

MAC News

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Valentines Party



The Air Guard has approved our request to use their dining facility for the annual Valentines Day party to be held this year on February 14th. The party is scheduled to begin at 6:30 PM.

We have received confirmation from Angel Flight that Bill Fuson, a pilot from the CVG/DAY area, will be attending to give us a short presentation about their organization. For any of you that might not recognize the name, you will certainly know the concept. Angel Flight is a non-profit organization of pilots and other volunteers who serve the community by arranging free private air transportation for medical patients who cannot afford to make use of normal, commercial transportation. Angel Flight also provides services to blood, organ and tissue banks. Bill's presentation will center on what they do, and why they do it. Bob Staight has been working on door prizes for the party and most of you already know that he does an exceptional job. No one leaves this event empty handed.

For the past several years we have provided the Guard with a list of our members before the event to help them identify members maintain security on the base. Guests are encouraged as always. It would be ideal if it is possible for you and your guest to arrive in the same vehicle. If that isn't possible, then be sure to have your guests tell the guard at the gate your name, and that they are attending the Valentine's Day party as your guest.



John W. Hammer

December 19, 1918 - December 24, 2003



MAC member John W. Hammer, 85, died Wednesday evening December 24, 2003 in his home following a six-month illness.

John was a good friend with a long aviation history to his credit. He flew 50 missions over Eastern Europe as a B17 Bomber Pilot before returning to Mansfield to help establish the Ohio Air National Guard unit at Mansfield Lahm Airport. He was honored to fly General Frank P. Lahm on his first ride in a jet engine aircraft. He remained active with the Guard until his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1971.

Christmas Party

Those of you that were not able to attend the Christmas Party this year missed a good time. We had an excellent meal and our speaker on the Wright Brothers could not have



been timelier. Steve Bauman from NASA gave a presentation that detailed the brothers and their machines with the attention to detail and precision that you would expect from a space agency scientist. Our thanks go to Steve and to the NASA Speakers Bureau for their help in making this possible.

If you look at the bottom of the page of your newsletter you may think that it was somehow overlooked to change the section that lists the MAC officers and their phone numbers. Actually that is not the case. No new nominations for 2004 officers were received from the committee or from the floor at the annual meeting. Mark Reisdorf, the chairman of the nominating committee made a motion to retain the 2003 officers for another term. With no objection the motion was approved by a voice vote.

Jim Gorman presented an award to Col. Rich Green honoring his service to the 179th Airlift Group.



Col. Green is being promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in conjunction with his new assignment as Assistant Ohio Adjutant General for Air.

Phil and Marilyn Johnson were the 2003 recipients of the Gorman Award for outstanding service to the aviation community.



In our flying family you will nearly always find Phil and Marilyn the first to arrive to help make preparations and the last to leave after things have been cleaned up and put away. In addition to the award presented at the party, the Johnson's (and all previous recipients) are recognized on the Master Award Plaque displayed in the Pilots Lounge of the Mansfield's terminal building

One of the best moments of the evening was the opportunity to welcome Sue Staight back to a Mansfield Aviation Club event! Sue's hard work and determination inspire us all, and we wish her the very best as she continues her recovery.



Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Mansfield Aviation Club is Saturday March 6, 2004. Coffee and donuts will be in good supply and it is worth the trip to MFD if only to share some time with your aviation friends during these cold winter days. Mark Daugherty is usually present to give our membership a full update on what is happening on and around the airport. February's report was a bit shorter. Actually it was two words as he peeked into the meeting on a quick trip through his office. "Snowing! ...again!"

Dates have been set for most of the traditional MAC event, but we are always looking for new input. MAC meets in the conference room on the second floor of the Mansfield Lahm terminal building. Regular monthly meetings are held the first Saturday at 09:00 unless otherwise stated. The December meeting is the Christmas Party and also serves as the annual meeting of members.



Young Eagles

The EAA Young Eagle program has reached its scheduled completion. Bob Staight tells us that the program will go forward, but possibly in a different format. Till we get more info from Bob or the EAA, MACNews will continue to refer to it as Young Eagles on the schedule of events.



Pavilion News

Most of the electrical and other work necessary to make the new pavilion the best place ever for our pancake breakfast is complete. The electric service that MAC maintains at the pavilion will be turned on for the summer months, but locked to prevent unauthorized usage. With prior arrangements we will make the service available to other folks that use the pavilion. Mark Daugherty has located a dozen picnic tables, which are in very good condition. When we get some warmer weather we will spiff them up with a little paint and do any repairs that might be needed before they take up permanent residence at the pavilion. The tables come at a very good time since the ones that lived in the old pavilion were getting pretty rickety.



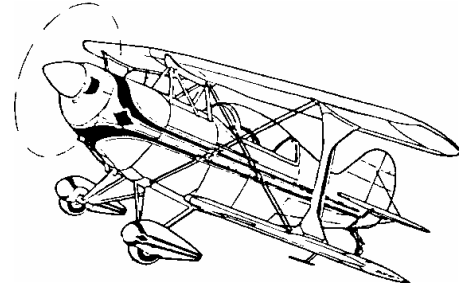
Questionnaire

Ron Dapper has put together a questionnaire on behalf of the MAC membership committee. It is included with your MACNews this month in the hope that you will consider the questions and take time to fill in the blanks and return it to

our post office box. Only a few moments are required and you need only fold it with MAC's address on the outside and add a stamp. Let MAC know where you would like your club to go.



Air Events



February

- 7 **Regular Meeting**
- 14 **Valentine Party**
(Air Guard Cafeteria)

March

- 6 **Regular Meeting**

April

- 3 **Regular Meeting**

May

- 1 **Regular Meeting**
- 1 EAA Young Eagles
- 29 **Memorial Day Party**

June

- 5 **Regular Meeting**

July

- 3 **Regular Meeting**
- 4 **Freedom Festival Pancakes**

August

- 7 **Regular Meeting**

September

- 4 **Regular Meeting**

October

- 2 **Regular Meeting**
- 2 EAA Young Eagles

November

- 6 **Regular Meeting**

December

- 3 **Christmas Party/Annual Mtg.**

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.

