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Labor Day Brats and Sweet Corn

September third we will be back at the airport for the annual Labor Day cook-out. MAC "thanks" go out to Jim and Marge Gorman for the kind invitation to hold the event at their hangar. Plenty of brats, sweet corn, coffee, and cold drinks



will be provided by Mansfield Aviation Club. Phil and Marilyn Johnson are taking care of the brats including their tasty pepper and onion topping. Dennis Atkinson will be manning his super size grill again, so we will be ready for an extra large crowd.



Sweet corn can be scarce by this late in the season, but Gene Brim has contacted the local growers and we expect to have the best roasting ears in Mansfield hot and ready for you! Bring a hearty appetite, your table service, and a covered dish to share. This is one of the best attended events every year for good reason. Plan to arrive about 6:30 PM. If you have a little time to spare earlier in the afternoon we can always use a bit of help with husking corn, set-

ting up tables, and other make ready tasks. Not enough can be said to thank the many members that pitch in to clean up at the end of the evening. Guests are always welcome at MAC events, and the Labor Day festivities are no exception. If you plan to have guests in for the holiday weekend, please bring them along! We would like to meet them, and you won't find a friendlier place to take them for dinner. See you there on the third.



Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Mansfield Aviation Club will be held September 3, 2005. MAC meets the first Saturday of each month in the conference room at Mansfield Lahm Airport's terminal building. Unless otherwise announced MAC meetings start at 0900. The December meeting is replaced with our Christmas Party/Annual Meeting. This year, the Christmas party will be held on December 2 at the Palmer House in Galion.



Pancakes Where from here?

Our main fund raiser has been in limbo for a while now. For many years MAC took the opportunity to serve a public drive-in/fly-in breakfast the morning of the July 4th Freedom Festival celebration at MFD. We were fortunate to build up a strong following both from the general public and from groups such as the car clubs, bike clubs, the 179th staff, and a lot of the folks that helped put on the Free-

dom Festival. Funds from the breakfast have helped with projects such as maintaining the picnic shelter at the airport, the pilot's lounge project, the garden of heroes, benches and chocks for the terminal area, various charitable contributions the members voted to support, and many others. Essentially all of our non-dues income came from the breakfast.

In 2001 as part of the expansion of the Air Guard facilities a parking lot overbuilt the picnic shelter location. The shelter was replaced with a fine new facility which wasn't quite ready for the 2002 Freedom Festival. The 179th pitched in with temporary dining facilities and power to keep the event going. In 2003 and 2004 MAC members finished off the shelter with electrical improvements that made it ideal for the breakfast and also made the electrical service available to the public. Then the city announced they were canceling the Freedom Festival because a lack of funds. MAC shifted their focus for the year. Moving from profit mode to project mode, we expanded the breakfast into a two day event to support the CAF B-24 and B-29 visit. We also sponsored a car show ourselves hoping to expand the CAF attendance. We learned that the date was not a good one for a car show, but even with thousands fewer people to draw from than at the Freedom Festival we *nearly* covered our costs. Since we had already decided this was a project rather than a fundraiser we considered it an unqualified success and started looking forward to 2005.

This year started off looking bright for the 2005 breakfast. Mansfield Motor Speedway had offered to host a multi-day celebration featuring racing and fireworks etc. When we contacted them early in the year they offered us a great

location to hold the breakfast on their property and seemed entirely delighted to have us participate. They even agreed to send a representative to one of our meetings to work out all the details after their busy time preparing for the NAS-CAR truck race. The same hour that MACNews went in the mail announcing the arrangement with MMS the Mansfield News Journal arrived with the headline that the track was being sold. Although in the end, the owner decided to hang onto the track, our contact person with MMS left the company and all attempts to make contact in person, by phone or e-mail went unanswered. The time finally arrived when we had to make a decision how we would proceed. With not a word from MMS about the fate of the event, we made the decision to cancel for 2005. Scarcely a day had gone by when the News Journal announced that MMS would after all host a (shortened) version of the Freedom Festival. Although MAC never received any response to our earlier inquiries, the decision to cancel, voted on by our members had already been postponed till the last minute. Even had our invitation been reinstated, we could not have gotten the event together in time.

There was brief consideration of having a breakfast on the Fall EAA Young Eagle day. With required health department and sanitation fees amounting to several hundred dollars, a small potential crowd, and conflicts between flying or cooking pancakes, the idea was abandoned. Members voting felt that aside from the staffing issues, the event would certainly lose a substantial amount of money, and would not add to the overall success of the Young Eagles program.

That should bring you up to date. We have no plans for 2006 or the following years and are looking for suggestions from our members as to what direction we might take in the future. Including the income from dues, the pancake breakfast supplies roughly half of MAC's budget, so it's a topic that needs discussion and one that begs for input from every member.

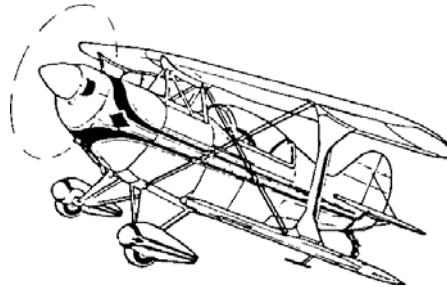


Christmas Party

Plans for the Christmas Party / Annual Meeting are still incomplete. We do have a confirmed date with the Palmer House on Buehler Street in Galion. Dinner will be served family style this year. There will be a selection of three meats, several vegetables, bread, salad and desert. Many of our members have attended events held at the Palmer House and give good reports on the quality and service. A speaker has been requested through NASA, but they have yet to respond. President Ron Dapper has indicated an interest in a program discussing the direction that NASA will be taking when the shuttle fleet is retired in a few years. As soon as we can get the details confirmed we will let you know in the newsletter, and on the MAC webpage.



Air Events



SEPTEMBER

- 3 **MAC Regular Meeting 09:00**
- 3 **Labor Day Potluck
(Gorman Hangar)**
- 10 Galion Aviation Day
- 14 **MAC Scheduled Fly-out
11:00 AM MFD Pilots Lounge**
- 28 **MAC Safety Meeting (WINGS)
Mansfield Public Library**

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.



Safety Seminar

The MAC Safety Seminar arrangements are complete. The seminar will be held September 28th in the community room of the Mansfield Richland County Public Library at 43 West Third Street in Mansfield. The program will run from 7:00PM to 9:00PM. Dave Storm from Mansfield Flight Academy has made the arrangements to have this safety meeting accredited through the "Wings" program. Together with some dual time with your instructor, this meeting can replace your biennial flight review.



Galion Aviation in September

Galion Aviation Day was moved from May 22 to September 10th at the Galion Airport. Pancakes will be served from eight to noon. The schedule included airplane rides, helicopter rides, and parachuting available as well as a warbird display.



Aviation History

MAC Vice President Tom Root is working with the Mansfield News Journal on a history book. He is looking for photographs of the airport from the 40's to the 70's. If you have something that you think might be of interest, please contact Tom. You can find his phone number, with the phone numbers of all the MAC officers at the bottom of the first page of every MACNews.

