

MANSFIELD AVIATION CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2008

In the absence of the President, Vice President and Secretary, the meeting was called to order by Dennis Atkeson, Treasurer, at 10:05 A.M. Coffee, tea and doughnuts were offered for the members' enjoyment. There were 12 members in attendance at the meeting. Because no one had a key, the meeting was held in the pilot lounge of the Mansfield Terminal Building. In addition to Treasurer, Dennis Atkeson, those present were: John Bowen, Phil Johnson, Marilyn Johnson, Sue Staight, Robert Staight, Ron Dapper, Gene Brim, John Walburn, Tom Root, Mark Reisdorf and Jim Gorman.

At the beginning of the meeting, Jim Gorman announced to the membership the passing of long time friend and avid MAC member, Burrell Sparks, who died Friday, October 3, 2008. He was 91 years of age.

There was no Secretary's report for the September meeting.

The September Treasurer's report was read. At September 30 2008, there is a total of \$7,050.36 in the check book. \$3,415.00 of this amount is restricted for the Garden of Heroes Memorial. Robert Staight moved to accept and John Walburn seconded the motion to approve. The members unanimously approved the reading of the treasurer's report.

A short discussion was held concerning the August 30th Bratwurst Picnic at the Gorman Hangar. There were approximately 60 members and guests in attendance who enjoyed lots of good food, brats and corn. A MAC Members meeting was held prior to eating. Margaret Halter took the meeting minutes on her laptop computer but the minutes were not available for the October 4th meeting.

Under Old Business:

Tom Root discussed the possibility of the Car Coddlers Organization participating at the 2009 MAC Pancake Breakfast. Tom reports that the Organization has decided not to participate with the MAC group at the July 2009 Pancake Breakfast. Tom will continue to refine reasons why the Car Coddlers Group decided not to participate with MAC.

Robert Staight then discussed the Young Eagles Flights to be held October 11 2008, at Galion. There are to be approximately 29 young eagles to participate that day. There will be no pancake breakfast served but the EAA Chapter 148 will offer pop corn and soft drinks. Bob has lined up about 5 or 6 pilots and their aircraft for the flights. Ground crews are needed to participate from 10 A.M. to 1

P. M. A pilot briefing will be held in the Galion Airport pilot lounge at 9:30 A. M. Bob said if you have any questions concerning the Young Eagles Flights, please call him at 419-529-2241. Bob reported that he has contacted EAA and finalized insurance coverage for the flights on October 11th. The flights have been advertised in the Mansfield News Journal and Ontario Tribune.

It was reported that the airstrip at LaVaughn Oswald's farm which has been the home of EAA Chapter 148 and the Shenandoah Flyers Club, has now been closed. Liability risks and the need for additional farming acreage were given as reasons for the closing. The EAA Chapter has elected to meet at various airports in Galion, Mansfield and Ashland in the future. The flying club has moved to the Shelby Airport. They have rented two hangars in which to house their aircraft. Gene Berger is the current President of the flying club.

There were questions concerning the success of MERFI 2008 at the Urbana Airport. It was reported that, considering the short organization period, MERFI had a successful fly-in at Urbana. Approximately 250 aircraft landed at the airport during the two-day event.

The 2008 Christmas Party and Annual meeting was discussed. So that we have a good turnout, we should advertise the dinner and meeting during the next two months. It was reported that President Curt Hall has obtained, as guest speaker for our Christmas Dinner, the curator of the Boeing B-17 which is being reconstructed at the Urbana Airport. The guest speaker will be re-confirmed with Curt as soon as possible.

Under New Business:

It was reported that the Mansfield Airport Commission is considering moving the Freedom Festival back to the Mansfield Lahm Airport. In recent years the Freedom Festival has been held at the Mansfield Motor Speedway across SR 13 from the Airport. In addition, it was reported that the 2009 year may be too soon to make the move but 2010 may be the first year for the Freedom Festival to be back at the Airport. This move offers many opportunities for MAC to hold a Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with the Freedom Festival. In addition, the move gives the OANG 179th an opportunity to participate with static displays of various aircraft and a possible air show.

Discussion was held concerning the 2009 MAC Pancake Breakfast. It was suggested that the 179th be approached to have an open-house of sorts, so the public could attend the breakfast and visit the guard base and also possibly the FAA Tower and Radar Room. A committee of "volunteers" was appointed by Dennis Atkeson to begin planning for the 2009 Pancake breakfast. Those appointed were: John Bowen, Ron Dapper, Robert Staight, John Walburn and Dennis Atkeson. They will hold their first meeting in the Mansfield Terminal Building, November 1 immediately following the MAC Members Meeting.

October 4th is 60 days prior to the annual MAC Christmas Dinner and Annual Meeting. A nominating committee of three active "volunteer" MAC members was appointed by Dennis Atkeson to select a slate of officers for the Year 2009. The nominating committee is: John Bowen, Ron Dapper and Mark Reisdorf. Dennis Atkeson will e-mail each of them a current member roster so they can select and contact prospects for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for 2009. They will report their progress to the Membership at the November MAC Meeting.

Robert Staight moved that a memorial of \$50 be presented in memory of Burrell Sparks. John Walburn seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. As soon as it is determined where the funeral is to be held a check will be presented in memory of Burrell.

Reports:

Mansfield Lahm Airport Operations Manager, Mark Daugherty, reported, via an e-mail, that "painters have nearly completed the permanent pavement markings on the runway this week (W/E October 4). With the final punch list that was submitted yesterday (October 2, 2008), the contractors will need another week to complete the project. We're looking to open the runway sometime about October 13-14th, hopefully, without any major issue. I think everyone will be pleased with the results. It's been a very safe project and all contractors have done an outstanding job."

EAA Chapter 148 did not have a report
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At 09:56 A.M. and after a short bit of aviation levity, Robert Staight moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Jim Gorman. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis J. Atkeson, MAC Treasurer
For Margaret Halter, Secretary