

MAC NEWS

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Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Mansfield Aviation Club will be April 2nd 2005. MAC meets in the upstairs conference room at the MFD terminal building. Regular Meetings are scheduled for 0900 unless otherwise arranged. Try to get out to the April meeting and bring along your aviation magazine back issues to be included in the school program described in this newsletter. For those of you with computers at home, President Ron Dapper will be bringing a book describing 500 great aviation websites. Come on out and see if you can find a few new favorites. We'll buy the coffee and donuts! Hope to see you there!



School Magazine Program

Most of you know that Ron Dapper has established relationship between Mansfield Aviation Club and many of the local school districts to get aviation magazines into the hands of students that have an interest. So far 45 issues have been sent to the Mansfield Schools, 35 to Madison and 125 to Ontario. Forty-five are on the way to Lexington with about 150 issues remaining to be sorted and distributed. We are also working with several other school districts that have expressed an interest but have not yet completed the arrangements. For any members that don't yet know how this works, it is very simple. There are two containers at the airport. One container is in the outside entryway to the pilot's lounge. The other is inside the pilots lounge. You can drop off your back issues any time of the day or night. We

have two styles of printed labels for covering the original address labels. One style includes the MAC Logo with the message "Compliments of Mansfield Aviation Club. The other, meant for those that have an aircraft stamp of their own bird, have only the "Compliments" message. Quantities of labels are available at our meetings, or by contacting Ron Dapper. In this way, you may take care of removing your address before you drop off your issues. However, magazines dropped off with member addresses still attached are also welcome. The address will be covered or removed before distribution. We have been advised that an emery board or sandpaper can efficiently remove the ink on the original address labels if you prefer that method. Plans are to take a few minutes after the regular meetings to get magazines labeled, bundled and ready to go to the schools. We could use some extra/alternate hands to help get them delivered to the schools. If you have magazines to contribute, please try to get them to the containers, or to the regular meeting.



Valentines Party

A group of approximately fifty-five MAC members attended the Valentines Day Party at the 179th's dining hall last month. We were happy to have Col. Mark Stevens and his wife as our guest. Major Jeff Charette's after dinner presentation was a great hit. He detailed the events when a C-130 over Iraq narrowly avoided a disaster caused by jammed landing gear. Major Charette also had some pictures of the Iraq frontier and some additional photos of an engine/prop loss on a C-130. Bob Staight had about 114 door prizes, so as always,

no one went away empty handed, bored or hungry. Manairco donated a taxiway light lamp which was raffled off with the proceeds going to a special fund to help support families of 179th members on deployment. If you didn't get out for the event, put it on your calendar for 2006.

Look in your kitchen

A large metal serving spoon marked with tape around the handle was left at the party. Unfortunately the tape does not include the name of the owner, but if the spoon is missing from your kitchen, it will be attending the next few MAC meetings so a reunion can be arranged.



Sun 'n Fun

Al Wadley sends a note that he is looking for volunteers to help out April 9-18. Free tickets are available if you volunteer. Contact Al at 419-612-3377 if you are interested.



Aircraft Fees

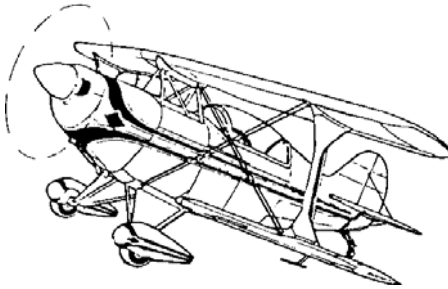
AOPA INFORMATION

If the General Assembly approves, Ohio aircraft owners will get some relief from outsized registration fees. AOPA state legislative experts met with Ohio Department of Transportation officials and representatives from the governor's office last week to push for a change. Now Governor Bob Taft has included a fee reduction in his budget bill (House Bill 66) from a flat \$100 per aircraft to \$15 per seat. Before the switch to the flat fee, Ohio charged \$3 a seat to register aircraft. (a fee that hadn't increased since 1941) The law would also add airport

improvements to the list of things the fees would fund. "We appreciate that both the Taft administration and the General Assembly listened to Ohio pilots and recognized that the 800-percent overnight increase was unwarranted," said Roger Cohen, AOPA vice president of regional affairs. "AOPA has made mitigating this fee a top priority, and we're dedicating resources to working with the state to achieve this goal."



Air Events



APRIL

- 2 **MAC Regular Meeting 09:00**
13 **MAC Scheduled Fly-out**
11:00 AM MFD Pilots Lounge

MAY

- 7 **MAC Regular Meeting 08:00**
7 EAA Young Eagles 10:00
11 **MAC Scheduled Fly-out**
11:00 AM MFD Pilots Lounge
28 **Memorial Day Cookout**
(MAC Picnic Pavilion)

JUNE

- 4 **MAC Regular Meeting 09:00**
15 **MAC Scheduled Fly-out**
11:00 AM MFD Pilots Lounge

JULY

- 2 **MAC Regular Meeting 09:00**
13 **MAC Scheduled Fly-out**
11:00 AM MFD Pilots Lounge

AUGUST

- 6 **MAC Regular Meeting 09:00**
17 **MAC Scheduled Fly-out**
11:00 AM MFD Pilots Lounge

SEPTEMBER

- 3 **MAC Regular Meeting 09:00**
3 **Labor Day Potluck**
(Gorman Hangar)

- 14 **MAC Scheduled Fly-out**
11:00 AM MFD Pilots Lounge

OCTOBER

- 1 **MAC Regular Meeting 08:00**
1 EAA Young Eagles 10:30
12 **MAC Scheduled Flyboat**
11:00 AM MFD Pilots Lounge

NOVEMBER

- 5 **MAC Regular Meeting 09:00**
16 **MAC Scheduled Fly-out**
11:00 AM MFD Pilots Lounge

DECEMBER

- 2 **Christmas Party/An. Meeting**
14 **MAC Scheduled Fly-out**
11:00 AM MFD Pilots Lounge

MAC Events shown in boldface

* Indicates a rain date. If you know of an event that should be included on our calendar please let us know at the meeting or call Jerry at 522-4936.



Freedom Festival

Things are suddenly looking much brighter for our Freedom Festival Pancake event. As you know, the city sponsored event at the airport was discontinued for financial reasons. Mansfield Motor Speedway is hosting the event this year. MACNews will have details on this as we get them, but for now it looks like there will be a multi-day event with lots of activities including racing and fireworks displays as well as the opportunity for us to hold our breakfast on the MMS grounds. The folks at MMS have asked if MAC members might volunteer to help out with crowd control during the event.



2005 Dues

We got comments from a few members that their expiration date was shown incorrectly last month. That *can* happen when Dennis records and forwards payment information after the address labels have been printed, but occasionally

something gets entered incorrectly and we want your help to make sure the data is correct and up to date. Please take a moment to look at your address label again this month. The database has been rechecked and if your label was wrong last month it should now be right now. Please contact Dennis Atkeson, if you find any problems.

If you just haven't gotten around to sending in this year's \$12.00 dues payment, why not take care of it now while it's fresh on your mind?

Look Here

Marvin MacMember
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Mansfield, Ohio 44903

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Dues payments may be sent to:

Mansfield Aviation Club
c/o Dennis Atkeson
P.O. Box 1471
Mansfield, Ohio 44901



Fly-out Info

At the February meeting members present expressed an interest in having a scheduled fly-out date each month. These would be a more informal kind of fly-out similar to the informal Sunday morning flights that have gone on for many years, however they would occur on weekdays to meet the needs of members that have Sunday schedule problems or would just like a weekday aviation activity. A signup sheet in the pilots lounge will be posted so that we can gauge the interest and find out where members might like to go. The fly-out will be scheduled on Wednesday of the second full week of each month starting in April. Plans are to meet in the pilots lounge at 11:00 AM to evaluate the weather and destination options. Watch for more information here in the coming months.

