

MAPS AIR MUSEUM WHERE HISTORY TAKES FLIGHT!



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ATTA BOYS AND GALS COLUMN by Jim Mosley

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In this writer's opinion, the most unheralded volunteers of MAPS are the "Tour Guides". Tour guides play a tremendously important role in the success of the museum. They are the first representative of MAPS the visitor sees (other than the cashier) and very likely the last person they talk to upon completion of the tour.

These volunteers are, in a sense, the "front line" soldiers, or ambassadors, of the museum. The impression the visitors take home with them depends largely on how knowledgeable the tour guide is of their subjects and how well they deliver that knowledge to the visitor. They all have this knowledge and delivery because of their competent leadership of Paul Uhlman and Dick Stahl.

The following men and women are very much deserving of this month's "Atta Boy & Atta Gal" salute. When we see them, let's show our appreciation by a good old fashioned hand-shake and an "Atta Boy" to all.



Ken Alexander
 Ron Armitage
 Bob Barnett
 Don Block
 Roger Brady
 Terry Harriman
 Bob Howard
 Rick Jones
 Larry Karadin
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Bill Ries
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 Dave Bell
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 Ted Vozenilek

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

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.

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

For the month of March, 2008, there were a total of 434 visitors receiving guided tours at the museum. Included in the total visitors for March, there were 8 tour groups touring the museum. These groups were made up by the following:

- 3- Cub Scout Groups
- 1- Local School Group
- 1- Bus Tour (Seniors)
- 1- Local Club Organizations
- 1- Birthday Party Group
- 1- Special Group (Army National Guard Members from across the field)

These eight (8) tour groups accounted for 26% (113 visitors) of the total number of visitors for the month.

The averaged busiest day during the week for guided tours for March was Saturday which had 40.8% (177 visitors) of the above total of visitors touring the museum with a Tour Guide. The second busiest tour day was Wednesday with 17%. The busiest period for March was the week of the 24th when the schools were out for Spring Vacation and the Museum had 207 visitors for the week.

For April, 2008, there are currently eight (8) groups scheduled to visit the museum with a projected number of visitors of 214.

PRESENT YEAR-TO-DATE total number of visitors through March, 2008: 1054

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

REVENUE GENERATED from TOURS / Year -to- Date (March, 2008): \$5691
(Aside from grants and other external funding, Tour Revenue is one of the largest source of our MUSEUM income.)

First Quarter, 2008 Tour Guide Summary: Considering the amount of extreme bad weather that was experienced during this time period (Museum was closed for about 4 days), the results were good to better than expected. Saturdays are still the busiest days for tours with several of these Saturdays seeing 70 visitors or more at the Museum. Considering in the past years, a majority of the volume of visitors were from bus tour groups and now a majority of our visitors are from the local community. This is a very positive sign in our growth and value to those that benefit from our existence.

I would like to give a special thanks to all the tour guides for their efforts in making the above results such a success. These individuals have put in many hours and weathered very cold and snowy days to achieve what at times seemed impossible.

Thanks again to all Tour Guides for this 1st quarter success.

To support this on-going financial effort, there still remains a big need for additional volunteers to expand our Tour Guide Program. 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.

NEW ADMISSION PRICES AND NEW HOURS OF OPERATION

Effective April 1, 2008 new admission prices went into effect: Adults \$8, Children ages 5–12 \$5, Seniors \$7.
Effective May 1, 2008 SPRING HOURS go into effect: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday open 9 am–4 pm; Wednesday open 9 am–9 pm; Sunday open 11:30 am–4 pm; CLOSED Mondays.

“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!

ON-TARGET with 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 Almira & 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.

SPRING PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday April 27, 2008 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Restoration building \$5 Adults \$3 Children (12 & under)

Purchase tickets at the door. Pancakes, Sausage, Juice, Milk & Coffee

Guest speaker Kimberly Kenney from McKinley Museum and author Canton's Pioneer's in Flight

- We now have a presentation about MAPS that can be given to civic group and organizations.
- We should be up and running on iShopStark.com & iShopSummit.com including a video tour of the museum.
- An article about MAPS will be running in the The Alliance Review this week.
- I will be interviewed by Fred Chenevey on WHBC, 1480 AM, Tuesday April 22 at around 10:30. I'll be talking about MAPS and the Pancake Breakfast.
- If you haven't already, please vote for MAPS on these websites. (It's free publicity).

Fox 8 Television's Akron/Canton “Hot List”

<http://myfoxcleveland.cityvoter.com/contests/akroncanton-hot-list/1033>

Under “Arts and Entertainment” go to “MUSEUM” and vote for MAPS.

Canton/Stark Convention & Visitor's Bureau's “Best of Stark”

http://www.cantonstarkcvb.com/info/favorite_venue_voting.php

Go to “MUSEUMS” and click. MAPS is listed in this category.

You can also vote for us under “Best place to spend the day with your family” or “Stark County's best kept secret”.

If you aren't tired yet, go to

Akron/Summit Convention & Visitor's Bureau

<http://www.visitakron-summit.org/2003/>

Click on “Zenith Awards” button and fill in MAPS under “Attraction/Point of Interest”

NOTE: ALL of these require you to register before you are allowed to vote. The Fox * Hot List gives you check boxes if you want to be on their e-mail list. DON'T check them unless you want a lot of e-mail from advertisers.

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Dance, Cruise-In and Silent Auction
Finger-Poppin' Sock-Hoppin' Fun Rockin' Music & Dancing
at the MAPS Air Museum

The days of Rockin' and Rollin' are back at the MAPS Air Museum's "Cold War Warriors" dance and silent auction Saturday, May 10. The doors open at 5:30 PM and the band Tofu Fighters heats up the place with 50s & 60s music starting at 7:00 PM.

Enjoy pulled-pork sandwiches and sides from Old Carolina Barbecue Company then hit the dance floor and have some fun!

Featured silent auction items include:

- Two tickets for rides on the Goodyear Blimp, provided by Goodyear
- Ride in a WWII AT-6 Texan aircraft for 1 person, donated & flown by Jim Keller
- Day spa treatment for one at The Green Room, provided by The Green Room Spa
- A 1/8 scale replica Civil War cannon made of brass, includes ammunition displays
- Aviation Antique A intake valve from B-29 engine (still wrapped in cosmoline in the original box stamped March 1945
- Folding vinyl sports chair with cup holder and pockets on the backrest
- Nike basketball embossed with the Ohio State University logo
- Golf basket will include a new bag, tees, balls and rounds of golf at some area clubs

Enter your bid for these great items and more.

If you have an item to add please get in touch with Kent Kleinknecht at kkleinknecht@sssnet.com or call 330-323-5764.

Get your ducktail slicked, polish those saddle shoes and dust off that poodle skirt--'cause period dress is encouraged. Then jump into your '57 Chevy or Deuce Coupe and head to the MAPS Air Museum for a night of 50s and 60s rockin' favorites performed by *Tofu Fighter*. Doors open at 5:30 PM and music begins at 7:00.

Tickets are \$15 per person and available in the MAPS Gift Shop at the Museum. All proceeds benefit the museum.

HELP WILL BE NEEDED ON THE DAY OF DANCE:

On Saturday we will need help on set-up and decorations

During the dance we will need help with parking, security and at the pop table

After the dance we will need assistance with tear down and clean-up

Please step forward and help where you can.

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@sssnet.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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MONEY RAFFLE WINNERS

First Place—Carl Rispoli \$1,150 Second Place—Terry Harriman \$330 Third Place—Suzan Schweitzer \$165

MAPS AIR MUSEUM NIGHT AT THE AKRON AEROS

MAPS Air Museum and the Akron Aeros will be flying high at the Second Annual Outing on Friday, June 27, 2008. Come join the fun watching the Akron Aeros (Cleveland Indians AA) play the Reading Phillies (Phillies). Gates open at 6:00 pm, we'll meet in our seats by 6:30 pm, for the 7:00 pm game start. Wear your MAPS clothing. Groups are announced over the P.A. system and on the Score Board. Help us cheer for MAPS when announced. After the game there will be Fireworks, which every year are fabulous. Parking is available all around the stadium area. Bring family and friends. 100 tickets have been reserved in Section 111 by First Base. MAPS will receive part of the ticket price—the more tickets sold, the more MAPS receives. What a great way to have fun and help MAPS! Tickets are \$7 per person. Make your reservation by signing the reservation sheet at MAPS and providing your check, or sending in the reservation form below with check made payable to "MAPS Air Museum, AEROS GAME". Reservation and payment is due no later than May 14, 2008.

arranged by Faith Barnett

MAPS AT AKRON AEROS BALL GAME JUNE 27, 2008 RESERVATION FORM

NAME (PRINT) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ X \$7.00 = TOTAL PAYMENT \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO MAPS Air Museum—AEROS GAME
NO LATER THAN MAY 14, 2008

Mail to: Maps Air Museum
2260 International Parkway
North Canton, OH 44720



mapsnewsletter@yahoo.com

CURATOR'S CORNER by Gary Haught & Jim Cameron

CALLING ALL ROSIES

After more than 65 years, *Rosie the Riveter* is being called on again to do her part. Local women who worked in war production at Goodyear Aircraft Company during WWII are needed to help with a new display that is being developed.

Women played a large part in producing the more than 4,000 Corsairs and parts for other aircraft at GAC during WWII. Without their efforts and that of the other 18 million women across the USA who helped stoke the Forge of Freedom, the war would have lasted a lot longer. So the Rosies have earned their place in history and it's important that their story is preserved.

In the summer of 1943 at age 19, Edith Franks traveled from her parent's farm outside Charleston, WV, to Akron where she would work on riveting Corsairs until the end of the war.

After three weeks training, she started working on the second shift in Final Assembly. With her partner, Ann Downey, they would alternate riveting and bucking the panels between the cockpit and the tail assembly.

Last year, Edith started a one-woman campaign to get the Rosies the recognition they deserved. When she visited several air museums in California and Arizona, she would wear the trademark red and white poke-a-dot head bandanna and ask museum officials if they would put up a *Rosie the Riveter* poster and invite Rosies who visited the museums to sign them. But she wasn't having much luck until she visited MAPS Air Museum.

When Edith told your curator staff about her idea, we said we thought the Rosies deserved more than just a poster. MAPS would make a whole display with photos, artifacts and even a mannequin dressed like the iconic *Rosie the Riveter*.

So, all you *Rosie the Riveters* out there need to contact MAPS Air Museum if you have photos, artifacts or memorabilia, such as pay stubs, lunch boxes, tool boxes, badges, IDs or patriotic buttons. So we can make this a knock out display.



Former "Rosie the Riveter", Edith Franks, discusses how she learned to use a rivet gun at Goodyear Aircraft during WWII with MAPS curator, Gary Haught.



FG-1 Corsair production line. Goodyear Aircraft Company produced more than 4000 of the "Bent-wing Bird" during WWII. (GAC archives via Lockheed)



CURATOR'S CORNER continued from previous page

Roy Rogers stops by to boost the moral of the Rosies working on Corsairs at Goodyear Aircraft Company during WWII. (GAC archives via Lockheed)



Rosies work on the cockpit section and wing root of a Corsair. One of over 4000 built by Goodyear Aircraft Company during WWII. (GAC archives via Lockheed)

MAPS just received a collection of WW II US and RAF aviation flying helmets, goggles, oxygen masks, avionics, etc. from MAPS member Dave Bell. They are currently on display in the new display room. The curators department just finished a display of a USAF Desert Storm female dress uniform, including hat and dress shoes. Very impressive. It's also located in the new display room.

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NASA 50th Anniversary Open House(s)

Cleveland Lewis Field May 17 & 18—7pm Catch shuttle bus at I-X Center, Handicapped parking only at NASA, Last bus leaves for NASA at 6pm.

Sandusky Plum Brook Station May 31 & June 1 11am—7pm, Parking at intersection of Route 250 and Fox Rd, Handicapped parking only at NASA, Last bus leaves for NASA at 5pm.

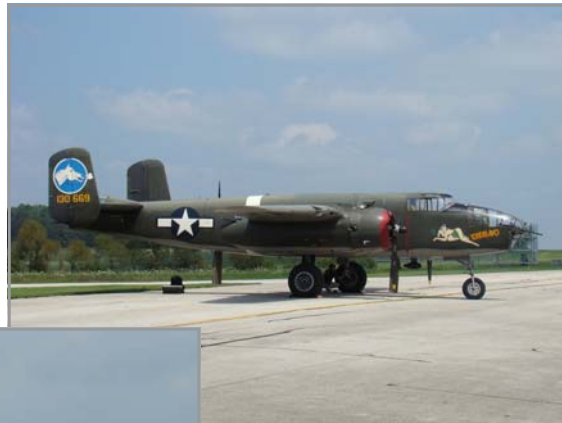
Nasa50th.grc.nasa.gov 216-433-5555

AIRWAVES RADIO CLUB by Rick Willaman

Saturday, April 12 the first tower for the antenna system went up. The following Monday the hole was dug for the 2nd tower. The antenna we are putting up is called a Windom antenna. It is an off set antenna. The short side will be between the two towers and the longer side will be between the middle tower and the hangar. At the top of the tower on one leg will be a dual band antenna for VHF and UHF. These will all be for the Ham Radio Bands. The club did get the call sign of KD8IFN from the FCC which I want to change to one of two calls submitted on April 7th. As soon as we get the newer call we can complete the certificates for the joint Massillon Radio and Airwaves Radio Clubs special event when Colliings Foundation comes in August. There is much work to be done before the club station will be on the air. We need help with the radio and electronic equipment repairs and displays. We as a club will have to work on a few changes to open the club to non ham members, but the member MUST be a member of MAPS Air Museum. We will keep everyone up to date as we go along.



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 looking for all MAPS members that served in WW II. Arrangements will be made for ALL WW II veterans to be admitted for a free tour of the planes. Please call Richard With @ 330-497-4008 or Terry Harriman @ 330-877-1230 or MAPS Air Museum @ 330-896-6332.

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.

F-86L UPDATE by Kent Kleinknecht

All of the panels on both sides of the airplane have been removed and are in the process of having the paint removed. The nose cone has been removed and will be repaired and replaced. Paint on the airframe is starting to come off on the surfaces in front of the leading wing. We will continue to strip paint and discover how much panel replacement and repair will be needed. We will eventually paint the airplane in the colors of the 496th FIS that flew out of Hahn, W. Germany during the mid fifties. Check out the website for more details on the F-86D. Thanks to new member Bob Shott, Paul Gates and Ken Koehn for stepping in with both feet on helping with the stripping process. Also Don Neidert for sheet metal work on the canopy and Jim Kohan for instruction in proper paint removal techniques. If you would like to help with this project please step forward and contact Kent Kleinknecht at the museum or by e-mail kkleinknecht@sssnet.com.





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MUSEUM HOURS

MON.—TUE. 9:00—4:00

WED. 9:00—9:00

THURS.—SAT. 9:00—4:00

SUN. CLOSED

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TWO DAYS PRIOR TO
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
7PM

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
FIRST WEDS. EACH MONTH
7:30PM

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9, 2008	Cash Raffle Drawing
April 27, 2008	Spring Pancake Breakfast
May 10, 2008	Dance, Cruise-In and Silent Auction
August 15 thru 18, 2008	Collings Foundation
October 12, 2008	Fall Pancake Breakfast

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