

Kristi,

This is our formal response to your May 26 email regarding our classification.

During the Museum's 27 years of operation, particularly in the last five years, our collection has grown significantly. Additions include numerous aircraft and vehicles, displays honoring local participants in World War I, World War II, and Korea, a World War II "Battle of the Atlantic" exhibit, and completion of a World War I JN-4 Jenny aircraft. These additions have greatly reduced available floor space.

Since the Museum's founding, we have rented space to community groups and hosted events, which is important because we are self-funded. Due to limited floor space, we decided to expand into the hangar where the Jenny was built.

The Restoration Hangar is not a venue, it is more accurately described as an annex to the main Museum, providing additional exhibit and rental space. Food and drink consumption will be event driven and will only occur on an occasionally basis. One recent donation, Poplar Grove's first fire truck, will anchor a display of antique firefighting equipment in the new annex. We also plan to display a Pietenpol Air Camper, a 1920s homebuilt aircraft, either suspended from the ceiling or mounted on a wall, depending on the architect's recommendation. We are still evaluating which artifacts will be moved into the annex.

Our overall plan includes two exhibit areas and two rental areas. The main museum building will remain the primary exhibit space with a premium rental area for smaller groups. The annex will also serve as an exhibit space and a rental area, accommodating up to the fire department occupancy limit using moveable tables, food and drink consumption will be on an occasionally basis. Both buildings are primarily museums and should therefore be classified as Assembly Group A-3. The Wings and Wheels Museum regularly refreshes and reorganizes its exhibits, and the annex provides greater flexibility and room for future expansion.

Assembly Group A-2 is intended primarily for food and drink consumption. We are a museum. The annex has no kitchen, only a preparation area without appliances, and any food will be provided by outside caterers on an occasional basis.

Sincerely,

Gregory Fowler

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