Annual Meeting, Elections Results

Congratulations to Kim Kovesci, Steve Satchell and Bob Schwartz on their election to the MAPS Board of Directors. They started a two year terms effective July 1st. A large “Thank You” goes out to Wayne Noall and Ray Hamlin for the hours and effort they put forth during their years of service on the Board. The current Board of Directors consists of Bob Schwartz (Chair), Kent Kleinknecht (Vice Chair), Kim Kovesci, Ken Ramsay, Steve Satchell, Allen Swain, and Richard With. Many thanks to Jerry and Julie Ramey for helping keep track of the balloting process. Below, left to right, Kim Kovesci, Steve Satchell, and Bob Schwartz

MAPS’ B-26 Model To Be Raffled

The gift shop will be raffling off a 1/72 scale B-26A Marauder model kit, produced by Valom, out of the Czech Republic. Valom specializes in limited runs of models not normally done by mainstream model manufacturers.

This is only the second model of a short-winged Marauder produced. This kit has special significance because it is built to the specifications and markings of our own Marauder that is currently under restoration. The model designer even has pictures and correspondence with B-26 Crew Chief Dave Pawski. The raffle tickets will be for sale in the gift shop and we will sell only 100 tickets for $1.00 piece. Once these tickets are gone the raffle will be over and a winner selected. This model normally retails for $82.50.

Thanks to MAPS member Ted Voznilek for donating the model to be raffled. Ted has requested that all profits from this raffle be used for the F-16 Falcon recovery fund.
**Founder’s Day Event A Success**

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Founder’s Day 2010 Event, held at MAPS on Saturday, July 3rd. Even though we had a scaled-back event, with limited advertising, to date we’ve cleared over $3,000 in profit for that one day, and we’re still bringing in some funds.

While I don’t like to single any one group out, there’s no doubt that the Young Eagle flights offered from 10:00am to 2:00pm are what drew the crowds, estimated at over 400 people. Many thanks to the pilots who volunteered their time, their aircraft and their own AvGas money to offer introductory flights to our young guests. A special thanks to Wayne Noall for coordinating the Young Eagles flights.

As usual, the Concessions crew, headed up by Carol Swayne and Mary Ann Cameron did a bang-up job, offering items for sale from around 09:00am all the way until around 10:00pm that evening. Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Concessions.

Paul Gates and his line crew did outstanding work as usual; with the majority of guest there for Young Eagles flights, Paul and his crew kept the people safe from moving aircraft, and aircraft safe from moving people as the Young Eagles flights were coming and going much of the mid-day. Thanks also to Rick “Baked and Broiled” Hamlet for manning the AOA gate in the hot sun all day.

Bob Johnston and his Gift Shop staff did excellent work as well, whether it was ringing up admissions or selling souvenirs. While there were groups of people for much of the day, there was no wait and no issues to speak of.

Many thanks to Tom Rourke, who did the research and design for the MAPS timeline banners and Sponsors banner. Gary Haught and Mark Silinsky designed the beautiful 20th Anniversary Patch, on sale in the Gift Shop.

Allen and Carol Swayne coordinated the Evening Event, featuring the American Steal band, which includes MAPS member Mike Kostensky. American Steal entertained from 7:00pm to 11:00pm Saturday night, sharing the Hangar with a relaxed group of MAPS members, friends and family. Thank you to Mike (who also owns Mike’s Place restaurant in Kent) for donating some of the items sold at the Concession stand that day.

While I can’t thank everyone involved publically, I’ve asked the Committee and Department chairs to provide me a list of all volunteers for the July 3rd event, and I’ll be thanking you personally in the coming weeks. To everyone involved, thank you for helping MAPS pull off our Inaugural Founder’s Day event!
Collings Weekend Meeting Scheduled

The Collings Event Committee will meet on Saturday July 31 @ 10:00 in the Restoration Building’s Briefing Room at MAPS. If you plan on volunteering for the Collings Weekend, please try to attend this meeting. Also if any of the flyable aircraft need out of the Hangar during Collings Weekend (August 13,14,15 or 16) please contact Richard With. To minimize traffic, there will be no MAPS aircraft movement between the hours of 08:00 AM and 5:00 PM. If need be, we will pull the aircraft out at 08:00 AM in the morning and put them back at 5:00 PM that night.

F-16 Falcon Recovery Fund Update

As of July 19th, we have raised $3,700 dollars towards bringing the F-16 Falcon back from Arizona. If you are in the Gift Shop you will see an information board with an example of the sponsorship plaque; any donor who contributes $50 or more to the recovery fund will have their name displayed on the plaque, which will be displayed by the aircraft.

Housekeeping (Painting and Brick Laying) Needs

We are currently painting the doorways around the MAPS campus. If you would like to help with this effort, please see any Director for more details. We are in need of brick layers to help with the brick facing project on the north side of the Hangar. If you are able to help with this project, please contact Kent Kleinknecht.
Newest Acquisition - F-86D/L Cockpit Section

Many thanks to MAPS member Harry Rose who was able to get this cockpit section of an F-86D/L donated to the museum from an individual in Texas; he even provided for door-to-door transportation to MAPS! This floor level display will allow visitors the ability to see what the inside of mid-1950s all-weather interceptor cockpit looks like. Below, left to right: F-86D/L Crew Chief Kent Kleinknecht inspect the F-86D/L cockpit. The nearly complete instrument panel, including radar scope.

Did you know? The technology used to guide the F-86L to their targets (waves of incoming Soviet bombers) was re-used to become the beginnings of our modern day air traffic control system, after the advent of ICBMs killed the need for wave bomber attacks.