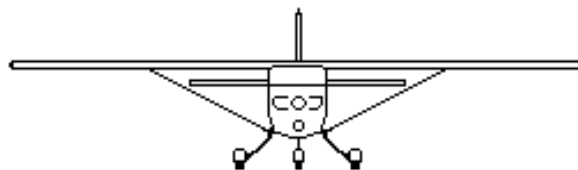


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PRESIDENT'S MEMO



There are a lot of interesting activities coming up in the Mansfield area. Mansfield's 200 year anniversary is next year. MERFI will be having its 2nd yearly event in Mansfield. The Young Eagles Flights will continue. I look forward to MAC members taking part in them. These events could not happen without MAC's help and work. I have enjoyed working as president with you and will assist our next year's officers in any events they organize.

President Mike

CHRISTMAS PARTY



We had 58 initial reservations including the speaker and his guest, for our 2007 Christmas Party/Banquet/Annual Meeting. Only 54 were in attendance. We turned in and Sons of Herman charged us for 55 dinners as that was the preliminary count on December 3rd. Scott Schaut, Curator of the Soldiers & Sailors Museum, was the

guest speaker. His presentation was fascinating and well-received. The pictures of Mansfield Aviation history was especially interesting.

President Mike did a super job of serving as Master of Ceremonies. Jerry Calhoun brought his PA system which added much to the evening's entertainment. (Thanks, Jerry). Everyone seemed to enjoy the entire evening.

Now, more big news - the **2008 MAC Christmas Party is moving!** It will be held at the **Brown Derby Roadhouse** on Friday, **December 5, 2008**. A deposit was made to reserve a banquet room at the Roadhouse for our 2008 Christmas Party. They offer an extensive "Ultimate Buffet" with four homemade salad selections, three main entrees, two potato selections, two vegetable selections, fresh fruit display and a Chef's assortment of desserts. All this for a total of \$20 per person. So, please mark your calendar early for next year's Christmas Party. We also will plan for a top-notch guest speaker..

2008 MAC OFFICERS

The nominating committee selected the following slate of MAC officers for 2008:

- President – Curt Hall**
- Vice President – Thomas McFadden**
- Secretary – Margaret Halter**
- Treasurer – Dennis Atkeson**

After Bob Staight read the biographies of each of the nominees, the above names were presented to the membership at the Christmas Party. There were no nominations from the floor. All the nominees were unanimously elected to office. Please volunteer your support to the officers

in 2008 and let's make the club the best yet.

MAC DUES

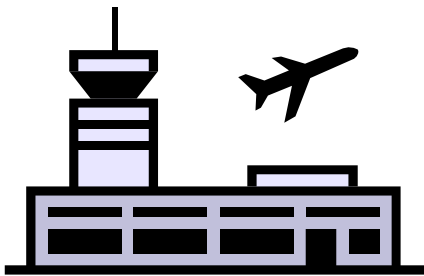
It was reported in last month's newsletter that the dues have not been adjusted since the early 1980s. Obviously, various costs continue to increase. **At the November 3rd MAC Board Meeting it was voted unanimously to increase annual dues to \$15.00, beginning January 1, 2008.** So, this is a reminder: If 2008 dues are paid prior by December 31, 2007, the dues will remain at \$12.00. **Dues received after January 1, 2008 will be \$15.00.**

MAC BENEFITS

GFS Marketplace has sent two letters to MAC. The "Partnership in Savings" Rebate Statements show that MAC has received \$21.17 in savings earned through September 2007. That's like money falling out of the sky for MAC!! The Club should be receiving a check in early 2008 for the savings earned during 2007. So, when you shop at GFS Marketplace on Walker Lake Road, tell the register operator that you are buying for Mansfield Aviation Club.

AIRPORT OPERATIONS REPORT

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Mark Daugherty, KMFD Airport Operations Supervisor, reports that the Runway 14/32 drainage project is complete. The contractor installed over 21,500 feet of pipe along the runway in 11 days. This portion of the project has gone extremely well. The next phase is, hopefully, to rehab the runway itself. With fingers crossed, perhaps that project will happen in Spring 2008. At that time we will experience airport closures for the paving to be completed. The KMFD crew has been able to complete crack sealing on the ramp areas and some of the short taxiways. Make sure you check the MAC WEB Site and also listen to ATIS on 125.300 and read the NOTAMS for current conditions.

Mark also reports that the annual "snow meeting" held on November 14th went really well. If anyone has issues with snow removal – Mark needs to know. Otherwise, he can't do anything about it. Anyway, the Airport Crew is ready for SNOW!! Mark again plans to plow the T-Hangar taxi way areas.

MEMBERS SHUT-IN

On Nov 7th: word was received that Pam Fonseca was in MedCentral following a horseback riding accident on Monday, November 5th. Pam is now home recuperating from her injuries. She would certainly appreciate a card of encouragement or a visit from the MAC membership. Her address is RD 10 – Garver Road, Mansfield OH 44903.

We received a letter from Nancy Fox November 22nd concerning Clyde's physical condition. Most of you probably know that Clyde is in the Crystal Care Center at 1159 Wyandotte Avenue, Mansfield OH 44906, Room 316. Nancy reports that Clyde has good days and bad days. He suffers from Lewy Body Disease (LBD) and is unable to walk and take

care of himself. He is able to receive visitors and still wants to be a member of MAC. All his mail is now coming to their home at 125 S. Leonard Street, Green Springs, OH 44836. Clyde would really appreciate a card of encouragement or a visit from the MAC members. At our last MAC meeting we voted to give Clyde honorary member status which no longer requires annual dues payments.

Word has also been received concerning our 2007 MAC Secretary. David Wales. Some of you know that Dave has been somewhat incapacitated and is awaiting surgery sometime in December. Dave will certainly appreciate a card of encouragement from the MAC membership. His address is 1521 Milton Twp Road 1353, Ashland OH 44805. We are really looking forward to Dave's return to active duty when he recovers from surgery.

And we have just heard from yet another MAC member who is facing the possibility of surgery in December. Dr. Richard Miller is a staunch MAC member and supporter. He and Pat have always been very supportive and attend most all the MAC outings. Dick states that he is anticipating spinal column surgery within the month of December. Standing for long periods of time on hard surfaces is not too comfortable for Dick. He will certainly enjoy a card of encouragement or a possible visit from MAC members. His address is 1369 TR 523, Ashland OH 44805.

Now, for Pete's Sake – let's not ever forget Rudy LeBlanc. Bill, his Son, states that Rudy is as sharp as ever and reads everything he can get his hands on. Please remember Rudy and pay him a visit this Holiday Season. He resides at Winchester Terrace Nursing Home, off South Main Street at 70 Winchester Road, Mansfield.

Boy! Hope we have not forgotten anyone.

The MAC members attending the Christmas Party 12/7 all signed cards to the members mentioned above.

MAC TREASURER'S REPORT- NOVEMBER 07



The October 2007 Bank balance was \$7,324.65. There were four deposits totaling \$1,124.00 in November for 2008 dues and Christmas Dinners. Disbursements in November totaled \$292.50. The check book balance at November 30th was \$8,156.15. A restricted amount of \$3,415.00 is set aside for the *Garden of Heroes Memorial Fund*. There was a total of \$4,741.15 in unrestricted funds available at November 30th. Jim Gorman will be contacting Gen George Arnold (Ret) to determine the fund status.

During the discussion at our December 1st meeting, there was a consensus of thinking that if the Garden of Heroes is not to be constructed, some of the funds might go to the Mansfield Memorial Museum to support the aviation display being planned for the museum.

EAA CHAPTER 148

Tom McFadden, MAC Member and President of the EAA Chapter 148, reports that the Chapter will hold their annual Christmas Banquet December 15th at the Sons of Herman, 416 Orange Street, Mansfield. Tom also mentions that EAA Chapter 148, in conjunction with the Shenandoah Christian Church, is collecting old eye glasses to donate to the Lion's Club and old retired cell phones to give to an organization who recycles cell phones and old batteries who uses the proceeds to purchase phone cards for the service personnel in Iraq..

You will notice there is no 148 Chapter "Masthead" at the top of this note. The chapter is trying out a few different mastheads for their newsletter. Once they decide which one they want, that one will appear

heading up their monthly comments in this newsletter.

MERFI



MERFI plans a meeting in December to begin planning for the 2008 two-day fly-in. The annual fly-in will need volunteers to help with the many different jobs before, during and after the fly-in. If you would like to volunteer your services please contact **Pam Fonseca, 419-756-1348.**

FLYBOY'S CAFÉ



Flyboy's Restaurant Owner Scott Sparks states the restaurant is now open for breakfast at 9:00 AM every morning week days and 8:00AM Saturdays and Sundays. The Café has regular daily specials, excellent sandwiches and soups on the lunch menu every day. Breakfast is served 8AM to 2PM on Sundays. In addition, Scott has a "Happy Hour" every afternoon from 3 to 6PM, Tuesday through Saturday. Please come out and enjoy locally made bratwurst and the soon to be famous Flyboy Burger!! Hours are 9AM to 2PM Monday; 9AM to 8PM Tues – Thurs.; 9AM to Midnight Fri.; 8AM to Midnight Sat.; and 8AM to 2PM

Sunday(breakfast all day Sunday). Scott would like to have you arrange your Holiday parties at the Flyboy's Restaurant. If you have a large group in your party they request that you call **419-774-7900** so they can be ready for you.

NEXT MAC MEETING



Saturday, January 5, 2008 is the next MAC Members meeting. There apparently has been some confusion in past newsletters about the Saturday meetings. At the December 1st meeting, Dave Eckstein suggested that the Saturday meetings not be referred to as "board" meetings as this may have caused some members to avoid coming to the meetings. This has been the editor's error. **So, this is to remind you that all members and guests are always welcomed to the meetings.** We really need your thoughts and ideas at our meetings. If the conference room at the KMGD Terminal Bldg gets overcrowded, we will go someplace else that offers more room. The meetings begin promptly (?) at 9AM in the KMGD Terminal Second Floor Conference Room. Free coffee, tea and doughnuts (along with some hangar flying) are always available. Please come out and participate in the monthly meetings. The MAC Club welcomes and needs your input.

COMING EVENTS

-2008-

- January 5 – Monthly MAC Meet'g.
- February 2 – Monthly MAC Meet'g.
- February 9 or 16 ? – Valentine's Party
- March 1 – Monthly MAC Meeting.

- April 5 – Monthly Mac Meeting.
- April 19 – How 'bout a fly-out?
- May 3 – Monthly MAC Meeting
- May 3 – Young Eagles Flights
- May 17 – How 'bout another fly out?
- May 31 – Memorial Day Picnic??
- June 7 – Monthly MAC Meeting
- June ?? – Pancake Breakfast?

(More calendar next month)

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If you have items for the MAC newsletter please submit them via e-mail to oldeagle@neo.rr.com or mail them to MAC, P.O. Box 1471, Mansfield, OH 44901. We welcome any announcements of birthdays and anniversaries. We try to publish the newsletter the first week of each month following the monthly MAC "Members" meeting which is held the first Saturday of each month.

2008 PANCAKE BREAKFAST/CAR SHOW

Tom Root wasn't able to get to the Car Coddlers Club meeting in November to find out what CCC plans to do with MAC in 2008. You may remember from the November letter that they are planning their annual car show, in conjunction with the Iron Will Club (Tractor club) on June 8, 2008. It will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds. Last June the car club held their show along with our pancake breakfast. This show added quite a bit to our pancake breakfast success. At that time the car club officers indicated that they would plan to hold their car show along with our 2008 pancake breakfast. Tom plans to check with the Car Coddlers Club members in December to see if they still plan to hold a show with our pancake breakfast in 2008.

PANCAKE GRILLS

Jim Gorman reports that Chuck Lootens has completed installing new wheel dollies on all the pancake grill racks. The old ones were small and falling off. The new dollies are larger and look great!! Jim was asked what the MAC club owed for the dollies and installation. Jim said he will check with Chuck to see if he wants to be paid for his time and materials.

YOUNG EAGLES

Discussion at the December 1st meeting suggested that perhaps the Young Eagles Flights this year can be coordinated with the up-coming City 200 Year Celebration and the MAC Annual Pancake Breakfast. While the YE flights are generally held the first Saturday in May, Bob Staight suggested that the Young Eagles Flights can be held anytime. More of this will be reported in the January Newsletter.

DID YOU KNOW?

that – AIM Section 5. Potential Flight Hazards - States: 7-5-2. VFR in Congested Areas. A high percentage of near midair collisions occur below 8,000 feet AGL and within 30 miles of an airport. When operating VFR in these highly congested areas, whether you intend to land at an airport within the area or are just flying through, it is recommended that extra vigilance be maintained and that you monitor an appropriate control frequency. Normally, the appropriate frequency is an approach control frequency. By such monitoring action you can “get the picture” of the traffic in your area. When the approach controller has radar, radar traffic advisories may be given to VFR pilots upon request.

MEMBERSHIP

During the December 1st meeting new membership was discussed. Frank Ujvari, Owner of U-Vary and Associates, Inc. has agreed to offer MAC membership applications to his new students and pilot students obtaining additional ratings. MAC will offer the first year free membership for Frank’s students who wish to join Mansfield Aviation Club. MAC membership applications were given to Frank at the meeting. At the Christmas Party Frank turned in six member applications. He said more are coming. WOW – That’s GREAT!

FUNNY?



Mike Broderick sent in a really good Santa/FAA joke this month but Tom McFadden stole it for his EAA Chapter 148 newsletter before we could print it (just kidding - LOL). So, we can’t use it until next year. It had something to do with engine-out procedures for multi-engine aircraft!! That’s why one of the faces above is frowning. It’s really a funny joke but you’ll have to read it in Tom’s Chapter 148 letter.

Questions and Answers:

Q: Why is Christmas just like a day at the office?

A: You do all the work and the fat guy gets all the credit.

Q: What goes “Ho, Ho” Swoosh, “Ho, Ho”, Swoosh?

A: Santa – caught in a revolving door.

That’s all this Month, Folks!! Remember to send in any news items you feel will be of interest to the MAC membership – oldeagle@neo.rr.com or MAC, P. O. Box 1471, Mansfield, OH 44901. **We also need your e-mail addresses. So we have a complete listing, please forward them to us at the e-mail address listed above.**

