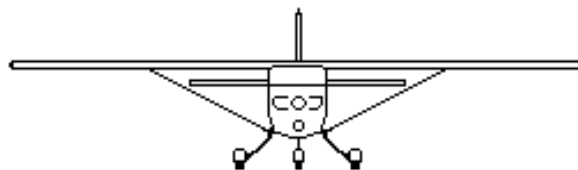


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PRESIDENT'S POSITION

First and foremost, I sincerely wish you and your families a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year! Secondly, thanks to all past officers for a job well done!

This year the MAC Club will be doing most of the usual events as in past years. We have had great successes with many of these events. This would not have come to past without the involvement of our multi-talented and resourceful members. 2008 will bring new challenges and as always, we will find new solutions.

It has been expressed by many "young-at-heart" older members that we must reach the younger generation and get them involved in aviation. I believe if all of us take a little time to follow up and become mentors with the high school students that are part of the "Young Eagles" flights we can nurture their aviation desires. It is said "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care... about them."

As your new president, I want to challenge all current and new members to participate in the upcoming monthly meetings, events and activities. Please get involved. Mentor someone!

Sincerely, Curt Hall,
President

JANUARY MEETING

What a great way to start the New Year, 2008. On Saturday, January 5th, our members meeting at the KMFD Terminal Conference Room was filled to overflowing for the first MAC meeting of the year. We had 28 members and guests at the meeting. Several items were covered which will be itemized in the January Secretary's Minutes. You'll find the minutes published on the MAC Web site www.mfd-aero.org. Please keep in mind – that all members and guests are welcomed to the monthly meetings. These are your meetings and your input is more than welcomed.

VALENTINE'S PARTY



The annual MAC Valentine's Party will be held Saturday, February 9th 2008 at the OH Air National Guard 179th Cafeteria. The party will start at 6:00PM. Please bring your favorite covered dish and your own table service. Please bring an item to place in our "Troops" basket. (Non-perishables, toiletries, puzzle books, candy) Bob Staight will be handing out many door prizes. The club will furnish a nice ham, plus hot and cold drinks. For security reasons, please

be prepared to identify yourself and your guests at the guard shack. The

guard will have a list of all MAC members, but will not have a list of any guests accompanying our members. The guard at the gate will accept your vouching for your guests if they show identification.

MEMBERS SHUT-IN

Pam Fonseca is continuing to recover at home..

Dick Miller is continuing to recover at home after successful back surgery.

Clyde Fox is residing at the Crystal Care Center on Wyandotte Avenue, Mansfield.

Rudy LeBlanc resides at the Winchester Terrace Nursing Home, Mansfield.

MEMBER DUES

Just what you've been waiting to hear – 2008 MAC dues reminder. As reported in previous newsletters, the annual dues are now \$15.00. (Dues have not been raised for approximately 25 years). If you have not done so, please mail your dues to **MAC, P. O. Box 1471, Mansfield, OH 44901.**

MERFI



MERFI held a planning meeting January 5th at the Flyboy's Cafe. There is some news from the National EAA Organization concerning insurance for regional fly-ins. EAA is no longer providing insurance for regional events. Due to a lawsuit regional fly-ins will no longer have the EAA name associated with the fly-ins. In the past, EAA arranged for insurance coverage as part of its overall aviation insurance plan. The regional events then reimbursed EAA for their portion of the insurance costs. EAA will no longer be able to include regionals as part of that operating model. Apparently, there are brokers and underwriters willing to serve the regional fly-ins as independent events. At this time we do not know what effect this is going to have on the 2008 annual MERFI Fly-In. Future newsletters will keep you informed.

EAA CHAPTER 148



EAA Files Exemption for E-LSA Conversion Process

EAA Chapter 148 reports that MAC member **Scott Dickson** is the new President of the Chapter. When you see him, congratulate him. Also, for those interested in EAA, the next

Chapter meeting is Sunday Jan 13th at 1330 Hrs., at the Shenandoah Air Park. Program subject is "Flying Friendly" presented by Jeff Edmonson.

Tom McFadden, Editor



FLYBOY'S CAFÉ

Vickie West, Flyboy's Café manager reports

TREASURER'S REPORT



The November 30, 2007 Check Book Balance was \$8,156.15. Deposits totaled \$581.00 for 2008 dues, Christmas Dinner and 50/50 drawing. Expenditures totaled \$945.40 for Christmas Dinners, honorarium, doughnuts and dinner refunds. The Check Book balance at December 31, 2007 was \$7,791.75. \$3,415.00 of this amount is restricted for the Garden of Heroes Fund.

Dennis J Atkeson,
Treasurer

AIRPORT OPERATIONS



The KMFD Operations Report for January states –Drainage project completed. Start of the rehab for 14/32 will start in the spring and extend into the summer. FAA audit to occur 3/25/08 it will be a three day event.

Mark Dougherty,
Operations Manager

NEW MEMBERS

Since December 1st, and with the efforts of Frank Ujvari, MAC has added the following new members to the roster:

- Scott Cole - PVT/SEL
- Tod Cramer – COMM/Instr//SEL
- Jessica Eilenfeld – PVT/SEL
- Norm Huebner – PVT/SEL
- Joshua Lehman – PVT/Instr/SEL
- Chris McAuley – PVT/SEL
- Tom Pellegrino – PVT/SEL
- Charlie Ridenour - COMM/Instr/SEL
- Barbara Wirebaugh – PVT/SEL

As an incentive, these new members will receive free membership in MAC for Year 2008. Another applicant, Vincent Davis, has not returned his application at this writing. These new members make a total of 16 pilots added in 2007. FANTASTIC!!!



DID YOU KNOW –

THAT – AOPA's annual *Nail Report* says 2006 was the safest year ever for

general aviation operations. According to the report, there were 6.32 accidents for every 100,000 hours flown in 2006 compared to 7.19 in 1997. The report bases its analysis on trends, rather than year-to-year statistics. There's been an increase in the number of weather-related accidents, possibly due to the availability of advanced, high-performance aircraft. Other categories of accidents are generally declining but one thing remains constant: "No matter what accident statistics you look at, pilot decision making continues to be the leading cause of all accidents," Bruce Landsberg, Head of AOPA's Air Safety Foundation, said in a release. While pilots are flying more safely, they're also flying less often than five or ten years ago.

- From a recent AOPA News Clip

MAC WEBSITE TIPS



Have you ever thrown away the monthly MAC Newsletter when you were through reading it – only to realize later, that you needed something you saw in it like an event or phone number or e-mail address? The MAC monthly Newsletter can always be found on the MAC WEBSITE at <http://www.mfd-aero.org/>. The current month's newsletter can be accessed from our home page (it's located in the left hand column). Back issues of the newsletters, going back to March 2000, are stored on the website as well. You can access the list of back issues by clicking on the "Back Issues of our Newsletter" link, located on the left column of our home page.

Mike Broderick, Webmaster

COMING EVENTS



January 13 – EAA Chp 148 meeting
February 2 - MAC Monthly Meeting
February 16 – MAC Valentine's Party
March 1 - MAC Monthly Meeting
April 5 – MAC Monthly Meeting
May 3 – MAC Monthly Meeting
May ?? – Let's have a fly-out
May 31 – Memorial Day Picnic
June 7 – MAC Monthly Meeting
June ?? – Annual Pancake Breakfast
July 5 – MAC Monthly Meeting

E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

We have approximately one-half of all members e-mail addresses. Some members may not have an e-mail address but if you have one and you will share it with Mansfield Aviation Club it will cut down on postage for the newsletter and other correspondence. Just send it to oldeagle@neo.rr.com or mail it to MAC, P. O. Box 1471, Mansfield OH 44901.

CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES

Thanks to Debbi, his Wife, Mike Broderick has placed several pictures of the MAC 2007 Christmas Party on our web site. Check out the WEB site to see if you can find yourself on our WEB page – www.mfd-aero.org.

AN OLD FARMER'S ADVICE

* Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull strong.
* A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere Tractor.

* Keep skunks and bankers at a distance
* Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
* Every path has a few puddles.
* When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
* If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
* Always drink upstream from the herd.
* If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
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According to Phil Johnson - When Phil's friend Carl found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a lady to enjoy it with.

So, one evening he went to a singles bar where he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away, "I may look like just an ordinary man." he said as he walked up to her. "but in just a few years, my father will die, and I'll inherit 20 million dollars." Impressed, the woman went home with him that evening and, three days later, she became his stepmother.

- - (sigh) Women are so much better at estate planning than men.





Live, Learn and Love.....

Words from Mother Teresa

I sat for three days trying to find the simple words to console , comfort and grieve the dear friends we will now miss at our meetings, outings and get together's. I came to the utter conclusion that I don't have those words to console any of use. This is a horrible tragedy. We can cherish the memories, of laughter, debates and good flying stories.

Please keep in your prayer's Dave Eckstein and his wife Janet Hanna...John McCarter and his wife Karen Soprano. M.halter (secretary)



will ask our Lord to welcome home this Flyer!

*Dave & Janet
John & Karen*

.....Fly home on angels Wings.....

Saturday 12, 2008

A Pilot's Prayer

When this life I'm in is done.

*And at the gates I stand
My hope is that I answer
all the questions on
Command.*

*I doubt I'll be asked of
my fame, or all the things I
knew. Instead, did I witness the
rainbows on rainy days I flew.*

*The hours logged, the
status reached, the ratings will
not matter. Did I notice the
sun's rays on the lakes that
scattered?*

*Or what about the
droplets clear, that spread
across my screen? And the
twinkling eyes of student pilots
keen?*

*How fast how far how
much, how high? I won't be
asked these things. But did I
take the time to watch the
moonbeams wash my wings?*

*And did I see the
patchwork fields the mirrored
lakes below? Or the mountains
high and velvet hill? Of these
did I behold?*

*And when goals are reached
and all my flying is done. I will
answer with no regrets! I have
had some fun!*

*So when things are
asked of me at the gates of
heaven. With hands extended I*

