

MAC NEWS

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Happy New Year

Ok, the greeting comes a bit after the official holiday, but with this first MACNews of 2005 comes the last of your New Year best wishes. A small group of members turned out on January eighth to help our new President Ron Dapper, and his able Vice President Tom Root kick off 2005. Outgoing President, Jeff Parrish, becomes the appointed trustee for the duration of Ron's term. Thanks to Jeff for all his efforts on behalf of MAC members and friends this past year and Good Luck to Ron and Tom in the year ahead.



Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Mansfield Aviation Club will be Saturday February 5, 2005. MAC meets in the conference room on the second floor of the MFD terminal building. Regular monthly meetings are scheduled for the first Saturday of each month at 09:00. Each December the regular meeting time is pre-empted by our Christmas Dinner & Annual Meeting. Details about the Annual Meeting are published here in MACNews as the event approaches.

Make it a goal to attend your regular meetings and assist in the planning of your club events. This is the time of year we can easily fit new or revamped events into our schedule. For example, we are considering a different location for our Annual Meeting. Since most of the venues book up very early it's important for us to get our member's suggestions and act on them early in the year in order to reserve our desired date. Entertainment for that meeting is another

area we need to wrap up right away. If you have an idea or suggestion and you can't get to the meeting, don't let it drop! Pass it along to any of the officers. MAC's current officers and their phone numbers are listed at the bottom of page one of each MACNews.



Betty LeBlanc



Our Sympathy goes to long time MAC member Rudy LeBlanc and his family for the sudden passing of Rudy's wife Betty. Rudy and Betty were married fifty-nine years. Many of us can't remember a time when they were not a part of MAC activities.

Betty A. LeBlanc, 80, of Mansfield, died Saturday, January 1, 2005 at her home. She was born March 24, 1924, in Lowell, Massachusetts to Alma and Arthur Ducharme. Betty graduated during WWII from Holy Ghost Hospital in Cambridge, Mass. earning her L.P.N.

She moved to Mansfield in 1953 and was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Rudy's current address:

Rudy LeBlanc
Winchester Terrace Nursing Home
70 Winchester Road
Mansfield, OH 44907



Youth Project

Do you subscribe to one or more aviation publications? Do you pay your trash man to haul away the past issues? Without a doubt most of us will have answered yes to both of those questions.

Don't Do It!

Actually, please do subscribe to and enjoy these publications.but when you are finished, don't toss them in the trash. Our incoming President, Ron Dapper has announced that he will make a priority of generating interest in young folks that might consider aviation as either a career or an avocation. The details of this effort have yet to be finalized, but being able to hand out a few interesting aviation publications will be a part of it. My thoughts immediately jumped to a drawer full of magazines I read and reread in my high school days. I have them carefully stored at my Dad's house. (I plan to bring these precious memories home whenever I can convince my sons to take some of their memories to their houses.) I realize that these are interesting only to me since the contents are so dated. They speak glowingly about long forgotten aircraft of the 60's. Articles describe flying machines with names like Skyhawk, Bonanza, Cherokee, and Ranger. Flipping through these now nearly 45

year old pages I can almost see these grand old birds lifting off into today's bright blue skies ...uh ...hmm. Oops! I think I may have been gazing out the window instead.

The point is ...the magazines we toss away can transport a young mind into the world of aviation even if the cover date is not the latest. For the moment, Ron asks that you just hang on to your back issues. Very soon we will have a place set up to store them until we are ready to hand them out. As soon as we get that in done, we will put your trash to work. Hopefully we can fan the spark of interest we all felt when we learned about airplanes.



Web Site

Don't forget to have a look at the MAC web pages occasionally. Mike Broderick has done a fine job with the site. You will find lots of good information and pictures there, and if you call up the current newsletter you can view it in full color. The URL changed slightly when Mike changed service providers. The old site ended with :8081. That suffix is no longer used. Mike keeps a page at the old address to guide you to the new one, but if you can't get on for any reason, be sure you are using the new address from the masthead of your newsletter.



Valentines Party



The first social event of 2005 will be held the evening of February 12th. The 179th AW has graciously allowed us the use of their dining facility for the Valentines Day event. We will be

providing a member list to the Guard security staff. You will need to identify yourself to the guard at the gate. Tell them that you are with the MAC party so that they can verify you are on the attendance list. If you are inviting guests, it is best if they can arrive with you. If that doesn't work out, make sure your guests know to tell the guard that they are attending the MAC party as your guest.

Speaker

You might have heard about the landing gear problems experienced by 179th AW crew members deployed to Iraq this past June. The aircraft, with crew and fifty-nine passengers came within minutes of a crash landing with jammed landing gear partially deployed. Find out the rest of the story after the Valentine's dinner when Col. Mark Stevens, and Maj. Jeff Charette, the co-pilot of the aircraft will be on hand to detail the incident. More than one hundred people in Iraq, Mansfield, and at Lockheed Martin Engineering worked with the crew trying to release the stuck gear while they orbited over the Persian Gulf. You won't want to miss it!



Left to right: Maj. Bruce Fogle, pilot, Capt. Matt Muha, navigator, Senior Master Sgt. Mike Cyphert, loadmaster, Tech. Sgt. Shane Adams, flight engineer, Staff Sgt. Mike Keller, loadmaster and Maj. Jeff Charette, co-pilot.

Ron Dapper will also have some video of the Commemorative Air Force B25 and B17 in Mansfield.

Bob Staight will have door prizes. Some things just can't be done any better! Be sure to tell Bob how much you appreciate his efforts.

MAC will provide the meat entrée and soft drinks. Members should bring their

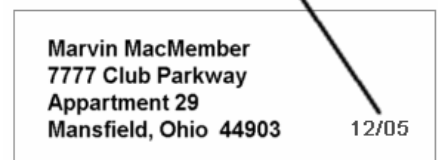
table service and a covered dish to share. Plan to arrive at 6:30.



2005 Dues

The expiration dates on your address label has been updated. If your dues are paid for 2005, your address label will have a date of "12/05" or later.

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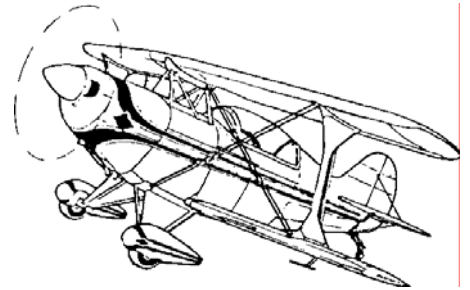
Dues payments may be sent to:

Mansfield Aviation Club
c/o Dennis Atkeson
P.O. Box 1471
Mansfield, Ohio 44901

If you are a paid up member of MAC and you have need of the pilot's lounge and/or satellite weather during hours when the terminal building is closed, you can contact one of the MAC officers to receive the combination to the door.



Air Events



FEBRUARY

- 5 MAC Regular Meeting 09:00
- 12 Valentines Day Party
(Air Guard Dining Hall)

MARCH

- 5 MAC Regular Meeting 09:00
- 5 EAA 148 Bus Trip to WPAFB

APRIL

2 MAC Regular Meeting 09:00

MAY

7 MAC Regular Meeting 08:00

7 EAA Young Eagles 10:00

28 Memorial Day Cookout
(MAC Picnic Pavilion)

JUNE

4 MAC Regular Meeting 09:00

JULY

2 MAC Regular Meeting 09:00

AUGUST

6 MAC Regular Meeting 09:00

SEPTEMBER

3 MAC Regular Meeting 09:00

3 Labor Day Potluck
(Gorman Hangar)

OCTOBER

1 MAC Regular Meeting 08:00

1 EAA Young Eagles 10:00

NOVEMBER

5 MAC Regular Meeting 09:00

DECEMBER

2 Christmas Party/An. Meeting

* 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-Mail

If you have an e-mail address and you don't get e-mail updates from us, email Jerry Calhoun <azgold@earthlink.net> to be added to the mailing list. Also be sure that your account is able to receive e-mail from <azgold@earthlink.net>. Sometimes a junk mail filter will discard mail from an address that it doesn't know. Adding <azgold@earthlink.net> to your address book will usually solve the problem, but every filtering software is different and it is best to check your documentation or internet provider.

[Freeman Swank, your address still rejects mail from MAC.]



Thanks from Hal

We received a note of thanks from Hal Shevers our speaker at the 2004 Christmas Party/Annual Meeting. Hal says he enjoyed the opportunity to visit Mansfield and meet MAC members. It seems this was the first time he has accepted an invitation to speak to a group such as ours. He also expressed his appreciation for the dinner certificate. Jim and Marge Gorman did a little spy work for us to find out Hal's favorite restaurant. We thought the gift certificate might be a better choice to express our thanks than a flight jacket from Sporty's.



Free Interactive Ice Education

Take a look at this free NASA online course.

<http://aircrafticing.grc.nasa.gov/courses.html>

A Pilot's Guide to In-Flight Icing is a free, on-line course primarily intended for the general aviation pilot who flies aircraft certified for flight in icing. Although much of the information is applicable to all pilots. With an operational focus, this course provides tools pilots can use to deal with in-flight icing. Emphasis is on avoidance, detection, and exit, as well as the effects of ice accretion on performance and handling and the particular hazard of Supercooled Large Droplet (SLD) icing.

This self-guided training aid contains imagery captured on NASA Icing Research flights, animation, pilot testimonials, case studies, and interactive demonstrators. In addition, interactive exercises allow the user to assess his or her operational understanding of the key points presented.



EAA Museum Trip

Our friends over at EAA Chapter 148 have chartered a bus to visit the Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. If you haven't visited the Museum for a while they would appreciate your support. Information about this trip is also available on the MAC web site.



to
**Wright Patterson
Air Force Museum**

On Saturday, March 5, EAA Chapter 148 has chartered a bus for any and all to visit the museum at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The bus will depart the parking lot of Shenandoah Christian Church at 8 AM!!!! We will travel to Dayton, and when we arrive we will visit the museum and have lunch at the museum. The anticipated arrival time at the museum is 11 AM and we will start the journey home at 3 PM. We will stop at Der Dutchmen (or whatever its name is) and have supper. The cost of the trip is \$20 per person for the bus. Meals and anything else you purchase, is your responsibility. We are pleased to tell you that nearly half of the seats have been claimed. With that in mind, now would be a great time for you to let us know of your interest in going on the trip. A call gets your name on a seat, and your money guarantees you that seat. You are welcome to take a guest with you. You can send your money to Jerry Shasky, 1047 Briarwood Road, Mansfield OH 44907. Make the check out to EAA Chapter #148 and be sure and mark it "bus trip" and provide all of the names of the folks who are going with you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to touch base with me by way of the WWW (revtmm@aol.com) or by a land line at 419.589.5677 or 419.566.8797.

