Proposed Changes to MAPS Regulations

The following changes have been proposed to the MAPS Code of Regulations. These proposed changes will be voted on by the Membership at the April 7th, 2010 Members Meeting.

Section 4.01. Authority and Qualifications. Except where by law or where the Articles or Regulations provide, all authority and governance of the Corporation shall be vested in and exercised by its Directors except for the duties delegated by them. A Director must be a Member in good standing for at least one full year.

Section 4.02.02. Duties of the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall preside over the Board of Directors meeting. Before a candidate can be considered for Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Board, He/She must have served at least one year as a member of the Board.

Section 4.05. Election of Directors. The Directors shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting on the last Wednesday in June at 7:00 P.M. The Board is composed of members elected by the membership, who in turn elect their own officers from the members of the Board.

Section 4.05.01 Any member in good standing for one full year may be placed on the ballot for the election of Director by nomination from the floor with a Second at the nominations meeting.

Section 4.14. Removal of Director. A Director shall be removed from office, for due cause, if a majority of members at a membership meeting that meets the quorum requirements herein votes to remove said Director. The vote on the motion to remove a Director will take place at the following general membership meeting.

Gift Shop News

Stop in and take a look at many of the new items, ranging from toys to models to clothing, we currently have in the MAPS Gift Shop. Just in, we have long sleeve pullover shirts with P-51 Mustang, B-17 Flying Fortress, B-24 Liberator, and F-18 Hornet. Also new in stock are 1/144th scale models, for those members who like to build models but have limited space. For the airplane freak with just about everything, we just got in a 1/18th scale F-14A Tomcat, in the Jolly Rogers livery. It’s their biggest model, with a length of over 41”

Please remember, if you don’t see what you want, be it models or clothing (we simply can’t stock everything out there) we may be able to order it. If you do place a special order, please make sure the salesperson writes your name, phone number, and what you would like down so I can follow up. Editor’s note: I just did this, worked great, Bob was able to get the exact 1/144th models that I wanted in about 1 week.

We have several items just back in stock! The MAPS Corsair video is back on-hand. Also back in stock are the inflatable Goodyear blimps, in both 12” and 30” lengths. Remember, members get 20% off their total purchase, AND our special $14.95 price for MAPS-logo’d t-shirts is still on!

Gift Shop Management would like to thank all MAPS members who supported the Museum through their purchases at the Gift Shop. Even with the 20% membership discount, MAPS is still able to make a little profit, and all money goes directly towards covering our operating expenses. We would especially like to thank all those who work in the Gift Shop; many times they are the first face, and voice, a visitor to MAPS sees. We are always looking for help and suggestions related to the Gift Shop, so if you have any suggestions, please leave a note for me.
Mysterious Aircraft - What is it?

A good question was recently posed at MAPS, so we thought we’d turn it into a puzzler for the newsletter. What is this aircraft? The answer later in this issue.

MAPS Member to Annapolis!!!

Robert Detchon, a MAPS member and a Senior at Hoover High School, recently received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Congratulations, Robert!!!

Robert was introduced to MAPS by Mac McFarland as part of a gifted student mentoring program sponsored by Hoover High. Robert indicated a desire to work in the Aviation field and Mac first mentored him during his freshman year. His interest in aviation continued and he set his sights on obtaining a BS in Aerospace Engineering. He had applied to a number of schools and had been accepted to Purdue’s and Georgia Tech’s engineering programs.

Robert received congressional nominations from Congressman Boccieri to the U.S. Air Force, Military, and Naval Academies. He has accepted the Naval Academy’s offer of appointment and reports to Annapolis, MD on July 1. Hopefully we will see him in F-35’s in about 5 years.

MAPS @ Aurora Chamber Expo

With thanks to MAPS Member Dave Bell, our Museum was represented at the bi-annual Aurora Ohio Chamber of Commerce Expo, held at Aurora High School on Saturday March 13th. Dave coordinated our attendance, and then manned the booth for the 4 hour event, promoting the Museum to the several hundred visitors. Dave displayed items from both the Museum and his personal collection and reported having many discussions regarding MAPS, its purpose, and mission. The Expo was a very effective way to market MAPS in a family friendly environment. Thank you to Dave for taking the time to help advertise our Museum out there!!!
News and Notes - Misc Items Worth Mention

Membership Dues Price Increase  Effective April 1st, the price of all Member levels will be increasing by $5.00 per person, or $50.00 for a lifetime membership. The membership application has also been revamped at this time.

Dennis Dickey Chairs Events Committee  Effective immediately, Dennis Dickey is the Chairman of the Events committee. This committee is responsible for setting procedures, pricing, and scheduling for when any outside party (or a MAPS member) would like to rent the facilities for a private event.

Save Some Green, Kill the Lights  Did you know MAPS paid out $47,423 in 2009 just for Utilities!??! If you are leaving a workspace and can turn off some lights, please remember to do so. It’ll save some green, as in cash (and trees too!)

30 Year Lease Obtained  In March, MAPS obtained a 30 Year lease for the properties. Not only does this give us a safe home, but it also provides some necessary documentation in our attempts to become exempt from property taxes under our non-profit status. While we were turned down for this exemption, armed with the new lease we have reapplied.

X-Walls are coming  The Curators Division, along with the very necessary help of several volunteers, spent much of the winter building ‘X-Walls’ for use in the Gallery of Heroes. Once installed, these X-Walls will provide much needed expansion room for our Curators Division to develop and launch new displays. Many thanks to all who helped in the design, construction, and finishing of the X-Walls.

Looking Cloudy in September  Attempts by Director Wayne Noall to get the EAA’s Ford Trimotor to re-visit MAPS this year didn’t pan out, BUT he was able to secure a visit to MAPS by the EAA’s B-17G Aluminum Overcast. She will be visiting MAPS from September 13th - 16rd. An added bonus, we’ll be sharing some of the gate revenue with the EAA this year! Great Job, Wayne!

Goodyear Drake?  While visiting EAA HQ in Oshkosh, Director Wayne Noall made contact with Adam Smith, Director of their AirVenture Museum. Seems the EAA has a Goodyear Drake amphibian (picture a very early Lake Amphibian, or look it up on the Internet) that they would like to return to the Akron area. Stay tuned.

New Display Cases  With thanks to the McKinley Museum in Canton, MAPS will be collecting some new display cases for use in the next week or so.

Mysterious Aircraft Answer - Given we currently have most of the U.S. Air Force’s Century series of fighters (F-100, F-101, F-102, F-104, F-105, and the F-106), someone asked why is there no F-103 out there? Turns out, the F-103 was a Republic Aviation produced high altitude interceptor that was killed while still in the mock-up stage.

July 3rd/4th - 20th Anniversary Event

Planning continues for the July 3rd/4th 20th Anniversary Event to be held at MAPS. At the February Members Meeting, members voted unanimously to continue planning to hold the MAPS 20th Anniversary Celebration / Founders Day Weekend event on Saturday July 3rd and Sunday July 4th. Given that Monday, July 5th is the observed Holiday, it was discussed that holding an event during daylight hours on those days would not greatly impact on holiday celebrations.

As mentioned, we’re planning a low-risk, low-key affair for that weekend. We’ve got some good ideas for displays and timelines to walk visitors through the progression that MAPS has undergone in our past 20 years, and of course we’ll be honoring our founding members for taking the impetus to get our group started. We’re going to be soliciting sponsors and partners in the coming weeks, so no one really knows how this event could take off!

Both Saturday and Sunday will be Open House type events, with a keystone event to mark each day. Saturday night will feature a 50s/60s/70s Band / Dance with music provided by MAPS member Mike Kostensky, owner of Mike’s Place in Kent providing the music for the evening. “Cookout” type food will be available for purchase, but that’s still being worked out. Sunday morning will feature a Pancake Breakfast as its keystone event, and it’s envisioned that this will be handled just like a normal Spring/Fall Pancake Breakfast.

While final prices have not been set, the current proposal is to charge $10.00 per day, which gets you admission for the entire day (including the Saturday dance or the Sunday Pancake Breakfast).
Curators Corner

MAPS lost another long-time member late last year. John Werne joined MAPS in 1996. Earlier this year the Curators received a call from Maria Werne. She had some of her husband's "stuff" and it was John's wish that his model airplanes and related equipment go to MAPS. Curator Jim Cameron visited Maria Werne and discovered the many treasures John had spent many years working on.

Besides his occupation as an architect (John handled all the architectural drawings for the MAPS hangar renovation), John was also a master model airplane builder, many of which were radio controlled. Two trips by the curator team and four van loads later, John's treasures were transported to MAPS where they will be a welcomed addition and in this way we can honor the memory of our friend, John Werne.

Clockwise from top. John and the N28 at a local show, date unknown. Detail of a Nieuport 11, frame still uncovered. Curator Jim Cameron inspects the Nieuport 11. The N28 was too big to fit inside a vehicle, so it was strapped on top. Apparently liftoff was attempted when the van hit around 35 MPH!!

A Nieuport 28-C1, as flown by the 94th.Aero Squadron bearing their famous "Hat in the Ring" insignia.

The 94th’s pilots were all American, under the command of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker. Also in the squadron was Major Raoul Lufbery, an ace credited with downing more than 30 enemy planes.

The pilot of #5 was Lt. John Wentworth, who also credited with designing the Hat in the Ring insignia for the squadron.
Random Membership Photos from March 2010

Above, Gary Haught documents the Nieuport 11 donated by Maria Werne. Creating wonderful displays isn’t the only job, or even the most important job, our Curators Division is responsible for! More importantly, they are responsible for documenting and inventorying all the items donated to MAPS. Once an artifact is ‘in the system,’ Jim, Mary Ann, Gary and the rest of the team are then responsible for the safekeeping of these irreplaceable items.

Below, Tour Guide and Ordnance Crew Chief Jim Stanitz works on the next piece of ordnance to be put on display. Jim’s done an excellent job of tackling our collection of ordnance (note the lack of the letter i). If you haven’t had a chance to see it, make sure you stop by the A-7 Corsair II to see some of Jim’s handiwork when you are at the Spring Pancake Breakfast on April 25th. You are, of course, going to come to Spring Pancake Breakfast? See you there!

With the arrival of more temperate weather, work resumes on the MARC C-47 Dakota! First up on the To Do list is work on the landing gear / wheels. Left, Larry Lewis hauls one of the C-47 wheels into the Restoration Building to do some work. Right, C-47 Crew Chief Ron Duplain works on the landing gear struts. When he couldn’t work on the C-47 over the winter months, Ron jumped in and helped the T-37 Tweety Bird crew.

Right - Barb and Bob Johnston, our Dynamic Duo. Given that they are responsible for the Library and Gift Shop, it seems there is always something for them to do. As illustrated here, when they aren’t actually manning the Gift Shop (or Library), about 90% of the time they are off doing the myriad of paperwork needed to run their sections. We were able to designate and build in a desk and some work space for their use in the new break / bathroom off the Gift Shop foyer.
Spring Pancake Breakfast, Sunday April 25th

This Spring 2010 Pancake Breakfast at MAPS will be held Sunday, April 25th from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Price for breakfast is $8.00 for adults (members voted at the February 2010 meeting to raise the adult prices) and $5.00 for children. This includes you all the pancakes you can eat, 2 links of sausage, and drinks PLUS admission to the Restoration Building and Hangar. Extra sausage is available for .50 cents.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Spring Pancake Breakfast event, please add your name to one of the signup sheets. If you can’t volunteer, please try to bring the family out to MAPS for a good breakfast and help support our cause!

Several classic car groups, and some of the car owners we met at the 2010 Canton Custom and Hot Rod show (including a beautiful hand-built aluminum bodied roadster) have expressed interest in attending, so we might have some additional items to look at!

As always, all proceeds will directly benefit MAPS Air Museum’s Operating and Restoration efforts.