



Finding Lost Airports at Sweater Day

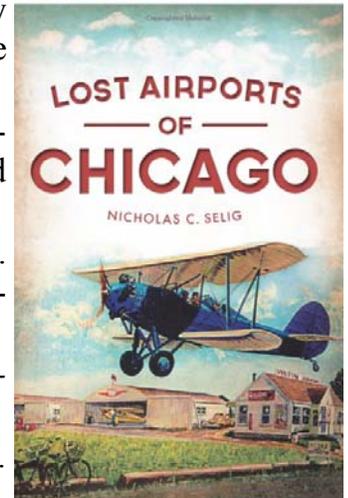
Happy New Year! Welcome to 2016! This month has evolved appropriately into Norwegian Sweater Day. Dress down this day and wear your favorite sweater in place of the sport jacket, Nordic or not.

Our featured speaker this month is pilot Nick Selig. Mr. Selig has been researching Chicagoland's ghost airports, which are the grass airfields carved out of farmland that helped sow the seeds of victory in World War II.

Almost all of the approximately 45 Chicago area airports are long gone. Some are abandoned while others are buried under the highways and shopping centers in Chicago and in the suburbs.

The results of his research are published in his book, *Lost Airports of Chicago*, which is available from Arcadia Press, Amazon or other sources.

Join us for this midwinter and post-Christmas break for an interesting session. Our scheduled torskemaster is Garry Grube.



Christmas Cheer Redux



Gayle, David Langseth, Clarence Peterson, and Sandy lead the singing in December.

Tusen Takk once again to Pastor David Langseth and to Ken Spengler for their lead in the Christmas Celebration held in December. Special Thanks to our program leaders, David and Ken, and Clarence Peterson, Gayle and Sandy for augmenting the program, to Roger Elmer for manning the boss' chair and to Milt Gustafson for his handling of torskemaster duties, as well as to all members that attended. Thanks to all for the wonderful celebration.

Torske Klub Luncheon - January 9, 2016

The luncheon will be held at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847-824-1556 for directions that day). Cocktail hour begins at noon; dinner starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. when, according to our tradition, our BOSS rings the bell to seat us for dinner. Make your regular dinner reservation by the evening of January 4, 2016. ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER. Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline. \$5 surcharge for late reservations

Call **312-233-2887** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. If there is voicemail difficulties, call Garry at 312-497-6407. As usual, please leave your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, NAME, and the TOTAL number of people in your party. The same information is required when you reserve for other members. We have reservations from the following members : **3, 38, 40, 42A, 47, 51, 55, 84, 97, 98, 115, 120, 149**. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or prearrange to cancel. If you are not a member and wish to attend, call the same number and leave your name according to the principle "Once a guest, twice a friend, three times a member!" If you prefer email reservations, please send to reservations@torskeklub.com (not .org) with your total number of reservations, including yourself and guests. We will respond with a confirmation email. ****TIP** – Don't know or remember your membership number? Check the mailing label. It is the number by your name. **FREE Raffle Ticket** to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2015/2016 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.



Reservations
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January 4

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

Annual Norge Ski Jump

For 111 years, the Norge Ski Club has hosted the annual ski jump. This year, it is on January 30-31, 2016 in Fox River Grove. Gates open 11am. The Torske Klub has been invited to the VIP area, however the \$5 button offer is limited to first 100 received. Reserve early. See the web site <http://www.norgeskiclub.com/> for other details. Many of our members will and have attended this event as visitors, opening ceremony singers and a select few as jumpers. If you've never gone to this event, it is a winter celebration that has grown to rival a pre-football tailgating party followed by a few hours of this exciting sporting event and of course the food and drink that warms the body and soul. It is a national and international event, with many already identified as contending for the Olympics. We'll see you there.



Norwegian Sweaters

We have committed to wearing sweaters for this January luncheon in the last decade, and the style most of us favor is the traditional Norwegian sweater with traditional design.

It may surprise you to learn that these sweaters are not some ancient Viking tradition handed down through the generations. In fact, most Norwegian origins of knitting gloves and hats are derived from mainland Europe in the 1600s, and knitting sweaters not popular until the 1800s. The Dale of Norway sweater company was not founded until 1872 when Peder Jebsen selected the small town of Dale outside of Bergen to set up textile manufacturing. This coincided with the two colored sweater designs of Setesdal and Fana, so sweaters became more widespread across the nation.

The sweaters were popularized abroad as travelers to Norway brought souvenirs in the early 20th century.

Ugly Christmas sweaters came later.

Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of the January: Ralph Gilbertsen, John Rose, Gregg LeDuc, Ron Hoppe Sr., Rich Wielock, Tom Maxson, Jon Knudsen, Norman Roland, Howard Skoien, Gary Skoien, Rick Nelson (110A), and our board member Larry Ekstrom.

If we have missed your birthday this year, let us know. A few have not provided a birth month to us.

Board Members: *A board meeting has been convened for Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 10am at the Elks Club. Reply to Lowell of your attendance.*

Lastly, a final note about dues. We have collected the yearly stipend from most of our members; a few remain. For those who we missed, a final letter is enclosed. For those who signed up for 2016, a membership card is enclosed.

Mark your calendar for this Torske Klub 2016 season:

Jan. 9, 2016– Sweater day

Jan. 16, 2016–Board meeting at 10am– Elks Club

Feb. 13, 2015– Ladies Day

Mar. 12, 2015 Father, Son, Daughter day

April 9, 2016– Luncheon

May 14, 2015– Anniversary Luncheon

Check for updates on our website <http://www.torskeklub.org>

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