

MAPS AIR MUSEUM WHERE HISTORY TAKES FLIGHT!



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MAPS Air Museum is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the education, history, science and technology of flight.



CONGRATULATIONS WAYNE NOALL

At the March 5th membership meeting Wayne was elected to fill the vacant chair on the board.

ATTA BOYS AND GALS COLUMN by Jim Mosley

FRANK WRENICK is this month's recipient of the MAPS "Atta Boy" Award. Frank hails from Cleveland Heights, Ohio which is quite a distance for him to drive to MAPS, especially with gas prices what they are today. Nevertheless, you will find Frank at MAPS on most Saturday mornings very quietly going about tasks that may seem mundane to some, but are so vital to the appearance and cleanliness of the museum. Some of these tasks consist of sweeping, mopping the floors, emptying waste baskets and trash bags, etc. Possibly the most notable of Frank's endeavors is the cleaning of the restoration area glass display cases, both inside and outside. After Frank has finished these tasks he can be found working on the B26. These things Frank does week after week earns him a great big "Atta Boy" from all of the MAPS membership. The members that know Frank and are at the museum on Mondays should shake his hand in appreciation.



ATTENTION: LINE CREW by Paul Gates

There will be a line crew training session on May 17, 2008 09:00 at MAPS. Bring your last year's training manual. This will be for the Collings Foundation, MERFI, and any other airshow or flight line work we will be doing this year.

NEW CREW CHIEF FOR F-86D/L

Kent Kleinknecht is the new Crew Chief for the F-86d/l. Kent is looking for crew members to help in the restoration. Contact him at kkleinecht@sssnet.com or at the museum on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

50/50 RAFFLE RETURNS

We will be starting a monthly 50/50 drawing at the museum. Tickets will be \$1.00 and can be purchased at the gift shop counter. Each month the proceeds will go to help further along a specific aircraft or museum project. The winner will be drawn at each month's membership meeting.

MEMORIAL BRICKS

Memorial bricks applications must be submitted to Jerry Ramey no later than mid-May. This will assure that your brick for yourself or a loved one will be ready to be placed around the flag poles.



Rodger Trompower and Bob Schwartz check electron tubes.
Article and Picture by Rick Willaman

Welcome to the view of the Radio Section at MAPS. Rick Willaman (K8RIC) received the permission of the Directors to put together the cage area for the radios. Wade Huthmacher (WD8MIU) donated the shelving for the radio storage. Bob Schwartz with the use of his truck helped me bring the shelves back from the Hoover Company. We lined them up which makes the west wall of the caged area. We got two cage sections from the crib wall and Rick Hamlet helped me find a door and bring it over. After all this was done I removed the equipment from the crib area leaving empty shelves there. Jim Cameron opened up the vault in the hangar and I brought the equipment from over there to the cage. Now most of all the radio equipment is in the locked cage area. Since some of the equipment is Amateur radio type radios. The thought of getting a station up and running came about. A friend of

mine Roger Trompower (KA8FTS) did some calling around the county to find out what it would take to have an Amateur radio station at MAPS. Massillon Amateur Radio Club is helping to get set up also. With his input I have the information to go for a call sign for the museum, but to do so we need to have a club with four or more licensed ham radio operators and a constitution to setup the club. With the permission of the Directors we can send in the form to the FCC for the call sign. The FAA has a form I have to send in to notify them of the antenna location, Frequencies to be used, and the power of the transmitter on the Frequencies. I will be the Section Chief and the Station Trustee in charge of the license and the control of the transmitter use. For right now when we get the equipment up and running. The ham shack will be in the back of the cage till a bigger room can be put together. But right now there are too many other projects that require high priorities. So the equipment will have to wait unless I have some volunteers to help work on them. Funds are very limited and so are parts till we can get in full operation. Three fellow members of MAPS stop in to help, Jim Cummings (WB8VMW), Jules Laboucane (KA8MMN), and Rick Tenan (WA8TSL). I feel Ham Radio can open the museum to the world with a station on the air waves.

GUIDED TOURS UPDATE - Month of February, 2008 by Dick Stahl

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For the month of February, 2008, there were a total of 282 visitors receiving guided tours at the museum. Included in the total visitors for February, there were 10 tour groups touring the museum. This was made up by the following groups:

- 4- Cub Scout Groups
- 3- Local School Groups
- 1 - Bus Tour (Seniors)
- 2- Local Club Organizations

These ten (10) tour groups made up 44% (125 visitors) of the total number of visitors for the month.

The averaged busiest day during the week for guided tours for February was Saturday which had 37% (104 visitors) of the above total of visitors touring the museum with a Tour Guide. The second busiest tour day was Tuesday again with 17%. The single busiest day in February was Monday, February 18th, President's Day Holiday, with 47 visitors for the day.

For March, 2008, there are currently six (6) groups scheduled to visit the museum with a projected number of visitors of 160.

PRESENT YEAR-TO-DATE total number of visitors through February, 2008: 620

PROJECTED GOAL for 2008 (2008 financial budget): 6000 / year.

There still remains a big need for volunteers to be Tour Guides. Contact Dick Stahl at 330.806.4050, for more information on becoming a Tour Guide.

All tour guides, please check the MAPSairmuseum.org web site for the list of upcoming scheduled tours. If you can help with any of these tours that do not fall on your scheduled day and time for being a tour guide, please contact Dick Stahl to let him know of your availability.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Development Committee is to obtain financial grants from foundations. One of the most important factors in obtaining grants is to submit a plan which convinces the grantor that if they give us the money it will be well spent to meet the Mission of MAPS. If you have any ideas for projects* the committee can pursue, please put them in writing and submit to Mac McFarland. All we require at this time is; a brief description of the Project, why it is important (what will it do to help meet MAPS mission), how much it will cost, and how long it will take to be completed. A Grant Coordinator will be assigned to your suggestion and they will work with you to determine whether to submit a proposal.

*A project can be anything that requires money to complete, i.e. a new roof, a display, education program, etc.

“SPRING CLEANUP”

The next time you are walking in and around our facility, pretend you are a first time visitor. Some of the sights are not too pretty. A cleanup would help make our great organization look very professional. To do this the Directors have designated Saturday May 17, May 31 and June 7, 2008 as “Spring Cleanup Days” at MAPS.

Directions are simple:

1. A place for everything and everything in its place.
2. If you don't use it, throw it away.
 - 2A. If you don't use it, but think it could be used by others, place it in one of the designated “Do you need this” areas.

Any items remaining in this area will be thrown away after June 14, 2008.

An extra “dumpster” will be available for the trash.

You don't have to wait for May 17th. You can begin this process right now!

MAPS PLACEMAT ADS



We are currently selling ad space for the 2008 event schedule. If you would like to place an ad or would be willing to sell a space to a supporter please contact Kent Kleinknecht at the museum or by e-mail him at kkleinknechr@ssnet.com. The cost per space is \$50 per block. These blocks will be the size of a standard business card. These placemats will be used for the Hangar Dances in May and Sept. and also the April and October pancake breakfast. That will be nearly 2,000 placemats for the year. These Placemats are 11 x17 in size.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The following letter contains the writers personal views and does not necessarily reflect the news of the Board of Directors of MAPS.

Approximately 3 years ago I joined MAPS and I was very impressed by all the activity. Restorations, Air Shows, display, artifacts, fund raising events, etc. I became a tour guide and realized the satisfaction you get from explaining our museum and its assets to visitors. I then volunteered to be Treasurer and came to realize that the museum was living on borrowed time financially. In 2006 34% of MAPS operating budget was being paid for by a Federal Grant which was ending at the end of 2006, a balloon payment of \$45,000 for the Stinson was due the bank in 2007 and no money had been accrued for it. Furnaces were required for the hangar, I could go on and on, but the fact was MAPS was headed for bankruptcy. Working with the new Directors, we developed a budget for 2007 and ended the year at essentially a “Break Even”. The 2008 budget is a “Break Even”, and in 2009 we need to find the funds to add a paid **qualified** Executive Director. To make this happen we must increase two of our primary sources of revenue: Tour admissions and Gift Store sales. We now have a Promotion committee with an advertising budget so we believe we can increase the number of people visiting MAPS. However, without sufficient tour guides and gift store workers to handle these additional visitors, the effort will all be for naught. At present, we do not have enough volunteers to cover these vital functions. Please consider volunteering in one or both of these areas. Without your help we will have to but back on hours and this could start a downward death spiral. It is your Museum. Please help MAPS stay in business.

Volunteer.

Mac McFarland

CURATORS CORNER by Gary Haught & Jim Cameron

Tuskegee Airman, Col. Charles McGee Visits MAPS Air Museum

Saturday, March 15, 2008, Colonel Charles E. McGee spent the morning at MAPS. Col. McGee was the featured guest speaker at the East Central Ohio Pilot's Association's annual dinner the previous night. He also spoke at two area high schools on Thursday.

It was an honor of the curator staff to give Col. McGee a personal tour of MAPS, especially the newly upgraded Tuskegee Airmen exhibit. Mark Silinsky had finished the 3-D lettering that gave the display a more professional look and new artifacts and graphics had been added.

The Tuskegee Airmen started off as an "experiment" by the Army Air Forces early in WWII. Due to the strict segregation policies of the military at that time, African-American troops could not serve side-by-side with white troops and the military high command had been told, "no Negro soldier could possibly have the mental capacity to be taught to fly a complicated front-line fighter plane." Black soldiers in WWII were restricted to support and supply service duties. However, bowing to political pressure from the Black community and First Lady Eleanor, Franklin Delano Roosevelt issued orders that set in motion the Tuskegee Experiment.

Tuskegee Institute, in Alabama was chosen for its good flying weather and it already had a Civilian Pilot Training program in place. By the end of WWII, Tuskegee had commissioned 994 pilots and 450 of those served with distinction in combat overseas.

These Black pilots just wanted to serve their country to the best of their abilities - a country that treated them as second-class citizens. But even with the many stumbling blocks thrown in front of them to make them fail, they proved all the nay Sayers wrong. Their outstanding performance on Bomber Escort missions earned them the nickname "Red-Tailed Angels" (after the way they painted their fighters) and bomber groups started requesting the Red-Tails as their preferred escorts.

At the end of WWII, white troops came home to parades. But the Tuskegee Airmen came home to find nothing had changed for them. They would still have to endure racism, bigotry and segregation. Highly decorated, veteran combat pilots like Charles McGee found that they could not enter the "Whites Only" Officer's Club. So, rather than going with the status-quo, many of the Tuskegee Airmen decided to stay in the military to bring about change. These civil rights pioneers eventually broke down the racial barriers in the military and that ultimately led to the nation-wide civil rights movement.

Col. Charles McGee went on to a distinguished 30-year military career. In fact, he holds the record for *the most fighter combat missions flown in three wars* - WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He commanded squadrons, operations and ultimately became a base commander. This man's quiet dignity belies the humiliation and indignation he (and all of the Tuskegee Airmen) endured. His life and deeds are an example and an inspiration to us all.



Charles E. McGee stands in front of his WWII P-51C Mustang (named KITTEN - his wife's nickname). He served as a combat pilot in, not only WWII, but also Korea and Vietnam. Col. McGee holds the Air Force record for most fighter combat missions flown in 3 wars - 409. He, also, consulted with the sculptor in the development of the B. O. Davis "LifeForm" for the MAPS Tuskegee Airmen display.



SPRING DANCE TO BE HELD MAY 10

Cold War Warriors

Dance, Cruise-In and Silent Auction

Come step back in time to the mid 50's and early 60's with the MAPS Air Museum as we reminisce with those who stood watch to protect this great country.

Music Provided by the Tofu Fighters
 Food: Old Carolina Barbecue Company
 When: Saturday May 10, 2008
 Doors Open at 5:30 pm
 Music at 7:00 pm
 Tickets: \$15 each
 Set-ups available

Participants encouraged to dress in period attire
 Tickets may be purchased from the MAPS gift shop or by sending a ticket request to:

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 2260 International Parkway
 North Canton, Ohio 44720
 330-896-6332
www.mapsairmuseum.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE SPRING DANCE

If you are willing to help with the upcoming spring dance please contact Kent Kleinknecht at 33-323-5764 or e-mail Kent at kkleinknecht@sssnet.com. The following help is needed:

- 1) Silent auction items, so far we have the following items, 2 Goodyear Blimp Ride Tickets, 1 Ride in the T-6 Texan, 1 day Spa treatment at The Green Room, 1 large handmade afghan.
- 2) Decorations ideas: I need an individual who will help decorate the hangar. If this is your cup of tea or you have some good ideas please contact Kent .

FIRST FLIGHT SIM NIGHT

Friday March 14th MAPS restoration building was host to its first ever flight sim night. The event was hosted by Directors Kent Kleinknecht and Jim Kohan. Up to 6 computers were linked together to bring virtual air combat to life. Some onlookers were amazed at the quality and fun of using these simulations. The evening concluded with a hope for future events.



CASH RAFFLE

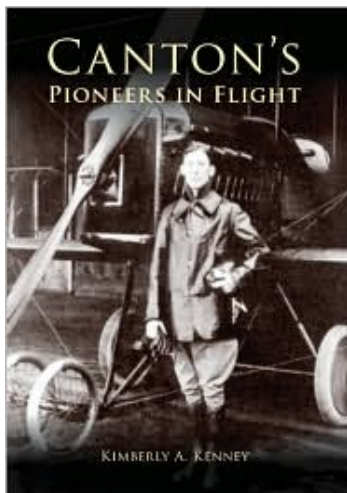
It's time once again to hold our MAPS Cash Raffle. Last year through the generosity and hard work of our membership, we were able to raise over \$6,000 through the raffle to help keep the museum going. Along with various other fundraisers such as the Pancake Breakfast, Collings Group, Fall Dance, Spaghetti Dinner, to mention a few, along with cost reduction efforts, we were able to erase most of a projected \$13,000 budget shortfall. This years raffle will begin during the last week of January and conclude with a drawing on Wednesday April 9th at 7:00pm. Each family membership will be sent 10 tickets. Our goal is to sell 5,000 tickets at which would profit the museum \$20,000.

If you have any questions regarding the raffle or feel that you cannot participate or are interested in selling more tickets please contact Kent Kleinknecht at kkleinknecht@sssnet.com or at 330-830-6341.

KEN'S CORNER by Ken Alexander

Author of "Canton's Pioneers in Flight" to speak

Kimberly A. Kenney, curator of the McKinley Museum will give a short talk on the revolutionary 1908 William Martin monoplane and Almina & Blanche Martin's places in aviation history. Kim will speak at 11:00 AM and then will be available to sign copies of her popular book: "Canton's Pioneers in Flight" until 1:00 PM. Date April 27, 2008 in conjunction with the MAPS Pancake Breakfast.



DOLLAR BANK JUMBOTRON

Thursday March 6, 2008

A film crew from Dollar Bank spent several hours at MAPS shooting video for their new Regional Showcase "Jumbotron" screen that they have installed at the Galleria in Cleveland, OH. The regional showcase will highlight cultural, historic and community assets of Northeast Ohio.

Producer Dorothy Spangler called and spoke to Richard With about coming to the museum and taking video to feature on the new regional showcase. It turns out, Ms. Spangler's father flew Navy Corsair fighters in WWII in the Pacific. And she is quite knowledgeable about the aircraft and its deployment during the war.

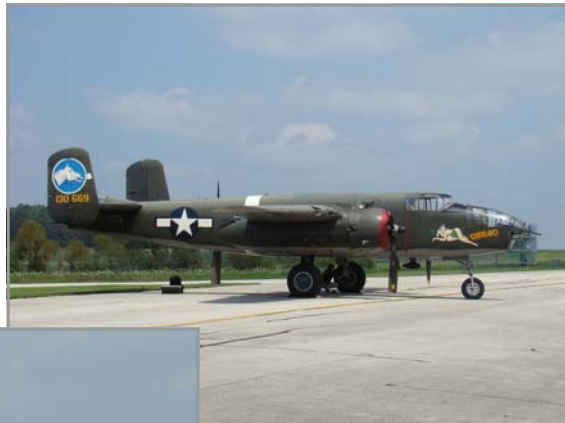
The very next day, Dorothy and the videographers went through the museum taking footage of everything including the displays and the aircraft. She was particularly taken with the model of the Goodyear FG-1 Corsair in the exhibit room in the hangar. Said Ms. Spangler, "This is a great facility you have here. We hope to be back when the weather is nicer. It's very impressive."

To find out more about the Dollar Bank Regional Showcase, go to their web site at:

<http://www.regionalshowcase.com/Galleria/index.aspx>



COLLINGS FOUNDATION



*Mark your calendar
for their return visit!*

Aug 15, 16, 17, 18

Contact Richard With or Terry Harriman, co-chairmen, if you are interested in working on this event. WE WILL NEED HELP!

******* ATTENTION ALL WW II VETERANS *******

We are in need of a list of all MAPS members that served in WW II. Please call Richard With @ 330-497-4008 or Terry Harriman @ 330-877-1230 or MAPS Air Museum @ 330-896-6332.

2ND MAPS NIGHT AT THE AKRON AEROS

Faith Barnett is in the process of putting together another MAPS night at the Akron Aeros. Those that attended the game last year had a great time so plan to join us for a fun evening of baseball. More details will be available in the next newsletter.

NATIONAL GUARD INVITATION

The National Guard has extended an invitation to MAPS members and their families to tour their new complex at the Akron-Canton Airport. There will be a signup sheet in the museum for those interested. You MUST check in with MAPS before a tour can be arranged. If you are interested contact any director.

FROM YOUR MUSEUM STORE MANAGER—Bob Johnston

MAPS Air Museum store is always running specials on different items. Be sure to check the store for new items or specials on your next visit. The museum store can place special orders. Check with the cashier or Bob Johnston for any special item you are looking for.

The museum store is always looking for people to help on the register. You do not need previous experience. You will be trained on the register. If one day or just a half day fits into your schedule, let us know. Just call MAPS or stop in the store.



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MUSEUM HOURS

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WED. 9:00—9:00

THURS.—SAT. 9:00—4:00

SUN. CLOSED

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETINGS
TWO DAYS PRIOR TO
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
7PM

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
FIRST WEDS. EACH MONTH
7:30PM

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| April 9, 2008 | Cash Raffle Drawing |
| April 27, 2008 | Spring Pancake Breakfast |
| May 10, 2008 | Spring Dance "Cold War Warriors" |
| August 15 thru 18, 2008 | Collings Foundation |
| October 12, 2008 | Fall Pancake Breakfast |

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