



Sandwiches

Substitute sweet potato sticky fries 50¢ or onion rings for \$2.00

Piper Club – Get checked out in this Piper! Bacon, lettuce, tomato, thinly sliced smoked turkey and American cheese & mayo. Served with your choice of fries or coleslaw. \$8.99



Rueben von Crashed – Thankfully, Rueben did survive to create this delight! Tender corned beef or turkey, sauerkraut, swiss cheese and thousand island dressing served on fresh marble rye. Served with your choice of fries or coleslaw. \$8.79

Guacamole Burger – Guacamole, swiss cheese and bacon topped on a juicy burger with lettuce, tomato, pickles and tomato-basil mayo. The official burger of the Mexican Air Force. \$9.29

Swiss & Mushroom Burger – Lots and lots of sauteed mushrooms with melted swiss cheese flying high over a juicy burger. So good, you'll want to enter this one in your log book! \$9.29

Philly Flyer – Zoomin'! Tender beef or chicken, sauteed onions, mushrooms and bell peppers topped with melted swiss. Served on a toasted kaiser roll with your choice of fries or coleslaw. \$8.99

All American Cheese Burger – Your choice of swiss, mozzarella, pepper jack, cheddar, blue cheese or American cheese. Better file a flight plan for this burger! \$9.29

Teriyaki Chicken Burger – Tower to taste buds! Grilled, juicy marinated chicken breast, topped with swiss cheese and a grilled pineapple ring. \$9.29

Honey Mustard Chicken Burger – Turn on the autopilot! Marinated chicken breast, grilled and topped with our honey mustard dressing, sauteed mushrooms and swiss cheese. \$9.29

Soups & Salads

Chili – Topped with cheese and green onion
Cup \$3.49
Bowl \$4.99

French Onion Soup
Cup \$3.79
Bowl \$5.59



Soup du Jour
Cup \$3.49
Bowl \$4.99

Caesar or House Salad
..... \$3.79

Sodas & Teas

In Flight Beverages – Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, iced tea, raspberry tea, Minute Maid lemonade, Barq's Root Beer, Mr. Pibb \$2.25

Dasani – Bottled water \$2.00



Jet Fuels, Etc.

Gold Margarita – Gold tequila, Triple Sec and sweet & sour. Blended and served on a salt rimmed glass. \$7.99

The Blue Max – Tequila, Blue Curacao and sweet & sour. Blended and served on a salt-rimmed glass. \$7.99

Fruity Margaritas – Strawberry margaritas! Frozen and served on a sugar-rimmed glass. \$7.99



Col. Bulldog – Kablua, vodka, cream and Coke \$7.99

Canadian Bomber – Southern Comfort, Yukon Jack, apricot brandy, pineapple and orange juices. \$7.99

Chocolate Touchdown – Peppermint Schnapps, hot chocolate topped with whipped cream. \$6.99

Arctic B-52 – Grand Mariner, Kablua and Caroline's Irish Cream blended with cool ice cream. \$8.50

The Other Draft – Budweiser, Coors, Coors Light, Laughing Lab, Fat Tire, and Beehive.

The Law – 8 hours from bottle to throttle Please, DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE.

That's no Bravo Sierra!



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The First 100 years...

- December 17, 1903: The Wright brothers conquer air when Orville pilots the Flyer 120 feet in 12 seconds (6.8 miles per hour)
- May 21, 1927: Charles A. Lindbergh flies non-stop from New York to Paris, 3,614 miles, in 33.5 hours (107.8 mph)
- January 4, 1945: Boeing C-97 sets speed record, Seattle to Washington, D.C. 2,323 miles, 6.83 hours (383 mph)
- March 6, 1993: Lockheed SR-71 sets speed record of 2189.94 mph (36.5 miles per minute)
- May 10, 2002: Solo's Restaurant launches first flight.
- December 17, 2003: 100th Anniversary of flight.
- December 4, 2008: The Airplane Restaurant takes off.



KC-97 is rich in history, and luck. Returning from one of the many refueling missions to Europe, our KC-97's crew thought they were going to have to ditch in the Atlantic. They couldn't remember where they put the Azores (islands located 970 miles west of Portugal)! Luckily for the crew and the plane, the Azores were rediscovered and the plane didn't end up on the bottom of the ocean.



The Airplane Restaurant's KC-97!

Boeing KC-97's History

The Boeing KC-97 is one of the largest piston aircraft ever built by Boeing. Only one American-built piston aircraft, the Douglas Globemaster, is larger than the KC-97 (although the Globemaster's payload is less and its speed is slower than KC-97's). Powered by four 4360 Pratt & Whitney engines, the KC-97 was very powerful. Each 6,000 lb. radial engine has four banks of seven pistons, 28 pistons per engine generating 3,500 hp.

The first generation of KC-97s, then designated XC-97, first flew lower part of the fuselage, including the wing and tail, are common with B-29. On January 4, 1945, a C-97 set a new speed record from Seattle, Washington to Washington D.C., 2,323 miles in 6 hours, 3 minutes and 50 seconds.

The variations of the KC-97 range from flight-refueling tankers, troop transport (seating for 80), cargo transport and the commercial, trans oceanic model 377 Stratocruiser (seating for 117). Solo's KC-97 at one time was converted to the "L" Model. "L" designates two 5,200 lb. thrust General Electric J-47 turbojets, mounted outside of the outboard engines. These "jet assists" increased the KC-97's speed to a compatible rate with the jets it was refueling.

Before these jets were added, it was common for KC-97s to increase speed by entering a shallow dive so the faster planes, that were refueling, would not fly so slowly they would stall. Although The Airplane Restaurant's KC-97's jets were removed years ago, if you look, you will see an outline of where they were mounted.

The Wright Brothers

"Before the Wright brothers, no one in aviation did anything fundamentally right. Since the Wright Brothers, no one has done anything fundamentally different."

-Darrel Collins, US Park Service, Kitty Hawk National Historical Park



Wilbur Wright, 1867-1912. (Wright State University)



Orville Wright, 1871-1948. (Wright State University)

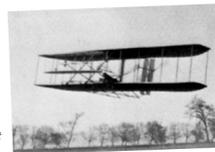
Wilbur Wright was born Apr. 16, 1867, on a farm 8 miles from New Castle, Indiana, and Orville Wright was born Aug. 19, 1871, in Dayton, Ohio. Mechanics fascinated the brothers even in childhood. To earn pocket money, they sold homemade mechanical toys. Orville launched a weekly newspaper called "The West Side News," with Wilbur as editor. Wilbur was 25, Orville 21, when they began selling bicycles. Then they began to manufacture bicycles, assembling them in a room above their shop. After reading about the death of pioneer glider, Otto Lill, the brothers became interested in flying.

Almost a century before Orville and Wilbur Wright took their place in history, the first fixed-wing aircraft, a kite mounted on a stick, had been conceived and flown. What the Wright brothers had accomplished was to design and build an aircraft that could be controlled while in the air. Every successful aircraft built since, beginning with the 1902 Wright Glider, had controls that roll the wings right or left, pitch the nose up or down, and yaw the nose from side to side. It is interesting that a sophisticated aircraft, recently tested, uses "warping" the wings to maneuver the plane. This is the same technique that the Wrights used in their epic flight.

The Wrights selected a narrow strip of land called "Kill Devil Hill," near the settlement of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. In 1900 they tested their first glider. It could carry one person. The glider measured 16 ft. from wing tip to wing tip. They returned to Kitty Hawk in 1901 with larger glider. But neither gliders, previously tested, had the lifting power they had counted on. They set up a 6-foot wind tunnel in their shop and began experiments with model wings. From the results of their tests, the brothers made their first reliable tables of air pressure on curved surfaces making it possible for them to design a machine that could actually fly, traveling distances of 600 feet.

Their gliders had proven their airplanes' design to be sound and the brothers had become skilled pilots. In 1904, in a field near Dayton, they made 105 flights, but totaled only 45 minutes in the air. On Oct. 5, 1905, their machine flew 24.2 miles in 38 minutes, 3 seconds.

In 1908, they closed a contract with the U.S. Dept. of War for the first military airplane. They resumed experimental flights near Kitty Hawk. In Aug. 1909, the Wrights closed a contract for the formation of the "German-Wright Company." Later that year, they formed the "Wright Company" in New York City, to manufacture airplanes. Wilbur died of typhoid fever on May 3, 1912. In 1913, Orville won the "Collier Trophy." He sold his interest in the Wright Company and retired in 1915. Even after his retirement, Orville contributed to the advancement in aeronautics.



Visit The Airplane Store, Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Flight



DINNER MENU

Starters

Runway Crunchy Chicken Strips – Hand-breaded chicken tenders, seasoned, like a fighter pilot, with spices and deep fried to a golden brown. Served with fries and honey mustard for dipping \$8.99



Say "Cheese!" Sticks – Homemade, breaded mozzarella sticks! Served with our marinara for dipping \$5.99

Stuffed Shrooms – Mushrooms stuffed with our crab and shrimp stuffing and finished with hollandaise. A favorite of Alaskan float plane pilots who know their seafood... \$8.99

Air Tower Nachos – Homemade fried tortilla chips, loaded with pepper jack cheese, topped with chicken, diced tomato, onion, jalapeños, bean chili and sour cream. These are so big we call Peterson's Air Traffic control for clearance before we make 'em!
Chicken \$8.79
Steak \$9.79
Add guacamole \$1.00

Wings, Wings – Hot and finger licking good! A pound of our Buffalo style wings tossed, like a small trainer in a thunderstorm, in our honey-jalepeno sauce. Served with carrots, celery sticks and ranch for dipping, your choice of house wings or Stevie's hot wings..... \$8.29

Potato Skins – Deep fried and baked with cheddar cheese bacon bits and green onions with sour cream as the copilot \$6.99

Creamy Three-Cheese Artichoke Dip – Artichokes, spinach and parmesan blended together in a creamy delight. Served with chips, celery and carrot sticks – pilots should always eat their veggies!.. \$8.59

World Famous Quesadilla – Chipotle flour tortilla, stuffed with chicken or smoked duck, tomato, chiles and pepper jack cheese. Served with guacamole and sour cream
Chicken \$8.99
Smoked Duck \$11.99

Barrel Rolls – A barrel roll occurs when an airplane makes rotation on its longitudinal axis while following a helical path.... or you can just order one of these treats! Tender chicken, tomato, cilantro, pepper jack cheese and rice with a hint of jalapeno all wrapped inside a crispy torilla. Served with our avocado-ranch dipping sauce..... \$8.59

Appetizer Squadron – A combination of wings, potato skins, cheese sticks, onion rings and crunchy chicken strips \$16.99

Salads

Cobb Salad – High as a mountain wave of mixed greens, diced, juicy chicken breast, fresh chopped bacon, black olives, fresh broccoli, avocado, roma tomato, mushrooms, hard-boiled egg, crumbled cheese. Served with your choice of dressing \$9.99

Craisin Walnut Salad – Tender chicken breast, fresh greens, balsamic vinaigrette and a squadron of craisins, caramelized walnuts, and feta cheese..... \$9.99

Asian Salad – Your choice of Abi Tuna (seared rare or to your preference), or seasoned chicken over chilled Japanese noodles, cabbage, mixed greens with toasted sesame dressing. Garnished with cashews.
Chicken \$9.99
Abi \$11.99



Blackened Salmon Caesar – Fresh North Atlantic salmon, possibly caught by a sea plane pilot, blackened and served over tossed romaine, caesar dressing and parmesan \$10.99

Flying Fortress Fajita Salad – Tender beef or chicken served with olives, diced tomato, onion, jalapeños, cheddar and jack cheese. Served with southwestern dressing.. \$9.99

Chicken Caesar – Grilled chicken breast, possibly caught by a pilot who wanted chicken, served over tossed romaine, caesar dressing and parmesan \$9.99

Chicken Fried Chicken Salad – Hand-breaded chicken tenders over crisp salad greens, cucumber, red onion, and tomato. Served with ranch dressing..... \$9.99

Pastas

Served with soup or garden fresh salad

Flying Chicken Florentine – Tender chicken, spinach, artichokes, all in perfect formation, flying in our creamy Alfredo..... \$15.99



Shrimp Alfredo – Tasty shrimp gently tossed, like a thermal on a warm summer day, in our creamy alfredo with lemon pepper fettuccine..... \$15.99

Baked Spaghetti – Loaded with sausage, peppers, onions, mozzarella and ricotta cheeses, fresh basil and our famous marinara. Rumor has it that this recipe came from the first female Italian pilot. Her name ... Momma Mia!..... \$15.99

Chicken Alfredo – Grilled chicken breast tossed in our creamy alfredo with fettuccine. Alfredo would be proud! \$15.99

Chicken Penne – Dive into a grilled chicken breast with sauteed peppers, onions, mushrooms, zucchini and squash in a light rosemary-sherry cream sauce \$15.99



DINNER MENU

Steaks & Ribs

Served with fresh sauteed vegetables, soup or salad, and your choice of rice pilaf, coleslaw, fries, smashed potato or baked potato
Load your potato with cheese, bacon and green onion for \$1.50
Substitute sweet potato sticky fries 50¢ or onion rings \$2.00

Top Sirloin – Beef up your taste buds! Seasoned and flame broiled to your liking \$15.99



NY Strip – Flame broiled and lightly seasoned...a flavorful stopover!
12 oz..... \$16.99
16 oz..... \$19.99

Steak Neptune – Same as the Top Sirloin except we top the steak with crab and shrimp stuffing and finished with hollandaise. You'll think you're in first class!..... \$18.99

Buffalo Steak – Less fat, calories, and cholesterol than turkey or chicken. Now you can have dessert!..... \$19.99

Baby Back Ribs – A full rack, slow roasted and basted with our homemade sweet & tangy BBQ. So good it makes you feel guilty for buzzing the livestock!
Half Rack \$15.99
Full Rack \$19.99

T-Bone – Pure pilot fuel, flame broiled and lightly seasoned \$18.99

Upgrade Your Ticket!
Sautéed mushrooms..... \$1.77
Sautéed onions \$1.55

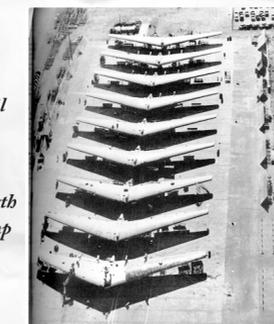
Seafood & Chicken

Served with soup or salad

Grilled Honey BBQ Salmon – For the cowboy aviator who wishes he was fishing. Grilled, fresh North Atlantic salmon, BBQ honey glazed, topped with corn relish and served on a bed of rice..... \$15.99



Deep Fried Shrimp – Board for the coast! Golden brown and served with cocktail sauce \$13.99



Salmon Neptune – Grilled fresh North Atlantic Salmon, stuffed with crab and shrimp stuffing and finished with hollandaise \$16.99

Chipotle Chicken or Abi
Your choice of Abi tuna (blackened rare or to your preference), or blackened chicken finished with our chipotle citrus butter and served over Cajun rice. Served with fresh sauteed vegetables
Chicken \$14.99
Abi \$15.99

Chicken Marsala – Your mission: refuel on our pan-seared chicken breast, simmered in marsala wine sauce. Served with garlic smashed potatoes and fresh, sauteed vegetables..... \$15.99

Q. Can you name the Aviator? The Aircraft?



A. General Curtis LeMay B. Orville Wright C. General Billy Mitchell D. Desmond Zepplin E. the Bell-X-1 and F. Wilbur Wright