

"We are pleased to welcome the Tobacco Barn Distillery's 700 MPH Bourbon event to TechPort on Saturday October 17. This charity event, postponed from its original May date due to the novel coronavirus, involves attaching eight, 15-gallon barrels of whiskey in modified tanks under the wings of a Sea Harrier jet, and flying at 700 mph to distill the liquor.

This year, the event salutes medical workers at MedStar and we will host a socially distanced "open house" for folks to watch this feat and have the opportunity, after bottling, to own a bottle. All proceeds go to the Semper Fi Fund, a nonprofit organization which assists combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured members of all branches of the U.S. military and their families.

Scott Sanders, co-owner of Tobacco Barn Distillery, came by TechPort recently to talk about cross promotional opportunities for the event. This retired Navy admiral and U.S. Naval Academy graduate is always helping people. Sanders' 700 mph bourbon flight showcases how the drop in atmospheric pressure to one-third of the earth's causes the whiskey to expand. A cool science lesson.

We will be setting up in our studio to host a livestream during the event. We hope to interview folks in attendance, using different hosts as the event progresses. If you are able, please come by – or join us by watching the livestream. Details will be posted on the TechPort website.

Also, for your October calendars, I'll be the moderator for the annual Crab Pot Pitch Competition, which will be held virtually on October 29. You have until Monday September 21 to register to compete. So, bring your cutting-edge ideas, innovative technology, new business ventures, products, or processes. The winner receives \$3,500 and a bushel of crabs. The runner up receives \$1,000. Check the TechPort website under events for information on how to register.

We hope to see you. Please join us with masks if you can, otherwise, please continue to join us virtually until we can all meet in person again.

Stay healthy and safe, Tommy."

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