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# PROGRESS THROUGH PRESERVATION OF GREATER AKRON

## PTP Meeting for Members and Guests Saturday, December 2, 2017 Tour of Thomarios Corporate Headquarters



**F-5D Skylancer**

December's PTP meeting will provide members and their guests with the rare opportunity to learn about a local company that has been involved in many notable historic restorations. Thomarios is a diverse business corporation that goes well beyond the scope of the typical construction company to specialize in historic spacecraft, aircraft, and building preservation and restoration. Founded in 1948 by Nick Thomarios as a house-painting business, the corporation is now headed by son, Paul Thomarios, who over the years has greatly expanded the mission of the company. A leader in sustainable or "green" construction, in 2007 it completed the Summit Metro Parks' Ranger Station which, according to the Thomarios website, is "the 'greenest' building in Ohio."

A limited list of Thomarios' restorations include the Mercury capsule at the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum in New York City; the Saturn V rocket at Cape Kennedy; the exterior of the Terminal Tower in downtown Cleveland; and the interiors of the Goodyear Airdock and the Civic Theatre in Akron.

One of the highlights of our visit will be the opportunity to see Neil Armstrong's F-5D Skylancer that is now being restored by Thomarios for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landing. Armstrong was the test pilot for the Skylancer which was a precursor of the space shuttle. Its permanent home is the Armstrong Air and Space Museum in Wapakoneta, Ohio, but in September it was moved by truck to Copley, creating quite a stir along the route.

**Breakfast and Tour:** Our host and speaker, Paul Thomarios, has generously invited us to breakfast at the Doubletree Hotel, 3150 West Market St. in Fairlawn, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2. At that time he will present information about his company and some of the restorations it has completed. After breakfast we will travel to the Thomarios corporate offices at 1122 Jacoby Rd. in Copley where we will view an exhibit of restoration projects. Finally, we will get to see the Skylancer and learn about its restoration. Dress warmly because it can be cold in the building that houses the Skylancer.

**Reservations:** This free event is limited to PTP members and guests. Please RSVP to Alice Christie at 330-864-8364 or [achristie@malone.edu](mailto:achristie@malone.edu) by Monday, Nov. 27 to assure your breakfast reservation. **No late reservations will be accepted.**