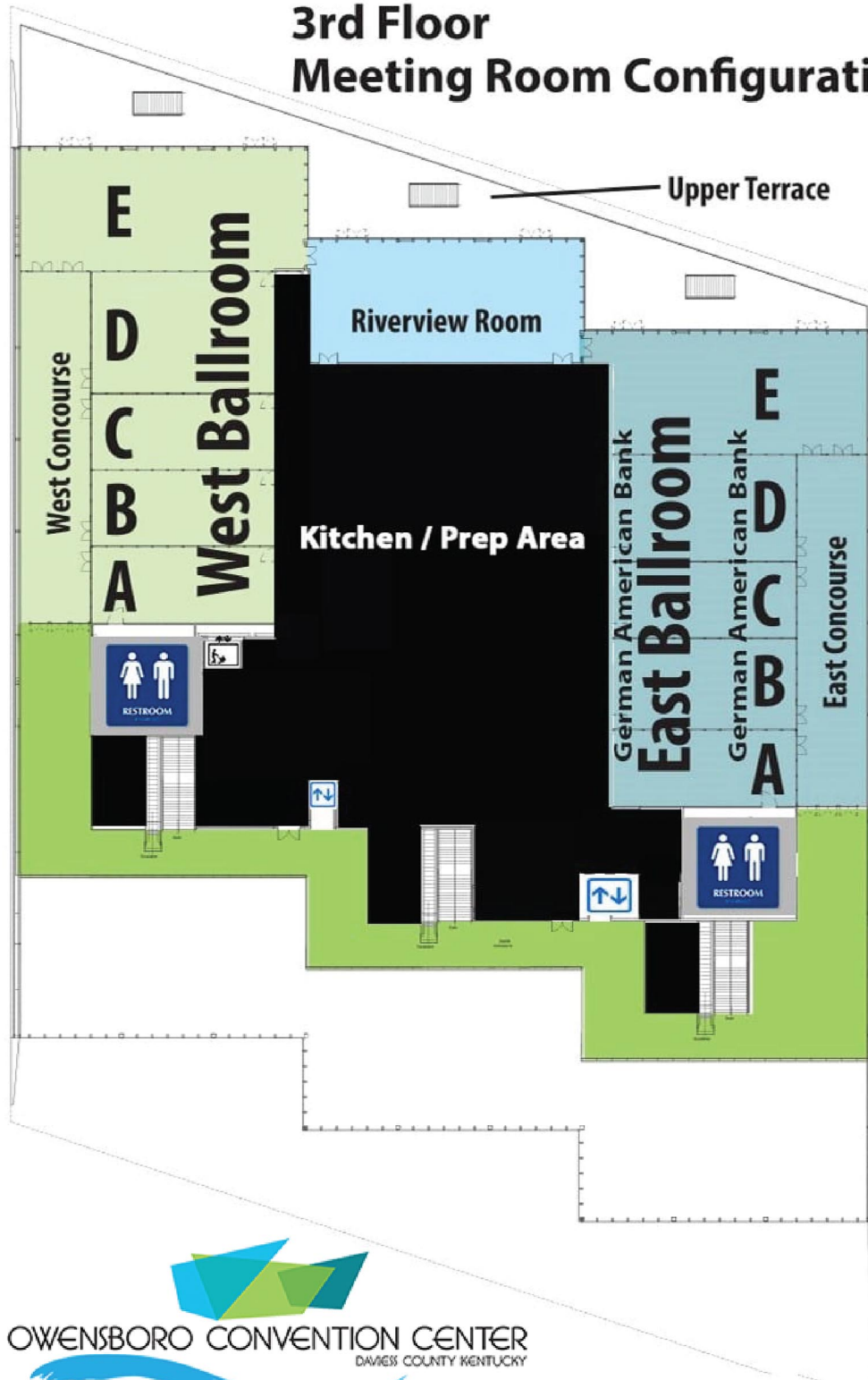
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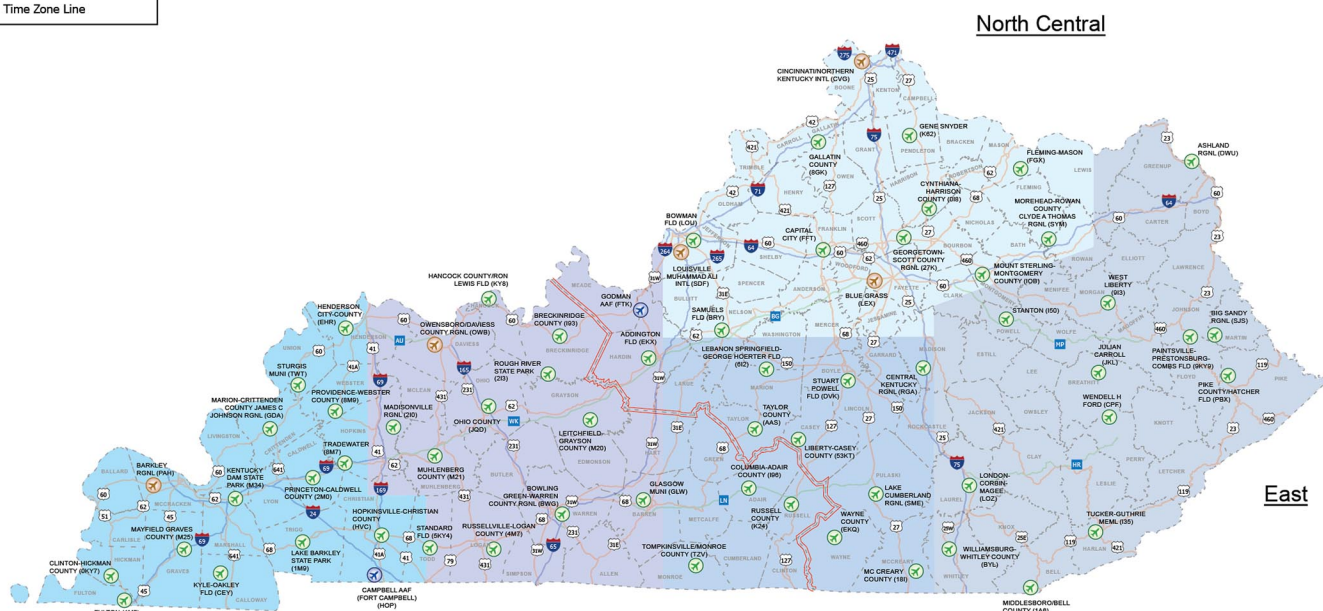


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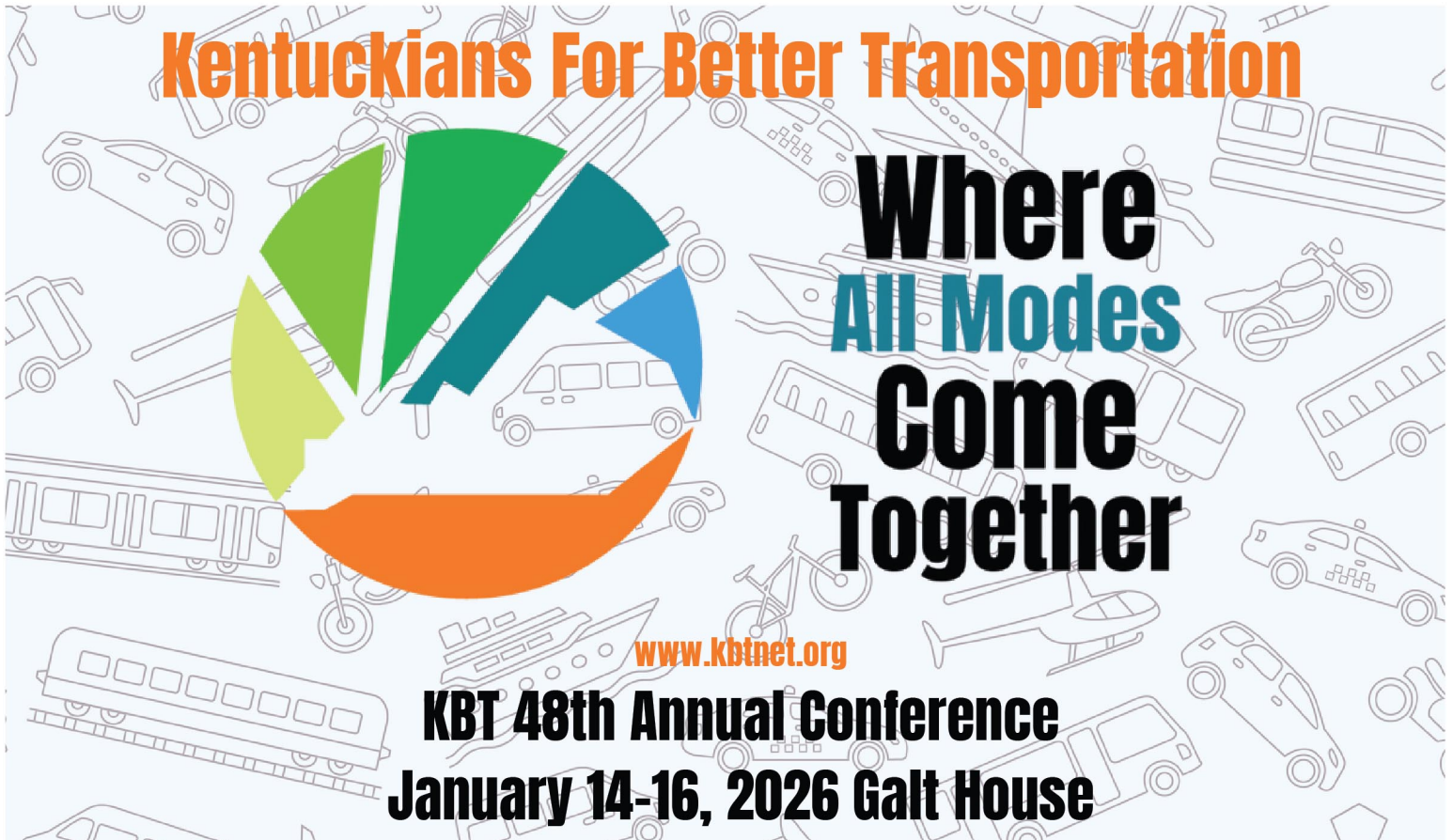


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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 22, 2025

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	KAA Board of Directors Meeting	Room 230
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Registration Opens/Exhibitor Setup	East Concourse
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Tours of Local Attractions	-
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Opening Reception <i>Sponsored by Kentuckians for Better Transportation</i>	GAB Ballroom E
6:30 PM	End of Day 1 - Please Enjoy Dinner On Your Own!	-

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 23, 2025

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Registration Open	East Concourse
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet	GAB Ballroom
8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	Welcome, Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance <i>GMC Presenting Sponsor</i>	GAB Ballroom
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	KAA Business Meeting & Strategic Plan <i>Tristan Durbin, KAA Board President</i> <i>Jonathan Dixon, KAA Executive Director</i>	GAB Ballroom
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Kentucky Department of Aviation Update <i>State of the Airports - Commissioner Mark Carter</i> <i>System Plan & Economic Impact Study - Dept. Commissioner Brad Schwandt</i> <i>KY-PNR & Five Year Plan Overview - Wayne Simpson & Cade Moore</i> <i>Airport Inspections Process Changes - Terry Hancock</i> <i>Clear Approaches Initiative - Zach Heath & Brad Schwandt</i> <i>State Grant Agreements for KY Public Use Airports - Brad Schwandt</i>	GAB Ballroom
10:45 AM - 11:15 AM	Break with Exhibitors	East Concourse
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	The How-Tos of NOTAMs & FICONs <i>Susan Harmon, Airport Manager, Bowling Green-Warren Co. Regional</i> <i>Christian Nelson, Director of Operations, Blue Grass Airport</i>	GAB Ballroom
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	President's Luncheon <i>Keynote Speaker: Nathan Hammond - Ghostwriter Airshows</i>	GAB Ballroom

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THURSDAY

1:45 PM - 2:30 PM

OCTOBER 23, 2025 (Continued)

Aerospace Education in Kentucky

GAB Ballroom

Tina Nance, Aviation Museum of Kentucky Executive Director

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Break with Exhibitors

East Concourse

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Disaster Preparedness & Response:
Lessons for Kentucky Airports

GAB Ballroom

Moderator: Jennifer Kirchner, KBT Executive Director

Panelists: Brittney Stinnet, Hub Insurance; Jeremy Smith, Daviess Co. Director of Public Safety; Todd McBee, Mayfield-Graves Co. Airport; Christian Baker, Danville-Boyle Co. Airport

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

District Breakout Session

GAB Ballroom

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Thursday Night Celebration

Join us for an evening of Bluegrass, Bourbon, & BBQ on the Pier!

FRIDAY

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

OCTOBER 24, 2025

Breakfast Buffet

GAB Ballroom

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM

Airport Roundtable Discussion

GAB Ballroom

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

From the Boardroom to the Flightline:
Training Solutions for GA Airport Leaders

GAB Ballroom

Tanner Way, Training & Certification Programs Manager;

Emily Herron, Airport Manager, Henderson City-County Airport

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Break with Exhibitors

East Concourse

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Drawings, Door Prizes, & Recognition

GAB Ballroom

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Legislative Preview & Member Discussion

GAB Ballroom

Jonathan Dixon, KAA Executive Director; Senator Robert Stivers, Senate President; Senator Brandon Storm, Chair of Senate Judiciary, Co-Chair of the Aviation & Air Mobility Task Force; Representative Ken Fleming, House Chair of the Aviation Caucus; Representative Suzanne Miles, House Caucus Chair



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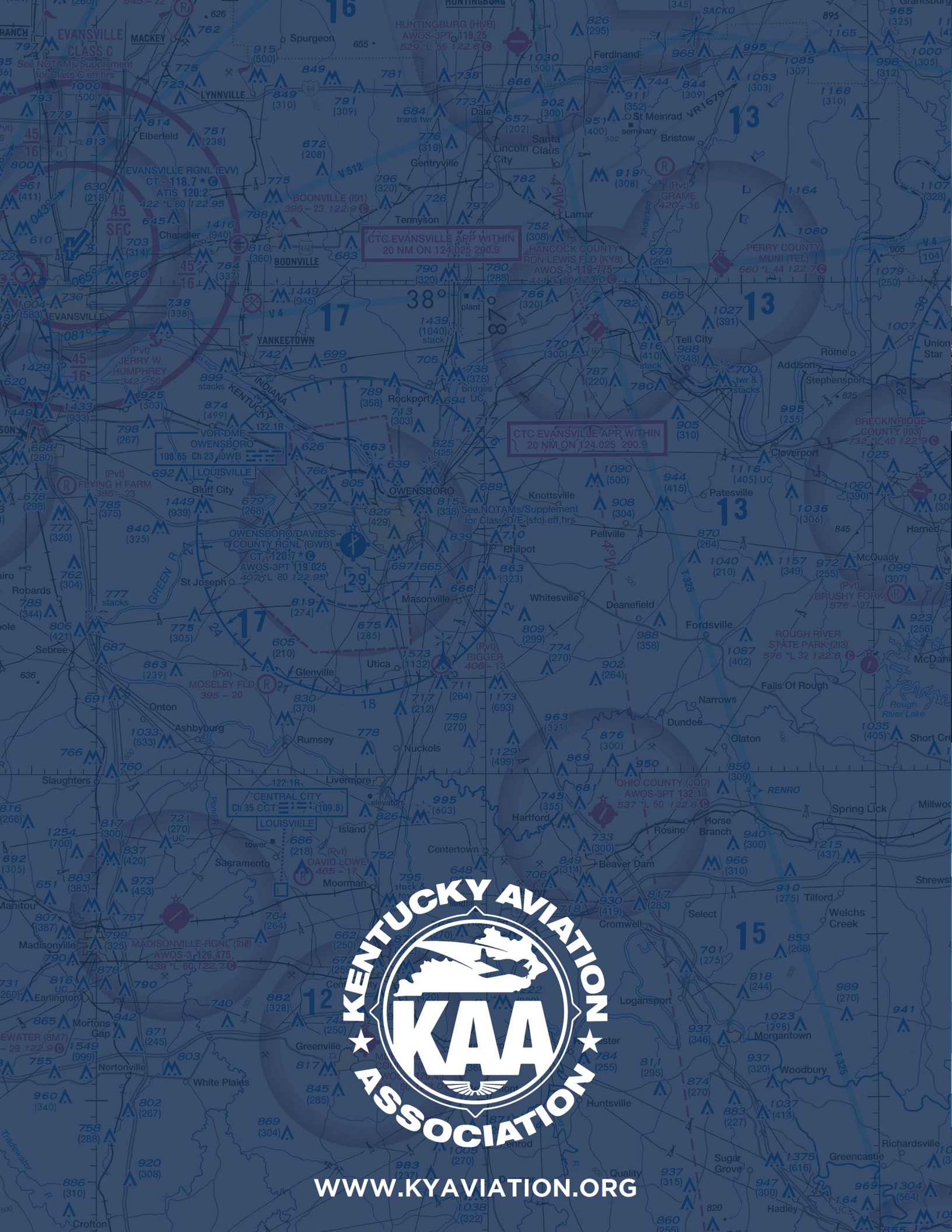
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ON THE PIER @ 6:00 PM

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