

MAC News

President: Mark Reisdorf
Editor: Jerry Calhoun
Webmaster: Mike Broderick

The Mansfield Aviation Club Monthly Newsletter
P.O. Box 1471 Mansfield, Ohio 44901
Web Page: <http://www.mfd-aero.org:8081>

Volume 54 Issue 8

August 2002

Kelleys I. Flyout

The Kelleys Island Fly-out is this Saturday, August 3rd. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the rain date is Sunday August 4th. Plan to leave your home airport in time to meet at Kelleys Island around 1:00PM on Saturday (or Sunday if Saturday's weather was bad). Pack a picnic lunch. We never know in advance how many will be able to attend, so this event is set up as a picnic rather than a potluck. Guests are always welcome at MAC events. It would be hard to picture a more pleasant way to introduce a friend or neighbor to flying.

Plenty of aircraft parking is available on either side of 9-27. The north-south runway remains closed. Don't bother going to the airport office to pay the landing fee at Kelleys. MAC will pay the fees. Gayle Freeman will take a count and give them the fee for all MAC aircraft when the picnic is over. Just taxi to one of the parking areas shown in the diagram and relax! If you have any questions about parking, try 122.75.

If you plan to attend, and have an extra seat or two, call Jerry Calhoun at 419-522-4936. If you would like to participate and don't have a ride to the island, call the same number and tell Jerry how many seats you need. With a little luck we can match things up for you. If the weather is questionable, you can check in at the MAC meeting on Saturday morning to see if we will be using the rain date.



...and the Butler Fly-in Too!

This is also the weekend for the Fly-in at Butler. If you didn't get your fill of pancakes at the Freedom Festival, EAA Chapter 148 will be cooking breakfast at Swank Airfield. The field is west of the town, west of the canoe livery, between the tracks and the river. This is actually a three-day event that runs August 2-4. Additional information and a listing of the weekend events are available from

Dave Witchey at (419) 342-3065 or dwitchey@neo.rr.com.



...Plus the Regular Meeting

It really is a busy weekend for MAC' aviators. Saturday is our regular meeting too. 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. Meetings are open to members, guests, and anyone with an interest in aviation. Coffee and donuts are available.

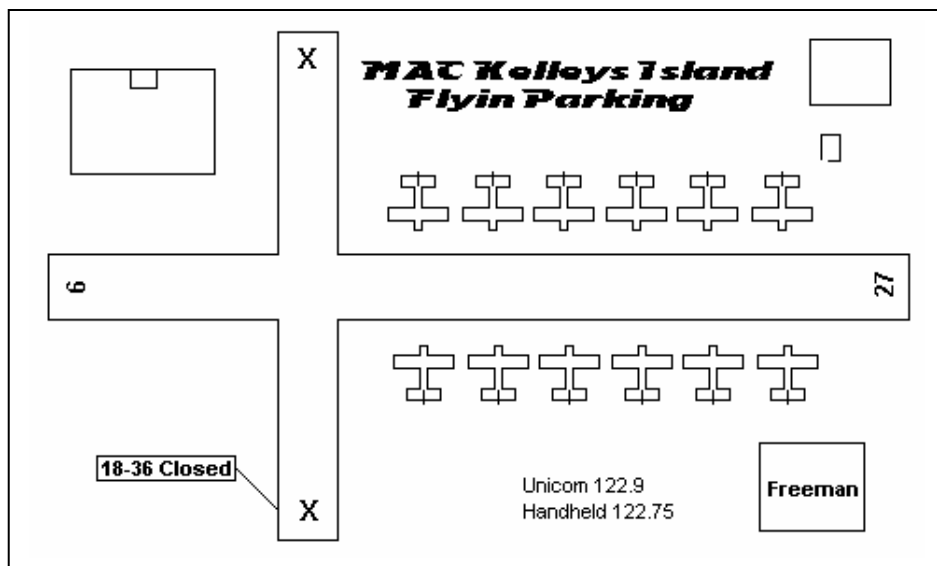


Freedom Festival

The Freedom Festival Breakfast went very well at our temporary location by the tower. We usually plan for five hundred, and although we didn't quite hit that number we got closer this year than anytime in the recent past. There are some good pictures of the event which you should find on the MAC website pretty soon. As always, our members jumped in to make the event an easy and fun one for everyone.

Jeff Parrish worked with several folks from the 179th that deserve special mention for their efforts to make the breakfast work in the absence of the pavilion.

They are:
COL Richard Green
COL Mark Stephens
SMS Kenneth
CMS Duane Nauman



Mark Daugherty also worked tirelessly in his official capacity at the airport to make the breakfast and a million other festival details run smoothly.



Mike's Computer Corner

Thoughts from MAC member Mike Broderick on how aviators can get the most from their PCs

In a previous article we discussed the main aviation related applications I use on my computer. I left off of the king of the road in my opinion, web sites on the internet. In this article we will discuss some of the aviation related web sites I use. I wish to point out that there are several million web sites on the internet. Your uses and favorite spots may differ from mine. My "favorites" section lists the following:

Weather Sites

- The weather channel
- Trade-a-plane
- AOPA
- DUATS

Airline/Tickets

Interest Groups

- MAC
- FAA
- EAA, Oshkosh

Newsgroups

Weather is probably the nicest use of the internet. I have used Trade-a-Plane's weather service, www.weathertap.com for a couple of years and I like it. However, it costs \$50 per year. Before it, I had a satellite dish at the hangar, at a cost of \$80 per month. Lately I have been using APOA's site, www.aopa.org and I like their prog charts better. There's lots of others out there, ask around.

I make all of my routine airline reservations from the internet using Travelocity's site, www.travelocity.com. There are others I'm sure but this one does

everything I need. I give the dates/times and it shows flights and their costs. I choose the flight I want and buy it (in my profile is my credit card number and everything). I even pick the seat assignment most of the time. Let me point out that if your travel plans involve a complicated trek into the unknown, I recommend you use a traditional travel agent like Triple-A. But for simple trips (car, air, room, boom), you can't beat the internet. (Editor's note ...travelocity also offers a service called fare watcher that will send you an e-mail when a trip you are interested in changes in price. If you act fast you can then grab those super low fares that you hear folks talking about.)

MAC is an example of an interest group with a web site. From our site you can see our calendar of events, read back issues of our newsletters, look up the phone numbers of other MAC members (this one's only available to MAC members) or contact our Club officers.

The FAA has a pretty good web site. My favorite area in their site is the regs. The FARs are at

http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfrhtml_00/Title_14/14tab_00.html

Please note that the above site is not an FAA site but the FAA's site sends you to it. I also looked up a Safety Inspector in Reno's phone number to ask him questions about an airplane. To go to Oshkosh, I make my IFR reservations from the FAA's web site:

<http://www.fly.faa.gov/estmp/index.html>

I have attended the Oshkosh fly-in the last several years, and have printed out the arrival/departure NOTAM from the web. I have gone to Sun-n-fun's fly-in and printed its NOTAM out also. Both organizations put the official NOTAM on their website, along with a schedule of events, membership renewal, and other things.

An interesting site I visit is called the Hundred Dollar Hamburger. It is at www.fly.faa.gov/estmp/index.html. The site contains all of the nearby-airport

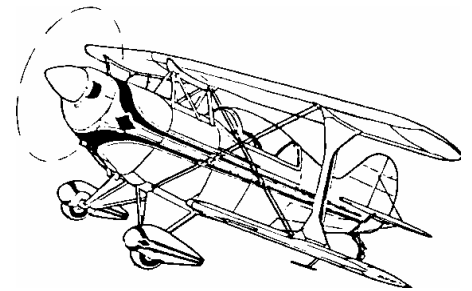
eating establishments for any given state. It rates them from 1 to 5 hamburgers. For example, Carroll County (TSO) is rated 5 hamburgers. You can send Pireps (e-mails) to them to add, comment, whatever about your favorite destination. These e-mails then get put into the page for that airport.

The last site that we'll discuss is mentioned because of a service that it performs. It is called AvWeb. You can find it at www.avweb.com. The site is nice but its big plug is the news e-mail it sends to me twice each week. It calls the e-mail AvFlash and I really like it. It is a digest of aviation stories and it is free. I call it a newsgroup but technically it is not.

In this article we have discussed some of the aviation related uses of the internet. I have showed you some of the web pages I use as examples. This article was part of a series of articles that discussed aviation related uses for home computers.



Air Events



AUGUST

- 3 Kelleys Island Flyout**
4* Kelleys Island Flyout
31 Labor Day Party (Gorman Hangar)

SEPTEMBER

- 5-7 MERFI (Marion Ohio)

DECEMBER

- 6 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.

