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MAC meeting time changed to: 0800

The next regular meeting of the Mansfield Aviation Club is Saturday October Fifth. MAC meets in the conference room on the second floor of the Mansfield Lahm terminal building. This months meeting is rescheduled one hour earlier to make time available for the Young Eagle program. Regular meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month at 0900 unless otherwise stated. The December meeting is the Christmas Party and also serves as the annual meeting of members. It will be held this year on the evening of December 6th at the Sons of Herman Annex.



Fall 2001 EAA Young Eagles



Bob Staight reminds us that this Saturday is the Fall 2002 Young Eagle program. This will be done a little differently than last year in that advance group signups are not being required. The requirements for parental permission are still the same. The only change is that folks will be able to come out on the day of the event and sign up. There will be ads run on local radio and TV stations letting people know about the Young Eagle program. Airplanes, and ground crew are needed as always. If you will be flying or providing ground

support it's very important that you attend the pilot and crew briefing at 0930 the morning of the Young Eagle flights. Safety of the participants is everyone's concern, and safety is always the primary topic of the preflight briefing. Bob Staight will be addressing those issues in his capacity as event organizer. FAA representatives from the control tower will be there to discuss air and ground operations. Any changes or improvements made since the last Young Eagle flights will be thoroughly covered. The briefing is held in the same room as the monthly regular MAC meeting. MAC will begin an hour early and end in plenty of time to clear the room for the Young Eagle briefing.



Christmas Party

Tickets are now available for the Christmas Dinner & Annual Meeting to be held December 6. We have rented the Sons of Herman Annex again this year. Arrangements are complete for NATCA President John Carr to speak after dinner. Tickets will be handled the same as last year. You can make your reservations by sending payment to:

**Mansfield Aviation Club
Reservations
P.O. Box 1471
Mansfield, Ohio 44901**

Tickets are most conveniently picked up at the "will call" table on the night of the party, but if you prefer to receive your tickets in advance by mail, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your payment. Your tickets will be

put in the mail as soon as they are printed.

Tickets for the dinner are \$16.00 each payable at the time your reservation is received. MAC dues are still 12.00/year. Please include your 2003 dues payment with your dinner reservations if possible. It simplifies our record keeping if we can get these both done with the same check.

Dinner reservations must be paid in advance because we have to keep the caterers at the Sons of Herman Annex informed of the number of meals we will need. Once we tell them how many meals to prepare, we are obligated to pay for that number. That's also the reason that we can't sell tickets at the door. We have a very limited ability to change the arrangements once the week of the party has arrived. Please get your ticket orders in as soon as you can.

All guests are welcome, but we particularly want to invite the local ATC staff to join us at the party this time.

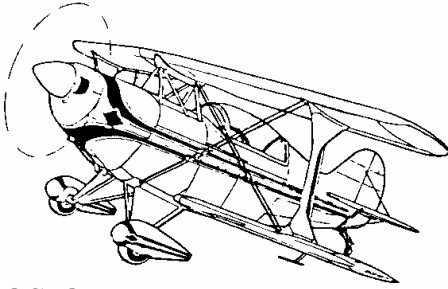


Labor Day Party

The sweet corn roast and brat burn last month was unusually well attended. About seventy-five to eighty members and guests were present and everyone had a great dinner. We have been very lucky to have excellent corn the past few years in spite of the fact that the party falls very late in the sweet corn season. MAC's thanks go to everyone that helped with the event, but special thanks to Gene Brim for making sure that we had excellent roasting ears when almost everyone in town was out for the season.



Air Events



OCTOBER

5 Regular Meeting
EAA Young Eagles

NOVEMBER

2 Regular Meeting

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.



Mike's

Computer Corner

Thoughts from MAC member Mike Broderick on how aviators can get the most from their PCs. This article is a continuation of the September 2002 Computer Corner.

Last, and certainly not least, let's put our beautiful airplane photo as our desktop's background instead of that artsy-fartsy Microsoft supplied one. To do this, minimize or close all open windows so you can see your desktop. Move your mouse pointer out onto your desktop but not over an icon and right-click, and then click properties. First let's check some display settings, so click the Settings Tab. Most displays made in the last 5 years are capable of much better-looking graphics than the default windows setting. Click the Color Drop-down box. You want to select the 32-bit color option, labeled either "16 million" or "highest". This setting used to tax slow processors, but that was a long time ago. You will see a noticeable improvement in color quality after selecting the highest color setting. Next, notice the Screen Resolution slide bar. Most installations

are set to 800 by 600 pixels or less, which is low. Go easy on this setting: Slide it 1 notch to the right and click OK. Your screen will blink and go to the new settings. You may get a message asking if you want the new settings or go back to the old ones. Play around with this setting to see which one you like best.

Now that we have our display the way we want it, we can set the desktop to our favorite photo. Please note that you need a photo image stored on your hard disk. There are several ways to do this. You can scan the photo into your computer's hard drive using a scanner if you have one. You can order digital images from your photo developer when you process your film. These images can come on diskettes or on CD-ROMs and can be loaded onto your hard drive. You can ask a buddy to scan your photo on his computer and e-mail the photo as an attachment to you. You can then save the attachment to your hard drive. If you find your aircraft on a web page (we have a lot of photos on our MAC web site), you can right-click on the desired photo and save it to your hard drive.

Let's assume you have a photo on your hard drive. Minimize or close all of your open windows so that you can see your computer desktop. Move your mouse pointer anywhere on your desktop but not over an icon and right click. Click properties. On the Display Properties dialog box, click the Desktop tab. You should see a mini-screen, an area labeled Background, and a Browse Button. Click the browse button. A Browse dialog box should appear. Click the button on the right side of the Look-in box. Click on the C drive (or your hard drive designator). The folders in your C drive will appear. Click on the folders until you have opened the folder containing your photo, then double click the desired photo to select it. Walla, it should appear in the little screen on the Desktop tab. You can click OK to select it or click the Browse button to select another photo.

Once you have selected your photo, there is one other set options worth talking about. If you have left it, get back to the Desktop Display Property (see

above). Note the Position drop-down box. It has 3 settings; Center, Tile and Stretch. They are given to compensate for the fact that your screen is square and most photos are flag shaped. Select the different ones to see which one you like best. I usually like Center for aircraft pictures, but sometimes Stretch is OK.

You may have noticed a Screen Saver Tab on the Display Properties dialog box. I would like to say a few words about screen savers. Photographs make poor screen savers. The purpose of screen savers is to display an image that doesn't paint many pixels (i.e. its black). I have seen computer system consoles that are on 24-7 and have characters and lines that are constantly set. You can see shadows of the text on the display's glass where all of the inner phosphorus coating has been burnt away. Not only an ugly sight but one wonders of the safety of it all. I recommend you select screen savers that put very few lighted images on the screen, and move those images randomly around the screen. I also recommend you go into the Control Panel's power management icon and set the display to turn off after 15 minutes of inactivity.

Airport Activity

Next time you visit Mansfield Lahm, take a moment to walk over and inspect the pavilion rebuilt by the Air Guard. It's nearly complete, and it looks great. MAC is investigating the possibility of funding the extension of a water line to the area. This would help us at Pancake Breakfast time, and it would make the pavilion a nicer place for everyone that uses it throughout the year.

MAC is also working to get donations toward the Dream of Flight statue in the new Garden of Heroes area. We hope to have a picture of the statue on the MAC website soon. Thus far about a third of the funds have been given or pledged, so there is lots of work still to do. Bob Staight has a presentation book prepared. If you would like to see it, or know someone that might like to donate, please talk to Bob.



