

MAC News

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Friend and Fellow Aviator

High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
 And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
 Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
 Of sun-split clouds and done a hundred things
 You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
 High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
 I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
 My eager craft through footless halls of air.
 Up, up, up the long, delirious burning blue
 I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
 Where never Lark, or even Eagle flew -
 And while with silent lifting mind, I've trod
 The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
 Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Dear Aviation Club Friends,
 Thank you so much for your kind gift to St. Peter's. Many flowers, cards, phone calls, visits and presence during Dad's calling hours and thereafter have been warm and comforting to us when our hearts were so heavy. My heart will ache terribly for a long time, but there is place in knowing Dad had such lovely friends as you. At the hangar, I look at so many pictures of happy times with tears that will not stop, for I am so thankful that you all were a wonderful part of my father's life.

To thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated

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sincerely, Alissa & Flip



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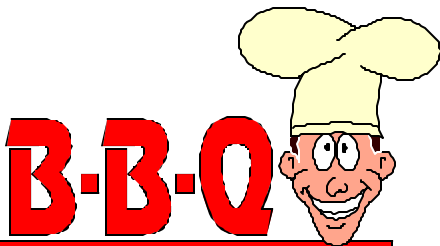
Regular Meeting Time Change

This Saturday is Young Eagles Day! The May 6 regular meeting has been moved back to 0800 so that the conference room will be available for the EAA Young Eagle flight briefing scheduled for 0930. Anyone that is helping with the Young Eagles needs to be in the briefing so MAC always reschedules our regular business meeting to the earlier hour. "Young Eagles" is not a Mansfield Aviation Club program, but many of our members participate.

Mansfield Aviation Club meets in the Conference Room of the Mansfield Lahm Terminal Building. Regular meetings are held at 0900 on the first Saturday of each month. The December meeting is the annual meeting and Christmas Party generally held in the evening at a local banquet hall. The monthly meetings are open to members, guests, and anyone with an interest in aviation. Coffee and donuts are available. If you haven't gotten out to a monthly meeting for a while, this weekend would be a good opportunity to get back in the habit!



Memorial Day



The annual Memorial Day Barbecue will be held on May 27, 2000 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport. We are not quite sure of the exact location, but if you are on the airport property, you should not have a problem finding us. If it seems necessary, we will put some temporary signs up at the airport entrances to direct you to the festivities. It seems likely, however, that most of our members will be

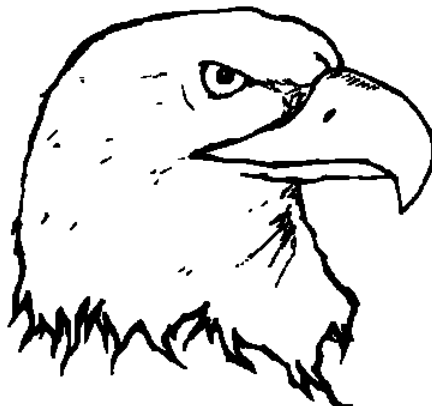
able to use pilotage, (that skill that allows us to track all the \$50.00 burger joints within a 100 mile range), to search out the source of the barbecue smoke.

We will have the grills hot and ready to go at 6:30. MAC will provide the drinks. Bring your table service, something to toss on the grill, and a covered dish to share. Guests are welcome to any of our social events. Bring a friend or neighbor. If they have an interest in flying so much the better, but all they really need is an appetite and a desire to get into the cookout frame of mind. See you there!



Young Eagles!

This Saturday May 6, 2000, is the Spring



Young Eagle Flights at Mansfield Lahm Airport. There will be no rain date. If the event should have to be cancelled, there will be notices on the local radio stations. Bob Staight is the EAA representative for this event. If you have any questions that are not answered in this article you can contact Bob. His number, and the numbers for all MAC officers, is at the bottom of page one of every MACNews.

Another large group is expected this spring, and Bob is hoping many MAC members will participate. It takes a lot of assistance to make this event run smoothly and safely. Pilots and aircraft are needed of course, but it is vitally important that there be plenty of ground help. There is paperwork to do, and questions to answer, but most important, the safety of all the children and adults needs to be maintained. Most of the folks at a Young Eagle rally will have no concept of safety in the vicinity of moving aircraft. Walk ins are discouraged

and probably can not be admitted to the program. In any case no "drop offs" or unsupervised participants are allowed. Bob plans this event with groups such as Boy Scouts, church, or school groups that have an adult supervisor. Unfortunately, anyone that shows up with no parent or adult supervision will have to be sent home.

The Young Eagle briefing at 0930 is mandatory for all participants. The FAA tower crew will be on hand to discuss safety, route of flight, and taxiway use. Ground personnel will get their safety and operations information at the same time. The briefing begins promptly at 0930. Young Eagle Flights begin immediately afterwards.

The Flying Turtle will be providing a ticket for a snack after the flights. At last report, the Air Guard was planning to have a C-130 on static display. The fire department also plans to have one of the large fire fighting trucks based at MFD on the ramp for the kids to enjoy.

Note: The free fuel program we have had in the past is no longer an option. The FAA seems to look at this as flying for compensation. Hopefully this can be worked out in the future. Sincere thanks to Richland Aviation for their help in the past. We hope this situation will be resolved in the near future.



Christmas Party

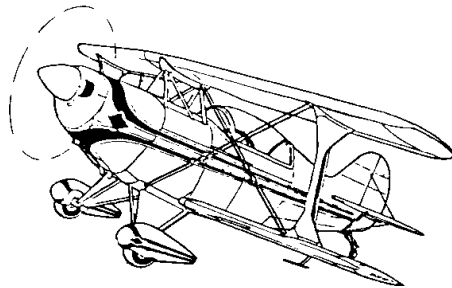
Not many real plans for the party have been completed as yet, but we have received confirmation that Phil Boyer (AOPA's President) will be able to serve as our guest speaker on our regular date of December 1, 2000.

We were generally pleased with the service we received from the "Sons of Herman" folks last year, so we reserved the same location again. We have already discussed some of the changes we need to make for the 2000 party. We know that we need to have more seating available at the start of the evening so that groups that attend together will be seated together. If there are any other issues that need attention, please bring up the subject at any of the regular meetings. There are several items we will

need to have changed to accommodate Phil Boyer's program, and we need to resolve those issues and any others with the folks down at the banquet hall as early as possible. Keep the date open on your calendars, December 1, 2000. It's the same weekend we have used for many years now. Watch MACNews for more information and ticket availability.



Air Events



MAY

- 6 **MAC Regular Meeting**
- 6 EAA Young Eagle Flights (MFD)
- 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**
- 11,12 Buckeye Air Rally Freemont OH

SEPTEMBER

- 2 **MAC Regular Meeting**

OCTOBER

- 7 **MAC Regular Meeting**

NOVEMBER

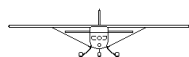
- 4 **MAC Regular Meeting**

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



Richard Nasipak

After nearly two years of struggle, our friends and neighbors that we send to Washington have finally take action on the FAA Reauthorization Bill (AIR-21). The legislation authorizes spending levels for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) at \$2.475 billion in 2000, \$3.2 billion in 2001, \$3.3 billion in 2002, and \$3.4 billion in 2003. In addition, unlike previous years, there is "special budgetary treatment." This special treatment states that the aviation trust fund receipts and interest will be spent each year.

There are a number of other important issues included in the package. In fact I have a six page "summary" of all the provisions and programs that are now authorized. The most significant, other than the AIP, to airports is the increase of the Passenger Facility Cap (PFC) cap from \$3 to \$4.50. This one issue is causing some problems with our legislators relative to the perception that it is a "tax" increase. While Mansfield Lahm Airport doesn't have a PFC (because we don't have commercial passenger service), PFC's are an important revenue source for commercial service airports around the county. With PFC's, airports can fund needed development of their airports to improve some of their capacity problems and other projects.

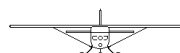
On another "funding front," the Ohio Aviation Association continues work on increasing State support of airports. We expect to see a significant increase from \$2 million to \$6-8 million in the Governor's budget, which is expected in the next few weeks. If you would like to participate and show your support, please considering writing your State Senators and Representatives requesting that they support \$6 million for airport improvements in the GRF budget in the first year and \$8 million in the second year, while working toward a dedicated fund in future years. Also, ask them to contact Mr. Bill Harris, Republic leader in the State House and candidate for Speaker of the State House, and inform

him of their support for the funding. After you have made contact with our State Representative, please follow-up with an email (rep93@ohr.state.oh.us) Mr. Bill Harris. (By the way, for those of you who live in Ashland and Knox Counties, I believe Mr. Harris is your Representative.)

State funding is the primary, and for most small airports in Ohio, the only source of funding to maintain their airports. While Mansfield Lahm Airport would be able to "survive" without State increased funding, most of the smaller "county" airports that many of you fly into may not! The \$6 to \$8 million budget is expected only to provide for the maintenance of the current system. The State Office of Aviation annually receives requests from airports of \$8 million for pavement maintenance (overlays, etc.) and obstruction removal. The \$8 million budget level will not add an additional pavement or new facilities at any airport in Ohio.

MAC on the web!

<http://www.mfd-aero.org/>

Mike Broderick has done it for us! His server at Broderick Data is now running the Mansfield Aviation Club Website. There are pictures, member information, you can read the newsletter online, and much more. We will be adding more features to the site as quickly as possible, but we need your help. Send a picture of your airplane, your hangar, your sweetheart, (providing that your airplane and your sweetheart are different), and we will get it on the website. In fact, any picture that you think might interest other aviators would be greatly appreciated. If your picture is already digital, or you have the ability to scan it, save it in "jpg" format and email it to Mike at mbroder@broderickdata.com. If it's a standard photo, it needs to go to Jerry Calhoun to be scanned. The original picture will be returned. If you want to look at the member's only section, you will be asked for a User Name and a Password. Contact Jerry or Mike for the User ID and password. Only lowercase letters will work. Have a  look. It's a great site, and it's your club! Tell Mike "thanks" next time you meet him.

