NOTES FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kim Kovesci, Executive Director

This has been an exciting and rewarding summer. Bob Withee celebrated his 90th birthday and we raised his American Flag that flew over every one of his duty stations. I don’t think I will ever forget the feeling of Honor and Pride that I felt when the flag rose to the top of MAPS Flag Pole and I saw tears from our WWII veterans.

The Green Appreciation Day, MAPS Cruise-in, Marlboro Volunteers, and Collings visits were all successful but the visitation was lower than expected. This was partly due to the economy, the weather, and other factors that we are addressing. Our financial results were not at the stellar levels of the events of the summer of 2010, but there are many areas that are reflecting positive results and will ultimately reduce the business risk associated with events and weather.

We are tracking a lot of data; bus tours, tours, memberships, volunteer hours, and gift shop sales which are all trending in a positive direction. The number of visitors is highly dependent upon event results and not at last year’s levels, but we are not done yet. We have the Red Tail visit during the Boy Scout Fall Camp Out which is already successful with over 200 Scouts, Leaders, other adults and will be open to the public for additional visitors. We also have the fall pancake breakfast, several hall rental events, a Call to Duty, a car show, and several scheduled tours before the end of the year.

The mission of MAPS focuses on aviation education and that has been our focus for grant activity. You will shortly begin to see some of the results of the grant activity with the construction and move associated with the Timken Library. In support of our efforts to increase educational activities, we will continue the camp outs with the Boy Scouts, we are creating an Aviation Day for the Girl Scouts, we are requesting grants for student field trips, teacher seminars, and capital improvement grants to be able to develop the second floor of the hanger.

I believe that we have a vision of the future, it is focused around our educational mission and our future is bright.

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ROBERT A. MILLIGAN DEDICATION

Julie Adams

On August 27, 2011 was the dedication of Robert A. Milligan, a World War II B-26 Marauder Pilot, to the Hall of Heroes.

Many members of the Milligan, Coss and Adams families joined together to hear Mr. Jim Arrasmith, a member of MAPS, speak about their experiences as salesmen and about the flying expertise of Bob Milligan.

Guests arrived around 11 am from Ashland and Columbus, Ohio and some from as far as Knoxville, Tenn. to briefly tour the MAPS hangar and display area’s.

Many of the family members had never seen a B-26 Marauder or had been to the museum and all were thrilled by the displays of airplanes and of the marvelous displays in the Hero’s room.

The B-26 Marauder was the focal point of the visit until the Porsche club members pulled up!

One of the younger crowd even said that “MAPS was like Heaven” and even voiced the comment that he wants to grow up to be a PILOT!!

This is why the family feels that we “Have done the right thing” by displaying Bob’s artifact’s. Coincidently the motto of the 451st Bomb Squadron of the Army Air Corps, which Bob Milligan was a member of, was also to “Fear none in doing right” which is still an excellent guide for all to live by!

Also, a Milligan family-style picnic luncheon was served to the attendee’s with many family favorites and including of course, copper penny carrot salad and of course, carrot cake! (Much thanks to Mary Ann Cameron!) Also too, too, many cookies, brownies and cake and desserts to follow!

Later on an auction of Homemade jam gift baskets were sold to generate funds for the MAPS Museum. Baskets were donated by Julie Adams, the Blue Ribbon-first place winner at the 2011 Carroll County Fair! (for her delicious Ohio strawberry jam.)

A good time was had by all, and our Ohio weather was lovely for all the day’s events.

Many plan to re-visit the MAPS museum for many other events during the next year!

Many, and much thanks to all who helped from the museum on this project and display. §

"F-101 VOODOO" RESTORATION BEGINS

Kent Kleinknecht, Director

Saturday August 20th marks the beginning of another restoration project. On Saturday the Voodoo was moved out of the bone yard closer to the main hanger. This will make it easier for members and visitors to watch as the plane comes back to life. The Voodoo is starting to give up some of her secrets as the front electronics bays where opened for the first time in many decades.
The aircraft still retains many of its electronic components. This will be a big bonus for show and tell for our MAPS patrons. Since the Voodoo will be an outdoor display, we will only work on her during nice weather. We will have sheet metal projects that can be done in the shop. The F-101 restoration will be under the guidance of crew chief Kent Kleinknecht. If you are interested becoming a “Medicine Man” and helping please e-mail me at kleinknecht.kent@mapsairmuseum.org.

You can also follow the restoration progress over on the MAPS website: https://sites.google.com/a/mapsairmuseum.org/f101f-57-0342/

NEW ADDRESS? NEW EMAIL? ANY TIME SINCE YOU JOINED.

*Robert Schwartz, Chair Director*

Send your change of address, new phone number, new email address to Bob Schwartz at schwartz.robert@mapsairmuseum.org or to the museum care of Bob Schwartz.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER**

FRI,16/17/18: Buckeye Council Boyscout Campout

**OCTOBER**

SUN, Oct 2: Fall Pancake Breakfast

SAT,Oct 8/9: Dropt out Sports Car Show

MON, Oct 10: 6pm Directors Meeting

WED, Oct 12: 7pm Membership Meeting

WED, Oct 19: 2pm-5pm Call to Duty, National Guard Unit Leaving for Afghanistan from MAPS

WED, Oct 23: BSA Eagle Court of Honor

**NOVEMBER**

MON, Nov 7: 6pm Directors Meeting

WED, Nov 9: 7pm Membership Meeting

THU, Nov 24: MAPS is Closed for Thanksgiving

**DECEMBER**

SAT, Dec 3: 6pm-11pm MAPS CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUN, Dec 4: Santa’s Fly In

MON, Dec 12: 6pm Directors Meeting

WED, Dec 14: 7pm Membership Meeting

SUN, Dec 25: MAPS is Closed for Christmas
C-47 GETS A NEW PAINT JOB

Bob Sours, C-47 Crew Member

The C-47 is now a work of art. Congratulations to the crew who have spent almost 3,000 hours restoring her. They have worked very hard to complete the port side of the aircraft for our visitors to the Wings of Freedom Tour this weekend. Great Job guys!

Our C47 has to be most Photogenic, one and all want to get their picture taken with this refurbished plane. While small jobs and painting continue, plans are in the works to add static displays (Jim Cameron type) inside. A few items will be sectional maps, cigarettes, E6B flight computer, and a flare gun (Dick Johnson’s Dad) used in WWII. §
THE CURATORS DEPARTMENT

Jim Cameron, Curator

The Curators Department is proud to announce a new display. Over a two year period, MAPS member Matt Oltersdorf has built a highly detailed 1/16 Scale, 48 inch wingspan model of a WW II USAF Martin B-26 twin engined bomber. The model is set in a diorama depicting the plane being serviced in a hangar. Currently, this model is being considered for the cover of Fine Scale Modeler magazine which has a worldwide circulation. It is well worth a trip to the museum.

While there, please visit the “Lighter Than Air” display to see some very rare derigible and blimp items that are on loan from the Lighter Than Air Society of Akron, Ohio.

T-33 COMING TO MAPS

Kent Kleinknecht, Director

The United States Air Force has granted a T-33A 53-5250 to MAPS for its permanent loan collection. The T-Bird is currently located at the EAA facility in Wisconsin. If all goes well we should have the plane back at the museum by the end of the year. > See the images to the right at the top of the page.

CHRISTMAS PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT

Robert Schwartz, Chair Director

The MAPS Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 3, at 6:00. We plan on having it at MAPS with Mr. Mike’s catering the event once again. We also plan on having a $10.00 gift exchange once again. Sign up and cost will follow in early November with cost being paid at time of sign up. Pat Schwartz will chair the event again this year and will be needing help with desserts.
The restoration of our F-100D, 56-3081 continues at a rapid pace. The wings were installed on Father’s Day (June 19), which was also the 54th anniversary of the delivery of 081 to the Air Force. MAPS received a good deal of publicity for this event. The vertical tail was installed the following Wednesday.

Painting of 081 has begun. The vertical tail has been painted with the required 3 color camouflage (dark green, medium green and tan) and the bottom of the fuselage has been painted light gray.

Completing the painting of the vertical tail allowed us to begin installation of the horizontal stabilizers. The left stabilizer was installed on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. As with the installation of other major parts, it went on screaming and kicking.
The main gear anti-skid assemblies have been installed as have the main gear doors. The damaged nose gear door has been repaired and installed.

Over the next few weeks we will install the right horizontal stabilizer, complete fabrication and install the fuel tank, finish applying primer paint and begin painting the rest of the aircraft.