

MAC News

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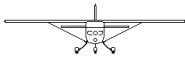
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Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Mansfield Aviation Club will be April 1, 2000. MAC meets in the Terminal Building Conference Room at Mansfield Lahm Airport. Meetings start at 0900. Guests are welcome. Coffee and donuts are available. Lots of good things are happening this year. Come out to the regular meetings and make yourself a part of the planning process.



Pinch Hitter

During the February regular meeting members discussed holding a Pinch Hitter course this year. We put out a sign up sheet at the Valentines Day Party for members or guests that might have an interest. Pinch Hitter is a great program designed to enhance flight safety by educating a spouse or other non-flying passenger. An extra pair of hands and eyes could make the difference between an incident and an accident at a critical time. Interest so far has been light, but if you know of anyone with an interest in attending Pinch Hitter this year, please get in contact with Bob Staight, or bring it up at the April meeting.



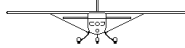
Pancake Dropper

We were glad to see that the pancake batter dispensing machine that MAC uses for the Freedom Festival Pancake Day has found it's way back to the club hangar. Thanks to whoever located it and got it back home.



MAC Website

Thanks to Mike Broderick, Mansfield Aviation Club has a Web Site! The address is <www.mfd-aero.org>. It's brand new and still under construction, but you are welcome to stop by and see what is happening. Mike is hosting the site on his server at Broderick Data. We will be looking for interesting pictures or text material from or about MAC members. Current club events will be posted and an online club directory is planned. The directory will be available only to members, not to the general public. If you prefer your information not to be included in the member directory, you can contact Jerry at 419-522-4936.



Young Eagles

It's almost Young Eagle time again. Mark your calendars for May 6, 2000. We need pilots, loaders and plenty of ground help. MAC's regular meeting scheduled for the same day will be moved from 0900 to 0800 to allow the Young Eagle briefing to begin at 0930. As always, if you want to help out, you need to be at the flight briefing. Safety is the most important part of Young Eagles, and we want everyone involved in the flights to have all the pertinent information. The Flying Turtle will be participating again, and at present it looks like we may have a static display G-130 available. Groups are especially welcome. Contact Bob Staight if you know of one that would like to participate.

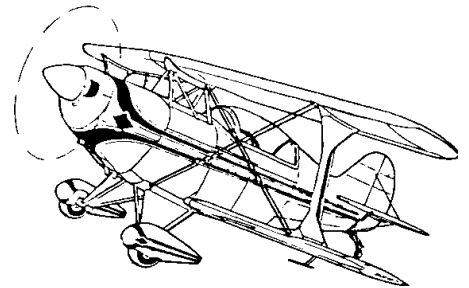


Good News for Christmas Party!

Over the past several months MAC has been in negotiations with the AOPA, working towards the goal of having AOPA President Phil Boyer speak at our annual Christmas Party. Several times it had appeared that the scheduling just could not be arranged. Fortunately we just received confirmation from the AOPA that Phil will be able to attend and speak on the original date we requested. More information will be available here as we receive it from the AOPA.



Air Events



MARCH

23 **FAA Safety Meeting**
Ashland JVHS

APRIL

1 **MAC Regular Meeting**
?? **Pinch Hitter Course**

MAY

6 **MAC Regular Meeting**
27 **Memorial Day BBQ**

JUNE

3 **MAC Regular Meeting**
22 **Kelly's Island Fly-out**
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JULY

- 1 **MAC Regular Meeting**
4 **Pancake Day**

AUGUST

- ?? **Fly-out to Coshocton**
5 **MAC Regular Meeting**

SEPTEMBER

- 2 **MAC Regular Meeting**

OCTOBER

- 7 **MAC Regular Meeting**

NOVEMBER

- 4 **MAC Regular Meeting**

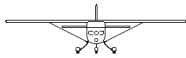
DECEMBER

- 1 **MAC Christmas Party**

MAC Events shown in boldface

* Indicates a rain date. If you know of an event that should be included on our calendar please let us know at the meeting or call Jerry at 522-4936.

?? Dated events are planned for the month shown, but final dates and times still unknown.



Richard Nasipak

Recently I received a concern from one of the local pilots about our use of "sand" on the runways and taxiways and the problems caused to propellers due to its abrasive nature. During snow and ice condition, we do apply a mixture of dolomite (sand) and de-icing agent to all pavement surfaces at the airport. The dolomite is designed to increase traction and improve braking. The de-icing agent does help in removing the snow/ice and will become liquid in the process. However, the dolomite doesn't and remains on the pavement surfaces after the snow/ice have gone.

We remove the dolomite with our sweeper as soon as practical after the runways have been cleared. Generally,

this is done at the first significant break in the weather. We full appreciate the impact the sand has on props. Sometimes there is a delay in the removal. After the long series of snow in January and February, there was a very significant amount of sand on the runways and taxiways. Before we could sweep the sand away, we first had to remove the snow banks that developed along the edges of the runways and taxiways and physically dig out the runway and taxiway lights so that they were clear and visible. Once we had accomplished this we were hit by yet another storm. We are now finally beginning the process of removing the sand and will always remove any sand build up as soon as we can.

Recently I attended a board meeting of the Ohio Aviation Association (OAA). For number of years, the OAA has been working to increase the State level of funding for airports. Last year, the OAA was able to attract some attention with the State legislature about setting up some form of dedicated funding based upon the State taxes generated at Ohio airports. The legislature requested that a study be conducted to determine the amount taxes that are generated by Ohio airports. Well, the study was completed and the amount of State taxes generated just from the sale of aviation fuels in this state are \$22.7 million.

Over the past years, the State support for airports has been \$2 million. The ODOT Office of Aviation is looking at various options if the \$2 million level is continued. One of the options is the elimination of the State Share in FAA Funded projects. This will have an impact on Mansfield. For example, on our FAA Funded projects the FAA furnishes 90% of the monies, the State 5% and the City 5%. Without the State Share, the City's costs will double. Another option is to completely eliminate support to the smaller airports in the State. Either the local governments will have to provide

all the funding for the "maintenance" projects at these airports or they will have to be closed. Neither of these "options" is acceptable.

The OAA is now moving to have the State legislature establish a dedicated airport fund based upon the taxes on aviation fuels (\$22.7 million). Currently the association is working to obtain "endorsements" from various other state associations including the Municipal League and the County Commissioners Association. Once support is obtained from these other groups, the OAA will be going forward with proposed legislation.

I will keep everyone apprised of this situation as it develops. And, when the legislation is proposed, I will be asking everyone to contact their State Representative and State Senator to express their support.

Airport Cleanup

MAC will be participating in the Earth Stewardship Celebration this April. The Stewardship Celebration was formerly known as Earth Day, but has been expanded to take in the entire month of April.

After the regular meeting this April 1, 2000 MAC members will be working with Dick Nasipak and the airport staff to clean up and spruce up the airport property. Bring or wear suitable clothing to the April meeting, and spend a little time making Mansfield Lahm a little nicer for all of us!



Valentine's Party

The first MAC event for 2000 was the Valentines Day party. Thanks to everyone that came a bit early or stayed a little late to help out with the room. Special thanks are due Bob Staight for his efforts in collecting door prizes. If you haven't sent along the thank you cards that were attached to your doorprizes please do that now.

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Carol Starre-Kmiecik's historical portrayal of Amelia Earheart was enjoyed by all. Sorry if you missed it!

