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Christmas Party Annual Meeting

**RESERVATIONS NEEDED
BY DECEMBER 4**

The Christmas Party/Annual Meeting will be held this year at the Sons of Herman Hall on December eighth. This is the second Friday in December. Please be sure to note the date change. We have been using the first Friday in December for quite a while now but we had to accept the second Friday to get the location at the Sons of Herman. This is a one time change and we don't want anyone to make plans for the wrong weekend. Next year's party will return to the first Friday date. In recent years the number of members and guests attending the party has dropped off enough that we can only reserve the smaller facility in the main building. However, the folks at the Sons of Herman have agreed that unless they have a late booking of a large group we are welcome to use the larger annex facility across the street instead of the smaller room we have reserved in their main building. If you don't see signs indicating otherwise, you can assume that we will be in the annex building. Plans call for the hall to open with a cash bar at 6:30PM and dinner to follow around 7:00PM. Immediately after dinner there will be a short business meeting. We try to keep this portion of the evening as brief as possible. Our bylaws require that the election of the officers be a part of the annual meeting, and there are usually a few other items that need attention from the full group. As soon as we take care of the house-keeping duties, President Tom Root says that we will move right into a special mystery program conducted by the FAA. The content of this program seems to be

a pretty well kept secret, but President Root says without hesitation that it will not be boring. There is no formal speaker scheduled for this year. Guests at MAC events are always welcome! Your guests need not be aviators. We would love to meet your friends and neighbors, or even a guest you might have in town for a holiday visit. Bring them all along! The dinner price is \$15.50 per person this year, and as always we ask that members include their dues with the same check. MAC dues remain at only \$12.00. If you will be attending with a spouse or guest, the price of two dinner reservations and your 2007 dues comes to a total of \$43.00. Your payment must reach the MAC post office box no later than December 4th this year in order for us to give the caterers enough time to purchase and prepare the meals. After the December 4, date, it becomes difficult to change the numbers that we have submitted. Our deadline date for reservations usually falls around the 27th of November, so you have a few extra days to get your reservations mailed in this year. We always try to help folks resolve problems if their plans change at the last minute, but we really do appreciate your prompt response before the deadline date. Here is the menu we have requested for the evening:

- MEATS:**
Baked Chicken Breast
Hot Ham with pineapple glaze
- VEGETABLES:**
Tossed Salad /w assorted dressings
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Corn
- OTHER:**
Cheese Plate, Raw Veggies & Dip, Fruit Salad, Applesauce, Pickles & Peppers, Pickled Beets, Ketchup, Mustard, & Horseradish

**Bread & Butter
Coffee & Tea.**

DESSERT:
Assorted pies, (Cherry, Peach, Apple, Pumpkin).

Reservations may be made by sending your payment to Dennis Atkeson at the MAC post office box. Mail your payment to:

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We have not printed tickets to mail out this year, so there is no need to include a self addressed envelope. Check in at the admission table when you arrive.



EAA Young Eagles



Bob Staight sends his thanks to all the MAC and EAA members who helped with the EAA Young Eagle program at MFD on October 7. It is very difficult to predict the weather, the numbers of Young Eagle prospects and the aviation volunteers that will arrive on any given Saturday. This day was no exception. There was perfect weather, enough pilots, aircraft, and ground crew, but the turn out of Young Eagle prospects was unusually light. School activities and other Young Eagle programs in the area may have siphoned off some of the prospects that we would have seen otherwise. Bob has slated some changes to the format for the flights scheduled for

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the first Saturday in May 2007. Preplanning with groups interested in bringing out their members will hopefully make the turnout more predictable.

Bob reports that the EAA is encouraging members to stay active in the program for the rest of the year. The goal of 1,300,000 flown by the end of 2006 seems within reach. Please continue to support this worthwhile program.



MFD Security

Unauthorized traffic on the airport has decreased dramatically with the full implementation of the electric gates on the Harrington Memorial and South Airport Road entrances. If you have comments or problems with the gates, Mark Daugherty is anxious to hear your thoughts. So far things seem to be going pretty smoothly. MACNews has been asked to pass along a request to our members about the use of the gates. Mark has been working on the "open time" adjustments on both gates, and they are currently pretty close. However, Mark has been requested that when entering or leaving the property you wait in the gate area till you are sure the gates have closed again. It benefits everyone if you can take an extra moment to be sure that the gate has closed behind you. Thanks!



Driver Education

At the last meeting Mark Daugherty reported on a part of the ongoing safety plan at our airport that often gets little thought. Mark will soon be formalizing employee training on the subject of vehicle operation at MFD. The documents for this program have been submitted to the FAA for final approval. Although the program is primarily directed towards airport employees that drive on the airport we asked Mark if we could excerpt some of the text that relates to how non employees use vehicles on the airport. What follows here is taken from the documents which have been submitted to the FAA for approval. Copies of

the approved final documents will be available as needed when they have been approved and printed.

Section 2

Driving on the Non-Movement Areas"

Non-movement areas include taxiways, aprons, and other areas not under control of the ATCT. These areas include: Service roads, Cargo aprons, General aviation apron, and Fixed Base Area

Operating within the ramp areas requires the vehicle driver to exercise extreme caution as aircraft are always moving, aircraft passengers may be walking from an aircraft to the gate, and noise levels are high.

Vehicle drivers should—

Never drive between safety cones or across delineated passenger walkways.

Watch cockpit blind spots—pilots typically cannot see behind or below the aircraft.

Avoid jet blast or prop wash, which can blow debris or overturn vehicles.

Be aware and avoid moving propellers that can cause damage, injury, or death.

Be aware of other vehicle movements—you may not hear them approaching due to aircraft engine noise.

Yield to aircraft, passengers, and emergency vehicles, which ALWAYS have the right-of-way on any portion of the airport.

When traveling on the apron, always use designated vehicle service roads. Driving close to buildings, around vehicles, or aircraft is prohibited. This policy helps to establish a predictable order to vehicle movements in congested areas and helps to ensure their visibility to aircraft and other vehicles.

Parked aircraft may still have their engines running, so be aware of the hazards of jet blast or prop wash, which may overturn vehicles. Before an aircraft engine is started, the aircraft's red flashing beacons must be on. In some instances, propellers and engine spinners are

marked to indicate when the engine is operating. A pilot's ability to maneuver quickly on the ground is limited. Propellers and jet engines can cause significant damage and injury to personnel. In addition, cockpit visibility prohibits the pilot from seeing under the nose or behind the aircraft and limits the pilot's ability to avoid ground vehicles.

Night-time and Poor Weather Driving Conditions

Poor weather conditions (snow, fog, rain, etc.) might obscure visual cues, roadway markings, and airport signs. Vehicle operators should remain vigilant of their surroundings and operating boundaries. Watch out for snow removal equipment and aircraft operating in the vicinity under low-visibility conditions. There are additional risks present under these conditions.



Officers Needed

The nominating committee is searching for candidates for the offices of Mansfield Aviation Club President and Vice President. Ron Dapper is chairing the committee this year and asks that if you would consider helping out with either of these offices that you contact him at (419) 589-3717. The nominating committee prepares a slate of one or more candidates for each office which is then presented for voting at the Christmas Party \ Annual Meeting. Nominations from the floor are also accepted prior to the vote.



Air Events

Only our Christmas Party/Annual Meeting remains on the schedule for 2006. Regular meetings are scheduled the first Saturday of each month at 0900 in the conference room of the MFD terminal building. Plan to attend the January meeting on to plan and set up the activities for MAC 2007



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