

MANSFIELD AVIATION CLUB  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
March 7, 2009  
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**Opening:**

- Curt Hall called the meeting to order at 9:00
- Coffee, tea, and doughnuts were available for the members' enjoyment (Thanks to Bob Staight for bringing doughnuts and Ruth Atkeson for the coffee.)
- The following members signed in:
  - Curt Hall                      Dennis Atkeson                      Bob Staight                      Sue Staight
  - John Walburn                      Will Esler                      Phil Johnson                      Marilyn Johnson
  - John Bowen                      Gene Brim                      Gary Balliet                      Richard Taylor
  - Jim Gorman                      Ruth Atkeson
- No new members or guests were present although Dennis reported 4 new members:
  - Loren Peters                      Karen Pugh                      Rusty Zeigler                      Dale Liston
  - Karen & Rusty co-own N9478L, a American Aviation AA1A-Yankee



- Curt inquired about member shut-ins (Clyde Fox & Rudy LaBlanc). Clyde's daughter wrote a letter to the club (Bob Staight read part of the letter at the Valentine's Banquet) and she furnished the chocolates at the Valentine's Banquet. Jim Gorman mentioned that he spent some time at the Winchester and saw Rudy LaBlanc.

**Officer Reports:**

- Curt Hall talked about the Valentine Banquet last month and:
  - Thanked Bob Staight for all the great Door Prizes and arranging the OANG cafeteria
  - Thanked Dennis for bringing the ham & coffee/tea and Ron Dapper for bringing the soft drinks
  - Thanked John Walburn for conducting the 50 / 50 (\$53 to the Treasury...John Bowen won)
  - Thanked Margaret for providing the DVD of pictures from last year. Very Nice!
  - Bob Staight mentioned that he wrote a thank you to the OANG
- Dennis presented the Treasurer's report for February...some highlights:
  - Eight members paid dues this month and an auxiliary member send money for postage.
  - \$53 dollars from the 50 / 50 was added to the Treasury
  - Checks written to reimburse Bob Staight for doughnuts, GFS for party, Weidles for Ham, Ron Dapper for soft drinks, and the Post Office for post cards
  - Bob Staight motioned, Will Esler seconded, and the members approved the Treasurer's report.
- John Bowen asked if there were any corrections or updates to the February minutes that were emailed February 10th and added to web site (mfd-aero.org). Dennis mailed out copies of the minutes to those without an email address...Thanks Dennis!
  - John Walburn motioned, Bob Staight seconded, and the members approved the February minutes.

## Old Business:

### • Memorial Fund:

- Dennis Atkeson reviewed the Mansfield Aviation and Airport Commission of January 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - During the meeting Chairman Jeff Gorman asked about funds which the Mansfield Aviation club set aside for assistance in construction of a "Garden of Heroes." Dennis reported there was \$3,415 in restricted funds in the MAC treasury for this purpose.
  - Col Stephens reported that at the present time the Guard has no plans or funds for such a memorial.
  - Jeff Gorman suggested that an alternative might be a family oriented viewing area with picnic tables and plaques across from the Flyboys Restaurant. He further offered that with the support of the City Council, an area similar to that depicted in the AOPA film "16-Right" might be a possibility. Jeff suggested that MAC might head up a program to accomplish this.
- Bob Staight said that he wrote a letter to those who donated to the fund to verify it is OK to use the Memorial funds for a viewing area. As of this date, no negative replies have been received.
- Several options for a viewing area were discussed (Van Nuys & Fairfield County) and Bob Staight mentioned that we wrote to Van Nuys asking for do's and don'ts and perhaps a photo.
- Next Steps: Collect ideas on what would make up a viewing area and then present the ideas to the Airport Commission.



### • May 2<sup>nd</sup> Young Eagles at KMFD:

- We will fly Young Eagles here at Mansfield on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 to 1.
- We'll need pilots, aircraft, and ground crew
- Bob Staight recommended a quick MAC meeting followed by pilots' briefing at 9:30
- MAC will provide hot dogs for the kids (Motion to purchase made by Dennis, seconded by Will, approved by members)...Vicky at Flyboys will cook them and provide soft drinks & chips. Dennis will provide tickets so there will be one hot dog per Young Eagle.
- We'll work with Mark Daugherty to set up "cones" and yellow tape to help organize the Young Eagles
- Bob Staight will do the advertising for this event and has contacted EAA for insurance.
- Various advertising ideas were discussed (am1400.com, Ashland 4H [Thanks Curt for info])
- A picture of Bob Staight about the time he received an EAA award for flying Young Eagles



- July 4<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast:
  - John Walburn reviewed the task list and who will be working each item.
  - Members agreed that set up for the event will be Friday night at 6:30pm
  - Serving begins at 7am and continues through 10am
  - Bob Staight will continue to get the advertising out
  - Car Club participation was discussed...John W. will follow up
  - OANG participation was discussed...Bob S. will follow up
- Newsletter Committee:
  - John B. mentioned that Margaret requested that everyone send her information for the Newsletter.
- Christmas dinner speaker:
  - Bob Staight reported that we wrote a letter to Craig Fuller (new AOPA president) asking him to speak.
- Future Fund Raisers:
  - Bob Staight mentioned while in Huron recently, he heard about a Ford Tri-Motor from Michigan that gave rides. After discussing with the members, he offered to inquire if the aircraft might come to Mansfield.

#### **New Business:**

- Briefly discussed participating in a possible open house at the airport...no specifics. Not sure who would be leading this event.

#### **EAA Chapter 148:**

- The EAA Chapter 148 bus trip to the Air Force museum March 14<sup>th</sup> is full and they have standbys.
- Contact Gene at [gberger0@yahoo.com](mailto:gberger0@yahoo.com) for additional information.

#### **Airport Manager Report:**

- Mark was unable to make the meeting but provided Dennis with an email update:
  - Jim DeSanto, Mayor Culliver, & John Jordan went to Washington DC with a stimulus package and it seems as though we may receive major funding mainly concerning pavement issues of the FBO area, taxiway extension, rehabilitation of the Terminal ramp, and some portions of the Taxiway lighting. The funding may not arrive until 2010.
  - Because of city finances, Mark & Polly will be working 32 hour weeks and 2 operators will be laid off.
  - Mark is working on the development of a new Snow and Ice Plan
  - Mark mentioned Young Eagles and the Pancake breakfast to the Aviation Commission

#### **Misc. Aviation News / Events:**

- AOPA Air Safety Seminar on GPS in Whitehall Ohio (near CMH) on March 11<sup>th</sup>
- Aviation Maintenance Symposium (approved for IA renewal training) at Columbus State Community College on March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. For details, see: <http://www.cscs.edu/am/symposium.htm>
- Sun & Fun at Lakeland, Florida will be April 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>
- There will be an Ercoupe convention June 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> at Middletown, Ohio
- The International Flying Farmers organization is holding "Destination ..... Dayton, Ohio" in Dayton, July 21 through July 26.
- EAA Air Venture at Oshkosh will be July 27<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>
- MERFI at Urbana, Ohio will be September 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

### **MAC 2009 Calendar:**

- 03/14/2009 EAA Chapter 148 Bus trip to Air Force Museum, dinner at Der Dutchman
- 04/04/2009 MAC meeting
- 04/13/2009 EAA Chapter 148 meeting at Living Word Church ("GPS for VFR") (Monday)
- 05/02/2009 MAC meeting
- 05/02/2009 Young Eagles at Mansfield Airport
- 05/10/2009 EAA Chapter 148 Fly in / Drive in meeting at Galion Airport
- 06/06/2009 MAC meeting
- 06/07/2009 EAA Chapter 148 Fly in Pancake Breakfast at Shelby Airport
- 07/04/2009 MAC Pancake Breakfast at Mansfield Airport
- 07/12/2009 EAA Chapter 148 trip to Kelly's Island (Bus/Fly-in)?
- 08/01/2009 MAC meeting
- 08/10/2009 EAA Chapter 148 meeting at Living Word Church ("Weather to Fly")
- 09/05/2009 MAC Corn Roast / Brat Burn at the Gorman's hangar at 6pm
- 09/12/2009 EAA Chapter 148 Bus trip to MERFI, Grimes Field, Urbana, Ohio
- 10/03/2009 MAC meeting
- 10/12/2009 EAA Chapter 148 Fly in / Drive in meeting at Ashland Airport ("Pacific Aviation Museum")
- 11/07/2009 MAC meeting
- 11/08/2009 EAA Chapter 148 Bus trip to MAPS Museum, Akron Canton
- 12/04/2009 MAC Christmas dinner
- 12/05/2009 MAC meeting (perhaps)
- 12/14/2009 EAA Chapter 148 Christmas Party, Living Word Church

### **Potential Agenda Items for the next meeting:**

- Opening:
  - Introduction of new members / guests
  - Birthdays / anniversaries
  - Report on member shut-ins
- Officer Reports:
  - President's report
  - Treasurer's report
  - Secretary's report (corrections & additions to minutes?)
- Old Business:
  - Dennis report on Airport Commission meeting
  - Young Eagles planning
  - Pancake Breakfast planning
  - Newsletter
  - Follow up on speaker at our Christmas dinner
  - Future Fundraisers
  - Fly Outs
  - Review upcoming events on Calendar (see minutes)
- New Business:
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- EAA Chapter 148
- Mansfield Airport Operations
- Misc. Aviation News / Events
  - Any aviation news to share?