



# MAC NEWS

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## Regular Meeting

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 by our Christmas Party/Annual Meeting



## Welcome to Year 57

In June this year, Fifty-seven years will have passed since Mansfield Aviation Club was established. A few of us were not born when MAC became a part of the aviation scene in Mansfield. Others only wish we were that young. Regardless, we welcome you to another great year of MAC activities.



## Christmas Party

The Annual Meeting and Christmas Party in December of 2005 was a fine event. We had a nice turn out at the new venue we selected for dinner. Although a few members had some difficulty locating the Palmer House, (...maybe we should have printed a BIGGER map), everyone seemed well satisfied with the dinner and the facility provided. Our NASA speaker, Rene Fernandez, was interesting and well received. If you have any comments on the dinner please see that they get to any one of the officers, or bring your comments in person to any of our regular meetings.

After dinner, outgoing President, Ron Dapper presented a short recap of the year 2005 after which the nominating committee's recommendations for 2006

officers were presented. The slate consisted of:

President	Tom Root
Vice President	David Wales
Secretary	Jerry Calhoun
Treasurer	Dennis Atkeson

With no nominations appearing from the floor the committee's slate of officers was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

A 50/50 drawing to benefit MAC was held and Bob Hamilton's name was drawn as the cash winner. Before heading home with his winnings, Bob donated half of the amount back to MAC. Thanks Bob!

### THE LUCKY WINNER



**Bob Hamilton**

With the abbreviated business meeting complete the floor was turned over to our speaker, Rene Fernandez.



## Valentines Party

This Saturday, February 11, will be the first MAC event of 2006. The 179<sup>th</sup> has once again allowed us to use their dining facilities for the event. Bob Staight has been busy for weeks and weeks now building his collection of Valentines Day door prizes to be given away at the party. Most of you know what a great job he does at that task, but if you haven't attended this event in the past, you will be amazed! In spite of the efforts of a large group of members to schedule an after dinner program for the evening we have run into a dead end. For one reason or another it seems that the eleventh is an unusually popular date for celebration this year. Nearly everyone we contacted was already booked, or was planning to attend their own Valentines event on that evening. Members attending the January meeting felt that at least for this year we could omit the formal entertainment. Of course with Bob Staight's door prize program we won't be short of enjoyable activity. Plan to attend and feel free to invite a friend or neighbor to share in the festivities. It's not necessary for them to share your interest in aviation to share our hospitality. You are invited to bring along photos or scrapbooks to share with other members.

Please keep in mind that security has been tightened at all military facilities. We have supplied the base with a list of MAC members. You may be asked to identify yourself when you arrive at the gate. If any of your guests will arrive in a different car, make sure to let them know to tell the gate security personnel that they are attending the MAC Valentines Day party as your guest.



## 2005 Gorman Award



Mayor Lydia Reid      Ron Dapper      Mark Daugherty



## Airport Manager Mark Daugherty Receives Mansfield Aviation Club's Gorman Award at Commission Meeting

The January 19 meeting of the Mansfield Airport Commission was the occasion chosen to award Mansfield Lahm Airport's Manager Mark Daugherty the 2005 "Gorman Award". The annual award is presented to recognize exceptional service to the Mansfield Aviation Community. Mark's tireless dedication to the airport's long term improvement combined with his attention to the details needed to keep our airport running smoothly has earned him the respect of everyone associated with Mansfield Lahm.

**ABOUT THE AWARD** Initially presented 1997, the GORMAN AWARD is named after its first recipient; MAC member Jim Gorman. The award was created during the term of then President John Walburn. John later became the second recipient. Mansfield Aviation Club saw the need to recognize individuals who made exceptional contributions to aviation in the Mansfield area. A unique structure to insure impartial selection was created along with the award. Although the award committee initially included all past recipients of the award *plus* the current officers of Mansfield Aviation Club the club officers were only temporary. By design, after accumulating four recipients, the MAC officers were removed from the committee and nominations for the award come exclusively from past recipients of the award. The committee passes their nomination to the body of MAC members for a vote of approval. All honorees receive the plaque that is shown being presented to Mark Daugherty. It features a laser etched reproduction of Jim's Gorman's Beech Staggerwing NC80305. In addition to the individual award, a larger plaque is maintained in the pilot's lounge of Mansfield Lahm Airport's pilot lounge. That display recognizes all the individuals who have earned the award over the years.



### Pancake's Again?

Our Pancake breakfast has been cancelled several years running since the Freedom Festival was discontinued. While the Freedom Festival was held at MMS last year, we had poor results trying to work our event into their schedule. At the February meeting we have tentatively rescheduled the event to coincide with the Relay for Life on June 17<sup>th</sup>. A

classic car show is possible on that same day. We are looking into the possibility of sharing some of the fixed expenses such as sanitary facilities with the relay/car show sponsors. We hope to get our major fund raiser back on track this year. Watch MACNews for more information as it becomes available.



### Miscellaneous

The next MACNews should have our 2006 event schedule. After the Valentines Party, only EAA Young Eagles on May sixth has a firm date. Please send or bring your thoughts about Christmas entertainment to the March meeting

