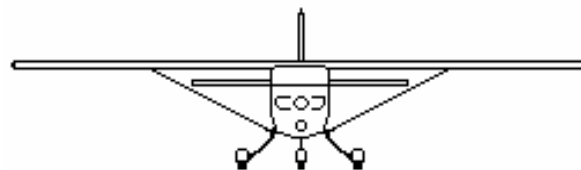


# MAC News



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### PRESIDENT'S POSITION

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MERFI is over! A lot of MAC members helped out. I will continue to recommend MAC members for positions within MERFI. MERFI coordinator and MAC Member Pam Fonseca says to call her. She wants help from the local aviation community. MERFI is going to start planning for next year in a few weeks so MAC should be a part of it now.

Get Ready! The airport manager is warning us that another round of construction is coming. I have no complaints. This is just an FYI.

Protecting Dues: A motion came up at the September meeting to donate a hundred dollars to a local children's charity. It passed and you can see the minutes for the details. I was the only person who voted against the measure. I should explain my position: The decision to donate to a cause is an individual's not MAC's. MAC has very limited resources which took a lot of members' effort to accumulate. MAC's mission is narrow: Aviation in the Mansfield area. It can become easy to give our funds away during meetings, negating all of the work and effort by our members in raising the funds. Thus I will be against all requests to put MAC funds towards other causes, no matter how worthy. No Apologies!

President Mike  
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### BUS TRIP TO RICKENBACKER

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MAC is sponsoring a bus trip to the Gathering of P-51's & Legends Air Show.

This event is **Saturday, September 29, 2007** and will be the largest gathering of P-51 Mustangs around. The US Air Force Thunderbirds are one of the events at the show. The bus deposit has been paid. If you want to go, please **contact Mike Broderick at 419-756-0012**. The cost of the bus trip is **\$25.00 per person**. **General Admission is \$20 if a ticket is purchased in advance via e-mail**. Price is **\$25 if purchased at the gate**. Visit [www.gml2007.com/](http://www.gml2007.com/) for advance ticket purchases. **Ticket price for Veterans and Military with ID is \$15**.

**The bus will pick up/drop off at Geyer's Supermarket, 280 East Main Street Lexington. The bus will depart Geyer's at 7:00AM the 29<sup>th</sup> and will return at approximately 8:30 PM. The Saturday show runs from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. There will be snacks and drinks available on the bus.**

**The bus has only has 53 seats and should be filled quickly. First-come, first served. So, call Mike early to assure a reservation.** You can visit the MAC web site at [www.mfd-aero.org](http://www.mfd-aero.org) for additional details.  
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### BRATWURST PICNIC

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The Bratwurst Picnic held in Jim & Marge Gorman's Hangar September 1<sup>st</sup> had a lower attendance than in past years. This event is usually the largest attended picnic of the year. Perhaps we didn't publicize the picnic enough and close enough to 9/1 as we should. In any event the MAC members want to thank Jim and Marge for opening their hangar to us. It is always such a pleasure to have a super facility to enjoy the last MAC picnic of the

summer. Those who attended the picnic enjoyed beautiful weather, a feast of bratwurst, hot dogs, corn, cold drinks and many, many choices of covered dishes and desserts. Thank you all who came and enjoyed the food and fellowship.

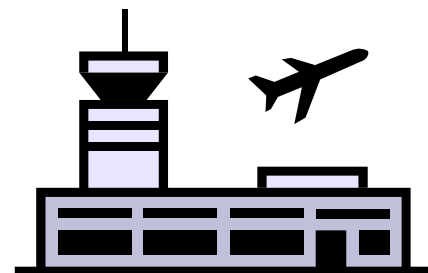
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### GFS FOODS

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Keep in mind - MAC recently registered with GFS for purchases. Every time anyone buys food products at GFS and uses the name of Mansfield Aviation Club - the club will receive credit and will be entitled to a rebate at the end of each year based on the total dollar amount of purchases made for the year. So, any time you are purchasing anything at GFS please tell them you are purchasing for Mansfield Aviation Club and the club will reap \$\$ benefits at the end of the year.  
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### AIRPORT OPERATIONS REPORT

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Mark Daugherty, KMFD Airport Operations Supervisor, reports that the Mansfield Aviation Commission (MAVCOM?) in corporation with Wilber Smith and Associates, is updating the Airport Master Plan. The commission wants to receive input from those who use the airport such as MAC members, corporate pilots, the FBO, hangar owners and others. More

information on this will be forthcoming shortly.

Mark states that a pre-construction meeting will be held as early as October to plan the drainage system for Runway 14-32.

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### MAC TREASURER'S REPORT-AUGUST 07

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The July 31, 2007 Bank balance was \$7,893.06. There were no deposits made in August. Disbursements in August totaled \$73.80. The check book balance at August 31, 2007 was \$7,819.68. A restricted amount of \$3,415.00 is set aside for the Garden of Heros Memorial Fund. There was a total of \$4,404.68 in unrestricted funds available at August 31st. The Treasurer's report was not distributed at the September Board Meeting. A copy of the August Treasurer's Report is posted on the WEB Site - www.mfd-aero.org.

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### GALION AVIATION AND EDUCATION DAY

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**Galion Airport (KGQQ) Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.** A pancake breakfast runs from 8:00AM until 11:00AM. \$5.00 per person. Lunch will be served from Noon until 2 PM. \$3.75 per person. There will be several events including aerobatic demonstrations by Butch Fisher in his EZ-300. A drawing will be held for a ride in the EZ 300. Young Eagle flights will be from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. A pilot briefing will be at 9:30 AM in the pilots lounge of Graham Aviation. MAC member Bob Staight will be in charge of the Young Eagles flights. Please come out to

Galion Airport and help support the EAA Chapter 148 and Galion Aviation and Education Day

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### EAA CHAPTER 148

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You can build an Airplane. Let EAA teach you how!

Tom McFadden, MAC Member and President of the EAA Chapter 148 reports that the Chapter will hold a meeting Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 PM. The meeting will be held at home of the Killians on SR 603 between Olivesburg and SR 42. This meeting will be a covered dish gathering with burgers, drinks and table service provided by the chapter. Tom says - BYOC - bring your own chair.

Tom reports that according to the EAA records - as of 09:00 AM, August 27, 2007, EAA pilots have flown 1,338,044 Young Eagles since the inception of the program.

The chapter will be holding "LEAF FLIGHTS" every Thursdays during the Month of October so that people can enjoy the beautiful trees of North Central Ohio as the Season changes. Getting to see the trees and their color as flights are low and slow is a breathtaking experience. The cost will be \$15.00 per person for the flight and will depart and arrive back at Shenandoah Air Park, 451 Wharton Road Greenwich OH, 44837.

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### MERFI

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The big two-day MERFI Event August 25-26<sup>th</sup> proved to be a huge success with lots of support from the local area towns people. About 740 people ate pancakes at breakfast during the two-day event. Weather proved to be a factor both days resulting in reduced aircraft arrivals. This first-year event at Mansfield was a learning experience for all involved. Pam Fonseca reports that there were some problems with the FAA Tower concerning spacing of arriving and departing aircraft. Hopefully, this will be resolved for next year's MERFI event.

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### FLYBOY'S CAFÉ

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Manager Vickie wants to thank the community for all the support and business they gave during the MERFI Event. They were extremely busy during the two-day fly-in. Vickie also states that regular business is growing. There were at least 15 aircraft on the ramp Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Café plans for some regular daily specials to be on the menu in a few weeks. Come on out and enjoy a fine meal and exciting aviation atmosphere. If you have a large group in your party for a meal they request

that you call **419-774-7900** so they can be ready for you.

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## NEXT MAC MEETING

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The next MAC Board meeting will be **October 6, 2007**. All members and guests are welcomed to the meetings. The meetings begin promptly at 9AM in the KMGD Terminal Second Floor Conference Room. Free coffee, tea and doughnuts (along with some hangar flying) will be available. A note to the board members: after our meetings and when we finish using the Terminal Building Conference Room, the last one out please make sure all lights are turned off (including the restrooms) and all the doors are locked. Your help will be appreciated.

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## COMING EVENTS

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- Sep 8 – Galion AviationDay @KGQQ
- Sep 8 - Young Eagles Flts at KGQQ
- October 6 – Monthly MAC Mtg
- October 6 – Young Eagles Flts
- October 13 – Fall Fly-Out?
- November 3 – Monthly MAC Mtg
- November 10 – Last fall Fly-Out?
- December 7 – MAC Christmas Party
- December 7 – Election of officers

If you have items for the MAC newsletter please submit them via e-mail to [oldeagle@neo.rr.com](mailto:oldeagle@neo.rr.com). We welcome any announcements of birthdays and anniversaries. We try to publish the newsletter the first week of each month following the monthly MAC Board meeting which is held the first Saturday of each month.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

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that – non-scheduled or “General Aviation” aircraft provide safe and efficient transportation for millions. General Aviation files 34.1 million flights and 28.3 million hours a year, carrying 145 million passengers over three billion miles. The annual economic impact is over \$150 billion a year. The local community with an airport shares in these benefits. The Mansfield Community is very fortunate to have such a facility as Mansfield Lahm Airport. For additional information and to find out why local airports are your “Access to America.” Visit

[www.GAservingamerica.org](http://www.GAservingamerica.org).

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## FUNNY?

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What’s the difference between a fighter pilot and a jet engine? - - a jet engine stops whining when the plane shuts down.

MAC Member Tom Root provided the following tidbits this month:

### THIS IS WHAT THEY SAID: -

“Sometimes when I look at my children, I say to myself, ‘Lillian, you should have remained a virgin.’” – Lillian Carter (Mother of Jimmy & Billy Carter).

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“Last week I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I have ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement.” – Mark Twain.

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“I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalog: ‘Not good in a bed, but fine against a wall.’” – Eleanor Roosevelt

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That’s all this Month, Folks!! Remember to send in any news items you feel will be of interest to the MAC membership.