Nominations, Annual Meeting Reminder

This is a reminder to all Members that our Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 24th, 2009 at 7:00pm. One of the most important parts of the Annual Meeting is the election of Board of Directors. As such, Nominations were accepted at the May Member’s Meeting, and will be accepted at the June Member’s Meeting, to be held Wednesday, June 3rd at 7:00pm. There are six seats up for election in 2009; the seats held by Jim Keller, Kent Kleinknecht, Steve Satchell, and the three vacant seats to be filled. To nominate someone (or to accept a nomination) for the Board of Directors, you must be present at the Member’s Meeting, and must be a Member in good standing. Remember, nominations are accepted June 3rd, voting takes place at the Annual Meeting on June 24th. The Board will consist of a total of nine Directors following the June 24th Annual Meeting.

Spring Pancake Breakfast Thank You

Don Neidert, Allen Swain, and Greg Sunyak want to thank the 40 very hard working volunteers for doing such a great job Sunday. We could try to mention each by name but we would surely miss someone. The Line Crew, Parking Crew, Cooks, Food servers, Admissions, Table Bussing, Drinks Crew, Trash Handlers, Cook Book Person, set up and tear down crews, First Aid person, and of course a lot of members were filling in where they were needed. There were several tour guides on duty. Moving the breakfast over to the hangar took 2 months of preparation. Dale Cox solved the griddle wiring problems, Lindsay Plumbing plumbed the water heater, and Ken Alexander handled the PR. The big crowd (approx. 1000) was a record for breakfasts. We served 3000 pancakes, 2000 sausages, 40 gallons of coffee, 30 gallons of orange juice, and 12 gallons of milk. Total Breakfast sales was $4900, another $500 was taken in for tours, plus the Gift Shop took in over $1500 in Gift Shop merchandise sales that day! By comparison, the Spring 2008 Pancake Breakfast brought in $2900.00 in Breakfasts, so we’ve certainly set a high benchmark to beat in future years!

Collings Planning Meeting, May 30th

The first planning meeting for the 2009 Collings Weekend visit to MAPS is scheduled for Saturday, May 30th 2009, at 1000 in the Briefing Room. Collings Weekend is scheduled to be at MAPS August 7 - 10. We are still looking for someone to head the Cleanup Group.

The Collings Weekend is one of our biggest fund raising events each year, and the more members we are able to get involved, the smoother it will come off, for us and for our guests! If you are interested in helping, in any way, with the Collings Weekend, we urge you to attend this first planning meeting.
Board of Directors Nominee Bios

The following individuals received and accepted nominations for the upcoming Board of Directors election at the May 2009 Membership Meeting. Linda Kendall and Jim Kohan received nominations but declined. Included are their supplied biographies. Photos submitted by various contributors, selected by the Briefing editor.

Steve Satchell
I’m retired after working as a truck driver and warehouse stock man for McKessen Drug Company for thirty-three years. In addition to being a current Member of the Board of Directors, I’m also involved with other areas of MAPS, serving as Crew Chief on the T-37 and involved in the video tape and photographic production areas of MAPS.

I enjoy working at the Museum and hope to continue to do so for quite some time.

Jim Keller
I’m a Canton native, graduate of the University of Dayton. An aviation enthusiast for over 25 years. My airplane interest focuses on antique, classic & military aircraft, and the flying of these historic planes.

I’ve been a MAPS member for 8 years, and my current two year term as a Director expires June 30 of this year. I believe that MAPS Museum is an educational asset to our community and am pleased to help it become better.

Kent Kleinknecht
46 years old, I am a School Teacher at St. Joan of Arc School in Canton. Married to Dorothy for 24 years, I’m the father of five children: Erin, Emily, Patrick, David and Brian.

I’ve been a MAPS member for 8 years. Completing a two year term as Director, also found working as crew chief of the F-86D and F-101. As a Board member I have been involved with the following: Cash Raffles, Cold War Warriors Dances, liaison with MAPS crew chiefs, organizing the efforts to putting the F-101 and F-105 back together, worked with Harold Ziegler of Ziegler Tire in getting the tires on the F-100, F101, F105 and F11 repaired and foam filled for display. Written an education program for the museum. Organized Chili Cook-offs and Flight Sim nights. Responsible for transforming old gift shop into new display area. Working with Walter Soplata on his donation of the F-84 and pending recovery. I feel I am a proper choice for Director because I have shown my ability to work with various members in getting tasks done at the museum.
Richard E. With


I retired in 1995 but continued flying till 2003. I have spent much of my time since 2003 at MAPS, as a Tour Guide and in the restoration of the Martin Glider and the Gondola of the Spirit of Akron. I became a Charter Member of MAPS on July 14, 1991. I was the 95th member.

My goal is to work at MAPS and make it a museum that the membership can be proud. I feel that growth is the most important part of any organization. With my experience in management and forty plus years in aviation I will do a good job as a Director for MAPS Air Museum. Realizing that there is a lot of work involved, I feel that I have the time and ability to be a real asset to the organization.

Ken Ramsay

I was Born Dec. 18, 1937. I grew up in Glenview IL, a northern suburb of Chicago, which had a Naval Air Station, so I grew up with aviation. I made model airplanes from about 6 years old. I have a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Masters in Industrial Management. I flew for the Air Force and ANG for 12 years, mostly in the F-100 Super Sabre. After leaving the Air Force I worked for 25 years in Quality Control in the aerospace industry (engineer, manager, director, vice-president) with companies that built jet engines (GE), made jet engine parts (Chemintronics), landing gear (Goodrich) and repaired jet engine hardware (APS). I have a commercial pilots license with instrument rating and a CFI. I am an Eagle Scout. I am currently retired and have a part time job repairing sewing machines (I get to tinker and get paid for it).

Upon learning MAPS had received an F-100, I immediately became a life member and crew chief on the F-100 (I get to tinker and don’t get paid for it). As a director, I want to see our museum continue on its improvement path both financially and procedurally. I will be working to consolidate our written procedures, to create new ones where required and revise old ones to comply with current requirements. I am a team player and am a great advocate of using common sense when making decisions. I will continue to work on the F-100.

Allen Swain

I have been a MAPS member since February 2000. My background as a certified auto technician, auto service manager, parts manager, assistant supervisor of maintenance of Bender Loudon Motorfreight has enabled me to assist with building maintenance and keep the tow motors and tugs running. I served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War as an MP. I have the CAK airport security clearance and have worked security for five air shows as well as other MAPS functions. Working along with others, the dog tag machine is operational and the tags are being made. The mini-flea market is giving growth to our paint fund. I would like to continue working and contributing to the growth of MAPS Air Museum by serving as Director.

Election Reminder. Voting for this Board of Directors election will be held Wednesday, June 24th 2009 @ 1900. To best balance the rotation of the Board, the 2 individuals receiving the lowest number of votes will be elected to 1 year terms. This will result in 5 seats being up for election in 2010, and 4 seats up for election in 2011. A total of 9 Directors will be seated following the June 24th, 2009 election.
Have you ridden a Ford lately?

The Experimental Aircraft Association’s

Ford Tri-Motor

will be visiting MAPS Air Museum

June 29th through July 1st.

Take a ride back in history on the EAA’s 1929 Tri-Motor. With her first flight taking place August 21, 1929, this is truly a piece of living aviation history. From flying with Eastern Air Transport (nee Eastern Air Lines) to flying with Cubana Airlines, to barnstorming, crop dusting, fire bombing or acting as one of the ‘stars’ in Jerry Lewis’ film *Family Jewels*, this aircraft is true living history. For more information on the EAA Ford Tri-Motor, to get details on the 2009 tour, or to even book your flight, visit the EAA Website at [http://www.airventuremuseum.org/fordtrimotor/](http://www.airventuremuseum.org/fordtrimotor/) for more information.

Hosted by EAA Chapter 846, out of Sky Park Airport at Wadsworth, Ohio, the Ford Tri-Motor will be based at MAPS Air Museum / Akron Canton Airport during its visit to NE Ohio.

The EAA is offering rides in this famous airliner from 9:00am to 6:30pm all three days. Sit in a roomy cabin seat for $60.00, or fly in the co-pilot seat for $100.00. Discount on cabin seats for EAA members.

For more details on the Ford Tri-Motor’s visit, or to book a ride, please visit the Ford Tri-Motor website at [http://www.airventuremuseum.org/fordtrimotor/](http://www.airventuremuseum.org/fordtrimotor/)
We have all read biographies of famous flyers like Jimmy Doolittle, Robert Morgan, Charles McGee, Amelia Earhart or Florence “Poncho” Barnes. One common thread in many of these bios relates to how these future aviators were introduced at an early age to flying; whether it was a barnstormer selling two dollar rides or visiting airshow, each one was bitten hard by the aviation bug.

We are in on the ground floor of one such bio in the form of a small slip of a girl from Northwest High School in Canal Fulton named Rachel Antal. Rachel asked us if she could have her senior pictures taken in front of the F-14 Tomcat and if we could provide a flightsuit and helmet for the photo shoot. We were more than happy to help! We’ve had many “groups” do photo shoots at MAPS, but this was a first.

When asked why she wanted her senior pictures taken in front of the F-14, Rachel’s answer shot back like an AIM-9 Sidewinder, “I want to be a Navy pilot”. Her Mom and Dad have known about this career choice since Rachel was 13 years old when she was at Aero Expo 2005 and saw the F/A-18 Hornet flight demonstration. That’s exactly when Rachel Antal was bitten. Several years from now, we expect to receive an autographed photo of Lt. Rachel “Rach” Antal with those gold wings pinned on her uniform, so we can place it by our F-14. We’ll start her bio with, “When she was 13…”

Rachel’s photo session was shot by Amy Cameron and Dave Ruegg of Heritage Studio and Gallery in Canal Fulton.

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“She has a love for the F-14 and dreams to fly one day and that made her session particularly fun.”
- Amy Cameron
Inaugural “Flying Pig” Pig Roast - June 6th

We invite friends and family to join us for our inaugural Flying Pig Roast, to be held Saturday, June 6th, 2009. Hangar doors open at 5:00pm, dinner will be served at 6:00pm. There will be music, raffles, door prizes and fun for everyone! Tickets are $20.00 per person ($15.00 for MAPS Members) and must be purchased before the event. Tickets can be bought at MAPS Air Museum or at Just One More Bar and Grill (located off Rte. 224 in the Gala Commons).

When: Saturday, June 6th, 2009. Doors open @ 5:00pm, Dinner @ 6:00pm. How Much? $20.00 for Guests, $15.00 for MAPS Members. Please note, we’re only offering PRE-SALES TICKETS for this event! Tickets may be purchased at MAPS Air Museum, or at Just One More Bar & Grill, located off Rte. 224 in the Gala Commons. What's Included? Rotisserie Roast Pig, Roast Chicken, choice of 4 side dishes, Soft Drinks and Coffee

All proceeds will benefit MAPS Air Museum's Operating and Restoration efforts. Help MAPS Air Museum continue our goal of preserving aviation history, while enjoying a nice evening out with friends and family. The 2009 Flying Pig Roast is sponsored in part by Just One More Bar & Grille, Rte. 224 in the Gala Commons and by Steel Valley Spay and Neuter Clinic of Girard, OH.