

MAC News

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MAC May Change

0800

The next regular meeting of the Mansfield Aviation Club will be May 1, 2004. Since the EAA Young Eagles will be held on the same day, MAC is rescheduling the May meeting one hour earlier at 0800. This will allow plenty of time to complete our business and make the room available for the Young Eagle briefing at 0930. Generally by the time MAC adjourns, Young Eagle pilots are arriving for the briefing

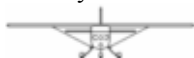
Coffee and donuts are always in good supply. Mark Daugherty is usually present to give our membership an update on what is happening on and around the airport.

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.



Questionnaire

In our last newsletter we sent out about one hundred questionnaires asking members for ideas about the direction you would like to see Mansfield Aviation Club moving. Only one questionnaire was returned. Please look around and locate yours and send it back.



Freedom Festival

You will see that the Freedom Festival is missing from the MAC schedule. The July Fourth celebration in Mansfield has been cancelled. MAC members have been discussing our options for the Pancake Breakfast. It could be cancelled, held as a free standing event on July 4th or rescheduled for another time. We are trying to learn if the car show is still being held at the airport before we make a decision on July 4th. Some rescheduling options under consideration at the present time include setting the breakfast for one or more of the days of the NASCAR truck races or coordinating with a possible visit of the Commemorative Air Force. (Confederate Air Force before political correctness) The CAF would like to bring Fifi (B-29) and Diamond Lil (B-24) to MFD this summer.



Safety Meeting

The Ashland Association of Pilots has arranged an FAA Safety Seminar April 14th at 7 PM. The meeting will be held at the Ashland County Holmes Career Center (JVS). If you haven't been to the JVS before, it is located at 1783 State Route 60 about a mile north of US 30 on the right. I have received no information on the topic from the FSDO, however MAC member Bob Staight says that he has received a mailing indicating the topic will be "Communication" and "The NASA Form.". There will be refreshments at the break. MAC is providing the coffee and punch and the 99's are bringing cookies and other goodies.



Christmas 2004



Hal Shevers

We have reserved the Sons of Herman Hall for the 2004 Christmas Party. Members seemed pretty happy with the Sons of Herman facility, and we have sent them our deposit for 2004. Thanks to Jim Gorman's efforts, we have received confirmation that Hal Shevers, founder and owner of Sporty's Pilot Shop, will be our after dinner speaker. There will be more information as we get closer to the event, but we are happy to have these items wrapped up early in the year.



Young Eagles

The day for Spring Young Eagle flights is nearly here. The May meeting of MAC meeting has been rescheduled an hour earlier than usual to make the

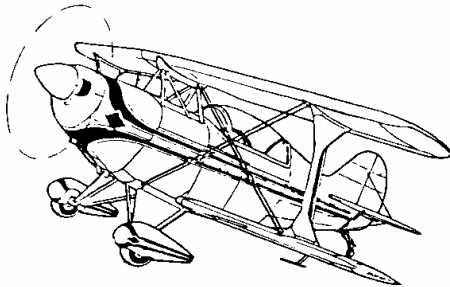
conference room available for the Young Eagle briefing.

Bob Staight is making the preparations and requests everyone try to help out with the event. The Flying Turtle will be asked to participate and Bob is negotiating to get a display aircraft from the 179th. The format will be the open style that has been used most recently. Local print and radio advertising will be used to let folks know about the event, and prospective Young Eagles can simply come out to MFD on Saturday morning. All the same forms and permissions are required. Only the required pre-registration has been dropped. Since there is a substantial amount of paper work to fill out, plenty of ground personnel are needed in addition to aircraft and pilots.

The EAA young Eagles program reached their original goal of 1,000,000 intro rides and now has a goal of flying 100,000 youngsters per year. There is a place for everyone in this worthwhile program. Put it on your calendar for the first Saturday in May.



Air Events



APRIL

14 FAA Safety Meeting
Ashland-Holmes JVS

MAY

1 Regular Meeting
1 EAA Young Eagles
23 Galion Aviation Days
29 Memorial Day Party

JUNE

5 Regular Meeting
27 FlyIn/DriveIn at Ashland (3G4)

JULY

3 Regular Meeting
13 Buckeye Air Rally
14 * Buckeye Air Rally
17 FlyOut to Kellys Island

AUGUST

7 Regular Meeting
27-29 EAA MERFI Marion Airport

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.



Galion

Aviation Day

The annual Galion Aviation Day is May 23rd at the Galion Airport. Young Eagles will be held on the same day. Note that dates have been changed to avoid conflict with the NASCAR truck races. Contact Information: Jim Graham 419-468-3637



Buckeye Air Rally

The All Ohio Ninety-Nines will be holding the 29th Annual Buckeye Air Rally over the second weekend in June. The rally will be based this year at Madison County Airport.

The Buckeye Air Rally is a VFR fixed wing proficiency event open to all pilots. Each team will consist of a licensed pilot and a navigator. The navigator need not be licensed, but must be at least sixteen years old. Passengers are not permitted during the rally. The object of the event is to predict your rally groundspeed, then fly that groundspeed on a course that will not be revealed until race day. The

closer you match your prediction the higher your score will be.

Entry fee is \$45.00 For information or to obtain an entry kit, please contact.

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179th TAG Lobby

It seems almost an annual event that military bases such as Mansfield's 179th Tactical Airlift Group find themselves threatened with closure or relocation. Members at the April meeting voted to make a donation to help fund a lobbying group. These folks will go to Washington to make sure that lawmakers charged with making the closure decisions are well aware of the advantages and benefits of keeping the Air Guard present here in Mansfield.



Picnic Tables

The old picnic tables that had been located at the picnic pavilion for many years were in pretty serious need of reconditioning. Fortunately Mark Daugherty located some newer tables that need only minor attention and painting. Ron Dapper has donated paint to spruce them up. Mark will be moving these newer tables to the pavilion when the weather allows. Phil Johnson will be coordinating the effort to get them painted and ready for the summer. The target date for the work day is April 17th with the 24th held in reserve if the weather does not permit painting on the 17th. Contact Phil to let him know you can help. (419) 526-0142



Thanks Ron

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