

MAC NEWS

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Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Mansfield Aviation Club is this coming Saturday at 0900. MAC meets the first Saturday of each month at 0900 in the main conference room at the MFD terminal building. Coffee and donuts are usually available and you will find lots of aviation friends to share your love of things that fly. Try to make it out to this meeting and give us your thoughts on the updates to the constitution and bylaws that are being prepared for presentation and vote at our December Christmas Party and Annual Meeting.



CAF Days Info

Bob Staight sends word that we flew 179 Young Eagles at our two day Rally while the CAF was at MFD. The Pancake Breakfast was a success also. Saturday's numbers were 228 adults, and 28 children. Sunday there were 142 adults and nine children. We also fed 14 car show drivers. As many of you know this breakfast was something of an experiment/project for us this year. After the cancellation of the Freedom Festival, members attending the regular meeting thought it would be a good thing for the club to support the CAF visit in whatever way we could. Obviously we had extra expenses to pay this year since items such as portable toilets and hand wash stations were not provided or shared from the Freedom Festival. We also assumed expenses for the car show including providing dash plaques and feeding the first fifty drivers. In fact the show was very poorly attended and we handed out dash plaques to anyone who wanted one (including our fly ins). Apparently there were several other car

shows sharing the date that had a loyal following among the drivers. We were the newest kid on the block compared to those shows. In spite of all the additional expense that we took on, we were still able to make a small profit. The CAF had a good weekend and appreciated all the support. MAC received a plaque from the CAF in appreciation of our help. It will eventually be displayed in the pilots lounge, but you can see a scan of it on page four of this newsletter. We are sure many folks in the area enjoyed the opportunity to see these warbirds as much as we enjoyed meeting the aviators from the CAF. When they left Mansfield, Marge Gorman was on the B-29, and Mark Daugherty on the B-24. We understand that they each got a little stick time on the way to Bristol, TN followed by a somewhat less exotic ride back to Mansfield.

Jeff Parrish and Bob Staight took on a lot of the work making arrangements for the visit. At the bottom of this page MAC recognizes our "Angels" that made generous donations, both in cash and in kind to kept 'em flying in Mansfield.



Freedom Festival Moved Off MFD

The Mansfield News Journal is reporting that the City of Mansfield and Mansfield Motor Speedway have agreed to hold a two day Freedom Festival 2005 event at the race track across the road from the airport. First indications here would be that this would mark the end of the July 4th Pancake Breakfast. MAC has held our breakfast on the day of the Freedom Festival since it was moved to Lahm Airport. (This year's cancellation of the Festival being the obvious exception.) That's a darn shame considering all the work, effort, and expense that MAC and the 179th have poured into the replacement of the picnic pavilion where we have held the event for so many years. We mention this now because we would like all our members to give some thought to an alternate time or event when we might hold our major fundraiser. Please share your ideas as to other ways we might make use of the nice facility we have developed?



A Special "Thank You" For The Generosity Displayed By These Businesses and Individuals.

It wouldn't have happened without you!

*Dennis Atkeson
Steve Cobb/Weidner Motors
Jeff and Shelly Gorman
Holiday Inn Mansfield
Richland Aviation/AvFuel*

*Mike Broderick
Gayle Gorman/Manairco
Jim & Marge Gorman
Jeff Parrish
Bill Schmidt/Schmidt Security*

Christmas Party Annual Meeting

Sporty's Founder and owner Hal Shevers will be our after dinner speaker.

Hal Shevers Takes Delivery of 150,000th Single Engine Cessna



Same Aircraft Now Sporty's 2005 Sweepstakes Prize



Giving away twenty-two aircraft in as many years is bound to make you one of the best known folks in general aviation. One has to wonder if there is a pilot anywhere in the US that has not spent a few pleasant hours poring over the fascinating items in Sporty's

Catalog or trained with one of Sporty's many live or video courses. This December however you can join a much smaller group when you meet the man that started it all. Hal Shevers will join us the evening of December 3rd for our Christmas Party and Annual Meeting. You might be a little surprised to hear how Mr. Shevers describes Sporty's corporate philosophy:

"Sporty's is basically an educational institution. We educate pilots. We have over 100 hours of our own educational DVD video on topics ranging from flying helicopters to weather to GPS, all of which are produced to help pilots fly safer. That is the focus of our business, and it has allowed us to make available to pilots other items such as jackets, sunglasses, and charts."

We will be meeting at the Sons of Herman on Orange Street here in Mansfield. Plan to arrive about 6:30 PM. There will be a cash bar available. Dinner is planned for about 7:00 and a very short business meeting around eight. Then we will be turning the floor over to Hal. Tickets are available now. Thank you to Charlie Otcasek for taking care of the printing chores again this year. Price for the evening is \$16.50 per person, and you are encouraged to pay your \$12.00 2005 MAC dues at the same time.

You can make reservations by sending payment to:

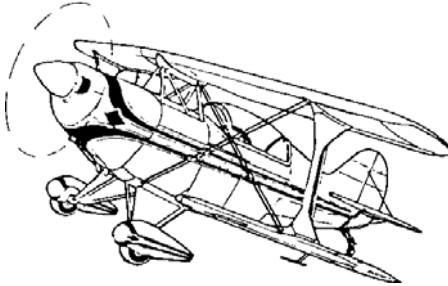
Mansfield Aviation Club Reservations
Dennis Atkeson
P.O. Box 1471
Mansfield, Ohio 44901

Reservations must be paid in advance. The Sons of Herman caterers need to know the number of meals we require. That's what makes it so difficult to 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 reservations in as soon as possible. Your payment needs to reach Dennis Atkeson no later than November 28, 2004.

As always, there will be a "will call" table to pick up your tickets as you arrive. This works very well for us, but if you would prefer to have your tickets sent to you by mail, send a stamped self-addressed envelope with your payment. Dennis will drop them in the mail for you right away.



Air Events



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.



MAC Has Moved

(Our Web Home)

I just got a note from Mike Broderick to let us know that the MAC Web page's anticipated move to his new server took place yesterday. There may have been a short time when the site was inaccessible during the transition, so if you were unable to view the site on or around October 28th, that would be the reason.

Mike tells me that he has found a way to post a link to the new site at the old address. The address is shortened by dropping the ":8081" at the end. Our new address reverts back to the original address that we used when Mike first put the site up for us. It is:

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

If you type in the address each time to view the site, there is less typing to do. If you have made a favorite location that you click on to bring up the site, you will need to adjust the link to point to the new location. Perhaps the easiest way to do that is to delete the old favorite, type the site in directly, and reset it as a favorite. Thanks again to Mike Broderick for all his efforts in making this site available to us and keeping it updated.



Iron Mike

While you are thanking Mike for his efforts as our Webmaster, you might congratulate him on his recent competition in the Iron Man Triathlon held in Clermont FL. Mike says he didn't set the course on fire with his 15 hour 55 minute 8 second time. His primary goal was to finish. I thought this sounded like a long time till he mentioned that the triathlon consisted of a 2.4 mile swim, then a 112 mile bike ride, followed by a 26.2 mile run. He placed 32nd out of 43 finishers in his age group and roughly 320 out of about 500 overall. Well over 1,000 people started the race. You are all invited to join in the fun next year!



Down with Turbine Engines

(Humor Dedicated to Dennis Atkeson)

Subject: Turbines Are Ruining Aviation, or Why I miss flying the Gooney Bird so much.

We gotta get rid of turbines, they are ruining aviation. We need to go back to big round engines.

Anybody can start a turbine, you just need to move a switch from "OFF" to "START," and then remember to move it back to "ON" after a while. My PC is harder to start. Cranking a round engine requires skill, finesse and style. On some planes, the pilots are not even allowed to do it.

Turbines start by whining for a while, then give a small lady-like "poof" and start whining louder.

Round engines give a satisfying rattle-rattle, click-click BANG, more rattles, another BANG, a big macho fart or two, more clicks, a lot of smoke and finally a serious low pitched roar.

We like that!
It's a guy thing.

When you start a round engine, your mind is engaged and you can concentrate on the flight ahead.

Starting a turbine is like flicking on a ceiling fan: Useful, but hardly exciting. Turbines don't break often enough, leading to aircrew boredom, complacency and inattention. A round engine at speed looks and sounds like it's going to blow at any minute. This helps concentrate the mind. Turbines don't have enough control levers to keep a pilot's attention. There's nothing to fiddle with during the flight. Turbines smell like a Boy Scout camp full of Coleman lanterns. Round engines smell like God intended flying machines to smell.

Uh-oh! ...I think I hear the nurse coming down the hall. I gotta go.

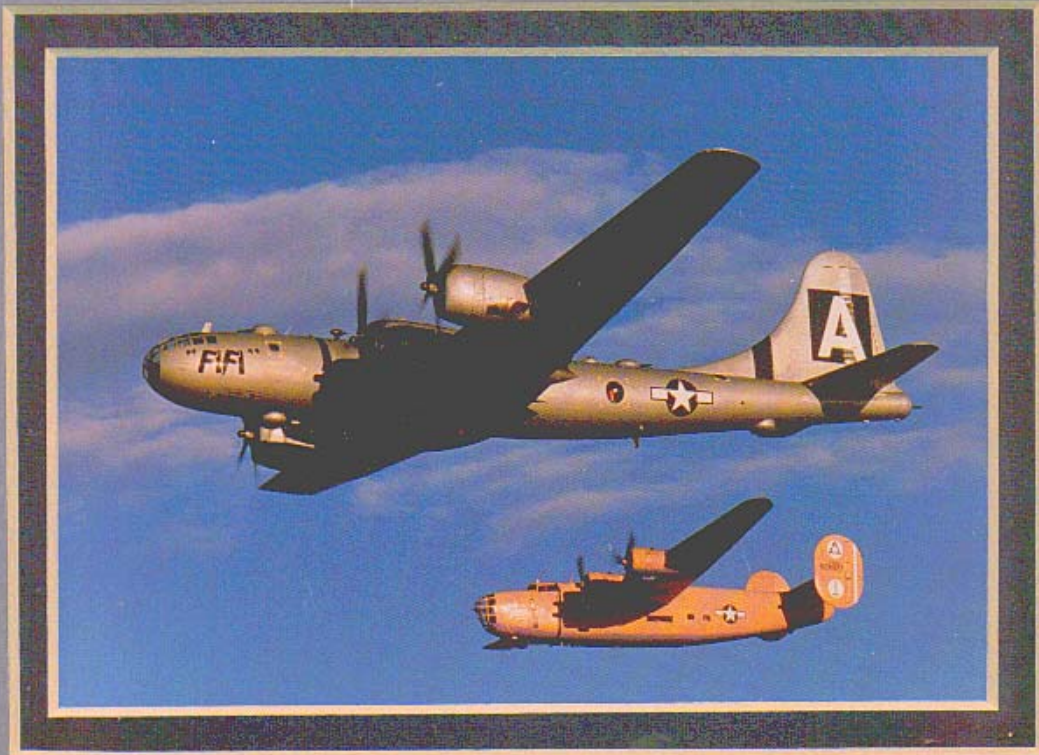


Color MACNews

If you have internet access and would like to see the photos in this month's MACNews in glorious color, just log onto our Web Page and click on the Newsletter link at the top of the left column. I'll be sending the newsletter to Mike in color from now on. The pictures you will see are of great quality. The cost of color printing makes it impractical to mail a color newsletter, but I've seen the test. The photos look wonderful on the web! Check it out.

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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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TRACEY STEWART
PX OFFICER



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Pilot-Toss
Director

Mark O'Keefe
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