

MANSFIELD AVIATION CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 5, 2009
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With sadness, we report the loss of one of our own. Rudy LeBlanc passed this past week. He was an active member of MAC and his help was appreciated by all. Our condolences to his family.

NOTE: Pre-meeting breakfast Saturday January 2nd at Flyboys starting at 7:45 so we are done in time for 9:00 MAC meeting. Let's get together and swap stories!

NOTE: The MAC meeting in January will be immediately followed by a planning meeting for the July 2010 Aviation Day and Pancake Breakfast. Please join us if you would like to participate in the planning.

Opening:

- Curt Hall called the meeting to order at 9:05
- Coffee, tea, and doughnuts were available for the members' enjoyment (Thanks to Bob Staight for bringing doughnuts and Dennis Atkeson for the coffee.)
- The following members signed in:
 - John Bowen Curt Hall Loren Peters Dennis Atkeson
 - Bob Staight Jim Gorman Margaret Halter Bill Schmidt
- New Members: Peg and Pete Balleu. Welcome!
- Shut-ins: Jim Gorman reported that he saw Rudy in the last week.
- Happy Birthday to Bob Staight!

Officer Reports:

- Curt Hall passed around Christmas cards to be signed for our shut-ins
- Dennis Atkeson reported that 6 members and guests had breakfast at Flyboys before the meeting. Thanks for coming!
- Dennis also reported that 68 people attended the Christmas dinner Friday night, up from 54 last year. Great entertainment, food, and speaker! Thanks to all who worked to get this set up.
- Members proposed we have the next Christmas dinner (12/03/2010) at the same place. Motion passed. Dennis will make the reservation.
- Dennis presented the Treasurer's report for November...some highlights:
 - 40 members have paid dues for 2010 as of December 1st
 - \$100 donation made to Toy Time
 - \$31 to Post Office for Christmas dinner reminder postcards (Thanks Dennis!)
 - The members approved the Treasurer's report
- John Bowen reported that November minutes were emailed November 8th
 - The members approved last month's minutes

Old Business:

- Garden of Heroes
 - Dennis and John attended the last Mansfield Airport Commission meeting and reported that the Commission recommended the following 3 names for the first round of plaques: Frank Lahm, Alan Tappan, and Bud Harrington.
 - Members discussed some of the history of the honorees and Jim Gorman agreed to recommend wording for the plaques for Alan Tappan and Bud Harrington.
 - Dennis presented final drawings of the Viewing Area / Garden of Heroes

- The next Mansfield Airport Commission meeting is February 4th at 5:30pm in the airport conference room.
- Bill Schmidt is a member of the Mansfield Airport Commission and is leading a committee to plan the first Aviation Day on July 3, 2010. We had a round table discussion where the following ideas for Aviation Day were mentioned:
 - Follow ideas in the AOPA Airport Day plan
 - Car Show, Pancake Breakfast and Lunch
 - Have a place for Exhibitors (Young Eagles – info only, Civil Air Patrol, Flight Training, Aviation Careers, MERFI, FAA)
 - Garden of Heroes / Viewing Area dedication
 - National Guard displays, Military ground vehicles
 - Hangar Open House?
 - Blood drive, cheer leader exhibition
 - Shuttle service for pilots flying in, for visitors to see Guard displays, etc. May need some sort of round-robin tram route.
- MAC officers for 2010:
 - A short business meeting was held at the Christmas dinner on December 4th and the current officers were selected to serve another term. The current and 2010 officers are: Curt Hall (President), John Walburn (VP), Dennis Atkeson (Treasurer), John Bowen (Secretary).
 - Also at the wonderful Christmas Dinner (Thanks Dennis for setting this up!) were the On Q singers. Very nice entertainment!
 - The 50 / 50 drawing netted the club \$68 (Thanks John W.) and was won by Marge Gorman who immediately donated it to the museum of our great guest speaker: Connie Lutha. Connie gave an interesting talk about women in aviation and space and about the museum she helps run: The International Women's Air & Space Museum at Burke Lakefront Airport. Thanks Bob for finding our guest speaker!

New Business:

- 2010 Valentines Day party:
 - This popular event is scheduled for Saturday February 13th at 6pm and will be a potluck in the National Guard cafeteria. Information on getting on to the base to follow.
 - Bob Staight asked that anyone who has anything to donate for door prizes let him know.
 - Bob also asked that someone volunteer to take over the door prize task after this year. Volunteer now so you can learn the ropes from the master!
 - Members approved Bob buying thank you Post Cards.

EAA Chapter 148:

- No report although their proposed 2010 schedule has been added to the calendar below...busy year coming up!

Airport Manager Report:

- None, but John reported a few items from the Mansfield Airport Commission meeting:
 - 2 C130's have left...they transfer 2 per quarter.
 - Brad from Richland Aviation is working with the city on the possibility of opening an office in the terminal building to make it easier to sell fuel to aircraft. They plan to upgrade the terminal a bit. He also mentioned they painted their hangars, have reduced fuel prices, and have offered discounts (with Fly Boys) to flight schools in the area.
 - A prospective Eagle scout was there looking for an Eagle Project to work on.

- Mark reported that NASA contacted him about considering MFD as part of a transportation plan involving the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle (replaces the space shuttle)
- Mark also reported that the Cleveland Air Show also met with him about being an alternate airport for an arresting system for Military demo teams.
- Mark also reported that landscaping around the terminal building was about done and thanked the Gorman family for their donation.

Closing:

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:05

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

MAC 2010 Calendar:

- 01/02/2010 MAC meeting
- 01/10/2010 EAA 148 meeting at Shelby airport
- 02/04/2010 Mansfield Airport Commission meeting at 5:30 MFD conference room
- 02/06/2010 MAC meeting
- 02/13/2010 Valentine's Day Party
- 02/13/2010 EAA 148 meeting at Ashland Airport
- 03/06/2010 MAC meeting
- 03/14/2010 EAA 148 meeting at Galion Airport
- 03/25/2010 Mansfield Airport Commission meeting at 5:30 MFD conference room
- 04/03/2010 MAC meeting
- 04/11/2010 EAA 148 meeting at Mansfield Airport
- 04/13-18/10 Sun 'N Fun, Lakeland, Florida
- 05/01/2010 MAC meeting
- 05/08/2010 Young Eagles at MFD
- 05/16/2010 EAA 148 meeting at Mark Warner's hangar
- 05/22-23/10 Virginia Regional Festival of Flight, Suffolk, Virginia
- 05/27/2010 Mansfield Airport Commission meeting at 5:30 MFD conference room
- 06/05/2010 MAC meeting
- 06/05/2010 EAA 148 Pancake Breakfast and Fly In at Shelby Airport
- 07/03/2010 MFD Aviation Day (Pancakes, Car Show, National Guard displays)
- 07/11/2010 EAA 148 Picnic at Charles Mill Lake
- 07/22/2010 Mansfield Airport Commission meeting at 5:30 MFD conference room
- 07/26 – 08/01 EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
- 08/07/2010 MAC meeting
- 08/08/2010 EAA 148 meeting at Al Kilian's hangar
- 09/04/2010 MAC meeting
- 09/23/2010 Mansfield Airport Commission meeting at 5:30 MFD conference room
- 10/02/2010 MAC meeting
- 10/10/2010 EAA 148 meeting at Shelby Airport
- 11/06/2010 MAC meeting
- 11/14/2010 EAA 148 meeting at Galion Airport
- 11/18/2010 Mansfield Airport Commission meeting at 5:30 MFD conference room
- 12/03/2010 MAC Christmas Party
- 12/04/2010 MAC meeting
- 12/11/2010 EAA 148 Christmas Party at Phillips Lodge

Proposed Agenda Items for the next meeting:

- Opening:
 - Introduction of new members / guests
 - Birthdays / anniversaries
 - Report on member shut-ins
- Officer Reports:
 - President's report
 - Vice President's report
 - Treasurer's report
 - Secretary's report
- Old Business:
 - Garden of Heroes / Viewing Area Plaques
 - Status of planning for Aviation Day / Pancake Breakfast 2010
 - Review upcoming events on Calendar (see minutes)
 - 2010 Valentines Day party
- New Business:
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 - EAA Chapter 148
 - Mansfield Airport Operations
 - Misc. Aviation News / Events
 - Any aviation news to share?