Special Election Needed, Nominee Bios

With the resignation from the Board of Directors by Jim Keller, a Special Election is needed to fill the vacant Director’s seat. The following individuals received and accepted nominations for the upcoming Special Election, to be held Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010. In order to vote in the Special Election, you must be a member in good standing. If you are not able to attend the February 3rd Members Meeting, proxy votes are possible by emailing jkohan@neo.rr.com with your vote.

Steve Satchell
I’m retired after working as a truck driver and warehouse stock man for McKessen Drug Company for thirty-three years. I have previously served a 2 year term on the MAPS Board of Directors, from 2007 to 2009. I’m also involved with other areas of MAPS, serving as Crew Chief on the T-37 and helping to coordinate 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.

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. Aside from maintenance and mechanics, other areas of MAPS I currently head up include the mini-flea market, which contributes to our paint and facilities fund, and the operation of the dog tag machine. I would like to continue working and contributing to the growth of MAPS Air Museum by serving as Director.

2010 Cash Raffle

In February, tickets for our 4th Annual Spring Cash Raffle will be mailed. Did you know, over the past 3 years, this raffle has generated over $15,000 profit towards MAPS operating costs?
There are changes to this year’s raffle; based on feedback, we are changing the prize structure, and number of prizes. This year, the cash prize amounts WILL NOT be based on ticket sales, and there are 3 more chances to win. The prize structure for this year is: First Prize $1,000, Second Prize $500, Third Prize $250, Fourth Prize $125, Fifth Prize $75 and Sixth Prize $50.
There will be a maximum number of 5,000 tickets sold for this year’s raffle, so odds of winning are pretty good. The drawing will be held on Wednesday May 5th at 6:00pm.
As in the past, we are asking each member buy or sell 10 of these $5.00 tickets. If you do not wish to sell tickets, please opt out by sending a note to the museum, or e-mailing me at kkleinknecht1@sssnet.com before February 14th. If you have additional questions regarding the raffle, please call Kent @ 330-323-5764.
**Membership Update**

**Good News / Bad News / Good News from the Membership Committee…**

**Good News #1:** While the Membership Committee was not able to reach our self-inflicted goal of 450 members by December 2009, we are happy to announce we’ve consistently stayed above the 400 member mark for all of 2009.

**Bad News:** In January the Board of Directors voted to bump annual membership rates by roughly $5.00 a year, to the following pricing: Individual $40, Family $50, Senior Individual $30, Senior Family $40, Life $400, and Student $25.

**Good News #2:** Since I don’t like springing pricing changes on people, AND it may take a little while to update the Membership application, *if you renew before March 31st, 2010*, you will be able to renew for 2009 prices for this year and save a little money. See Jim Kohan for details on membership renewals.
News and Notes - Misc Items Worth Mention

2009 Finance Update  MAPS ended 2009 with a budget deficit of around $600. Considering the current economy, we’re happy to nearly match our projected budget. We were primarily able to do this by extensive cost cutting, so thank you to all members who worked even with the thermostats set a little lower, kept unnecessary electrical use to a minimum, and put off unnecessary purchases.

2009 Visitor Count  For calendar year 2009, we had 6100 paid general admissions to the Museum. Please note, this DOES NOT include visitors during the special events (Pancake Breakfasts, Collings Weekends, EAA Tri-Motor, etc.) A huge THANK YOU to our Tour Guides who become the defacto face (and voice) of MAPS for our guests.

Fallen Members?  If you know of a MAPS member that has passed away, please contact Allen Swain. Allen is coordinating our Memorial Wall project and wants to make sure we have not missed anyone.

PR Resignation  Tony McCune has resigned the PR Director position at MAPS. Effective immediately, Jim Kohan is handling the website and Briefing duties. New member John Cameron has expressed interest in helping with the PR role, and we will most certainly be bringing him on-board in the very near future.

Canton Car Show  Thanks to the efforts of new member Kevin McDonald, MAPS was provided a booth at the 2010 Canton Car Show, held January 22 - 24. THANK YOU to Dick Pashley for coordinating the setup / staffing.

Buy-One, Get-One (BOGO)  MAPS will be rolling out a trial Buy-One, Get-One (BOGO) offer to attract new visitors to the Museum in the coming weeks. This trial will run for a limited time, and we’ll be able to monitor results and see true benefit (e.g., new faces) to the Museum. More on this in the next edition of the Briefing newsletter.

Miller Family Foundation Grant  MAPS has received a $2000 Grant from the Miller Family Foundation. $1000 of the grant has been earmarked for the F-86D restoration, and $1000 has been earmarked for a new video camera.

2010 Business Plan Goals Announced

At the January 2010 Director’s Meeting, the 2010 Business Plan for MAPS Air Museum was finalized and goals for 2010 were announced. The listed goals for MAPS Air Museum are as follows:

• Continue to live within our defined budget  
• Finish the restoration building roof leaking problem  
• Continue the painting of the exterior of the hangar  
• Start the brick / block work on the hangar  
• Finish the Museum “Master Plan”  
• Continue job descriptions and review process for key positions  
• Increase admissions through an active Promotions committee  
• Increase amount of Grants through the Development committee  
• Acquire at least one display ready aircraft  
• Start the new library / general purpose room  
• Reestablish public relations using a team concept and establishing an oversight process  
• Restore and update the web site. Insure that timely support is provided  
• Provide support and resources and increase the publication of the Briefing to at a minimum of 8 issues per year  
• Establish a team to start a “blog” and keep up to date on a “near daily basis.”  
• Finish the gift shop restrooms.

MAPS Website Update

As you’ve just read, one of the goals for 2010 dealt with the MAPS Air Museum website. Over the past few months, there have been several technical issues with the website, with some downtime resulting. As such, as of January 12th, we have moved the MAPS website to a new host that provides more benefits to MAPS (@mapsairmuseum.org emails, online shopping carts) but also provides better support. A member has donated the hosting and domain name fees for the website through 2013. We are in the process of updating web pages and moving them to the new site; this process will continue through January and February, until all ‘valuable’ content is migrated, and all the ‘junk’ we’ve accumulated over the past 15 years of having a website has been culled out.
A Falcon In Our Future? F-16A Falcon #80-0513

As some of you may know, the U.S. Air Force is phasing out the A models of the General Dynamics F-16 Falcon. Initially developed as a light-weight, inexpensive day fighter to augment a much more capable, and much more expensive, multi-role F-15 Eagle, over time the General Dynamics F-16 Falcon morphed into a true multi-role aircraft in use by the U.S. and other nations.

With the retirement of the A models, the MAPS Aircraft Acquisition Committee is currently working on securing for the museum an F-16. This F-16A, tail # 80-0513, is currently located at AMARG at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona. Originally stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, it would be nice to bring this bird home to Ohio.

Initial paperwork has been filed, and the process has started. Look for more information on the acquisition and recovery of this aircraft in the coming months. Acquiring this aircraft will give us a modern U.S. Air Force jet equal to our U.S Navy F-14 Tomcat. Thanks to Bob Harris for all his work in this endeavor.

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