Goodyear Drake Returns to NE Ohio !!!

With great thanks to the Experimental Aviation Association (EAA) for their kind donation, MAPS members were able to travel to Oshkosh, WI over the weekend of May 22nd to retrieve the Goodyear Drake amphibian that has been donated to MAPS. For those of you not familiar with the Goodyear Drake, per the EAA’s website…

The Drake was designed and built by engineers at Goodyear Aircraft in the late 1940s and was completed in March of 1953. Goodyear used the prototype Drake for company business and demonstrations at many airports around the country, though the Drake remained based in Akron, Ohio for its entire career.

The GA-22A was a four place, all metal aircraft, powered by a 225 hp Continental E-225-8 six cyl. engine, driving an all-metal Hartzell propeller. The center wing of the Drake was covered with Bondolite, a special structure developed by Goodyear for its amphibious airplanes. The Bondolite structure consisted of aluminum sheeting and a honeycomb core. Fully retractable landing gear and cross wind landing wheels were installed in the Drake, enabling the airplane to touch down on land or in the water.

Special thanks go to Joe Miller, Wayne Noall, and Ray Hamlin for making the marathon trip to Oshkosh to retrieve the GA-22A and bring her home to MAPS. We’re certainly building quite a nice collection of local (and especially Goodyear-related) aviation history. If you are interested in joining the Goodyear Drake restoration crew, please contact one of the Board of Directors for more information.
Director Nominations Still Open

Final nominations for the upcoming Board of Directors Elections will be taken at the June 3rd Membership meeting. The seats currently held by Bob Schwartz, Wayne Noall, and Ray Hamlin are up for election at the Annual Meeting, to be held Wednesday, June 30, 2010. At the April meeting, nominations were received for Bob Schwartz (accepted), Wayne Noall (accepted), Ray Hamlin (declined), and Steve Satchell (accepted). The May meeting saw Kim Kovesci nominated (accepted).

Per the new MAPS Regulations, you must be a “member in good standing for one full year” before being nominated for a seat on the Board of Directors.

Curator’s Department Needs

As we are expanding our Gallery of Heroes display area, the Curators find themselves in specific need of World War II German and Japanese war relics to help round out displays. If you are willing and able to help provide items, please contact Jim Cameron @ 330-938-6971 (home) or 330-896-6332 (MAPS). And remember, we can always use military aviation relics from any period.

News and Notes - Misc Items

Spring Cash Raffle We concluded our annual raffle with a profit for the museum of $5,100, with $2,000 given out as prizes. 1440 tickets were sold, a return of nearly 38%. The winner were Mac McFarland, Don Block, Mike Emery, Whitey Prunity, Frank Wrenick and Terry Campbell. Thanks to all who participated in this event and your contribution to the Museum.

F-16 Recovery Fund To date we have gathered in a total of $1475 towards the recovery of the F-16. Look for information on our fundraising efforts in the Gift Shop.

Chili Cook-Off At the May Membership meeting we had our spring cook-off. Mary Ann Cameron, Carol Swain, Wayne Noall, Jim Mosley and Kent Kleinknecht faced off to see who could make the best Chili. For a second year in a row Mary Ann Cameron took the first prize. Mary Ann represented the Curator department, which gained the donation pot of $96.

Goodyear Blimp Ride (Silent Auction) We have once again been given the opportunity to auction off a pair of ride tickets to benefit the Museum. The auction sheet will be in the Gift Shop and at both the Car show and Founders weekends. Bids will close at the conclusion of the festivities on July 4th.

Legacy for Ohio Did you know every state has 2 important personalities on display in the National Statuary Hall in D.C.? Ohio’s looking to change one of their statues, and wants your input. Important aviation figures in the running include Orville and Wilbur Wright (a team vote) and Akron’s Judy Resnick, the Akron native who died in the Challenger explosion. If you are interested in voting in the Who Should Stand for Ohio? poll, please visit http://www.legacyforohio.com/ for more information.

Website Team expands We welcome John Cameron to the MAPS website team. John’s from the Coshocton area, and can’t get to the Museum as often as he’d like, but he is able to help update the website (which can be done remotely). We are also looking to get Kim Kovesci involved with website content in the near future. All this to reach our goal of providing more frequent updates to the website.
Random Member Photos from May 2010

Clockwise from top left. Tom Fisher and Logan Stahler hard at work in the sheet metal shop. A now-much-more-mobile Lynn Smart peering through the Link Trainer restoration project. A surprised (probably because he’s usually taking the photos, not being in them) Rick Willaman cleaning out the new home for the Radio Club. Linda Lippert, Richard With, Kent Kleinknecht, David Kleinknecht and others sampling the offerings for the 2nd Annual MAPS Chili Cook-off.

Corsair Cockpit News, Have a Seat Cushion?

With the help of our Curators Department, the Goodyear FG-1 Corsair Cockpit now has a new pilot at the controls. Reassembly of the display is nearly complete, and is a wonderful addition to our collection!

One request received from the Corsair Cockpit crew - we’ve had several members help with repairing the leather seat cushions - if you currently have the seat back cushion, please contact Richard With or Bob Williams via the Museum.
Join us as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of MAPS Air Museum on Saturday July 3rd and Sunday July 4th. Trace our growth, from our start with 14 Founding Members, 1 aircraft, and a borrowed corner of the Restoration building, to our current status; an internationally known Museum with over 400 Members, 25 aircraft, and countless displays and artifacts.

New displays/exhibits that will be unveiled at the Founder’s Weekend 2010 event include a photo timeline/history of MAPS through the years, and displays highlighting our 14 Founding Members.

We’ll be hosting the Collings Foundation’s F4U-5 Corsair over that weekend, and possibly other aircraft too - we can’t promise anything new will be here those days, but there’s a chance something will stop by!

Founder’s Weekend is a 2 day event, being held Saturday July 3rd and Sunday July 4th. Admission is $10.00 per day, and includes admission to the Museum, live music and dancing on Saturday, and / or a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday.

Saturday, July 3rd - Exhibits, Live Music, Dancing
   Hours: 900am to 1100pm
Sunday, July 4th - Exhibits, Pancake Breakfast
   Hours: 800am to 400pm