

The New Louise Timken Library

Barb Johnston, Library

The new Louise Timken Library, relocated in the hangar, is almost complete. The large room is lined with bookcases and books and the carpet is on the floor. Chairs are lined up in rows in front of the large Smart Board awaiting the next meeting. The small room needs only the drywall, paint, and carpet. Then we can move in the bookcases and more books for your reading pleasure or research. We can't thank our MAPS guys enough for all the hard work and many hours they put in doing painting, electric, drywall, moving books, magazines, bookcases, etc. A special thank you to Kim and a grant from the Timken Foundation made this all a reality.

I would like to have the library open during most of MAPS hours. I have 3 wonderful volunteers but I need more help. If you can help a half day a week it would be a great help. Learn about the library and help others find what they are looking for. No experience needed. If you can help, please call me at 330-837-8929 or e-mail: johnston.barb@mapsairmuseum.org

Please stop in and visit this "new gem" at MAPS. You won't believe what is available. §



HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY	11:30 - 4:00
MONDAY	closed
TUESDAY	9:00 - 4:30
WEDNESDAY	9:00 - 4:30
THURSDAY	9:00 - 4:30
FRIDAY	9:00 - 4:30
SATURDAY	9:00 - 4:30

★ Mission Statement ★

MAPS Air Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating people about the history of aviation and its impact upon society. It accomplishes this mission by acquiring, restoring, preserving, studying and exhibiting the impact of aviation on the culture of man.

The Heart and Soul of MAPS Air Museum

Kim Kovesci, Executive Director

Volunteers are the heart of any non-profit organization and that is very obvious at MAPS. Last year, our volunteers documented over 35,000 volunteer hours. In the first 2 ½ months of 2012, we are performing at a rate that will significantly surpass our 2011 record. Members are currently documenting hours on thirteen aircraft restoration projects. The progress made on the PT-19 is amazing and the work on the P-51 has been a long haul but is coming to conclusion.

I can think of many members who have made significant contributions within the past six months beside our fabulous restoration crews.

- The team of Jerry Ramey and Dale Cox has been working all winter on the library and restoration building. Barb Johnston, Terry Harriman and many others moved and cleaned the books to ensure that they were moved to their new protected home in The Louise Timken Research Library.

- Larry Lewis ran a project to sell scrap metal in support of the P-51 project.

- Ron Duplain and Larry Lewis spearheaded a project to clean up the restoration building.

- Wayne Knoll coordinated the recovery of three aircraft.

- Don Neidert made signs, painted doors, cleaned up after us and kept us going.

- Frank Wrenick faithfully cleaned the foyer and bathrooms every Saturday.

- We have Rick Willaman who disappeared for two months while rebuilding the electronics on the Spirit of Akron's gondola.

- The gift shop workers and tour guides who faithfully come in on their scheduled days.

- The curators and museum staff have done such a wonderful job on the displays.

- Allen Swain keeps us going and Mary Ann Cameron takes good care of us every Saturday.

- Chris Paprocki picked up the briefing

- The directors and managers have done a great job of resolving problems, setting the direction and standards for the culture for the organization.

These are just some examples of the exceptional work being done by many incredible members at MAPS and I apologize if I missed someone. We truly have something special going on and I would like to thank all of you for your contribution to our success in 2011. I would also like to ask for your continued support for the upcoming busy season of 2012 and I hope this year will be even better than last. \$

The Curator's Corner

Jim Cameron and Gary Haught, Curator

The Curators Department has been busy continuing work on the W.K. Haines display. Framed items have been hung, lighting has been installed and the lettering has arrived and is now positioned over the wall display.



Your Curator has started to explore seven boxes of donated material from the estate of former MAPS member Nick Hauprich. Nick was an avid aviation historian, co-authored several books on aviation and was an Aeronautical Engineer working for The Goodyear Corp. on The Goodyear Corsairs, the Goodyear "Drake" amphibian and the Goodyear "Inflatoplane."

MAPS currently is restoring the only surviving "Drake" out of three built and we are trying to obtain the only remaining two place Goodyear "Inflatoplane" from The Ohio State Historical Society.

The Hauprich material contains dozens of folders with factory drawings, photo's, technical data and much more of both the Drake and the Inflatoplane. When the Drake is completely restored and on display, this material will make a great addition to the overall display. §



Dues and Desserts Committee

Vicki McNeal, Green Historical Society

This is the Green Historical Society's first announcement about the 2nd annual "Dues & Desserts" event which will be Monday, April 23 @ MAPS. A preliminary committee meeting will be held next Monday, March 19 at the home of Staci Schweikert, 1261 Steese Rd. at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and be part of the committee!

At this time, we are asking for donations of desserts and/or finger foods for "Dues & Desserts". We also need people who

are willing to help set-up and follow through with all activities. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding what has already been donated and would like to help with choices, please feel free to send a note or call me. Thank you. §

Vicki McNeal, 330-705-9919

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- SUN, Apr 1: STARK STATE FIRE TRUCK TRAINING
- MON, Apr 9: DIRECTOR MEETING
- WED, Apr 11: STARK STATE FIRE TRUCK
- FRI, Apr 13: STARK STATE FIRE TRUCK
- SAT, Apr 14: SAFETY STAND DOWN FAA
- SAT, Apr 14: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
- FRI, Apr 20: RED CROSS SET UP FOR SAT. EVENT
- SAT, Apr 21: RED CROSS BASH
- MON, Apr 23: DUES AND DESSERTS
- FRI, Apr 27: STARK STATE FIRE TRUCK
- SUN, Apr 29: PANCAKE BREAKFAST

MAY

- MON, May 7: DIRECTOR MEETING
- FRI, May 11: BOY SCOUT CAMPOUT
- SAT, May 12: BOY SCOUT CAMPOUT
- SAT, May 12: MEMBERSHIP MEETING
- SUN, May 13: BOY SCOUT CAMPOUT
- FRI, May 18: SET UP FOR ANDREA WEDDING
- SAT, May 19: ANDREA WEDDING
- SAT, May 19: SOAP BOX DERBY
- FRI, May 25: GREEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

JUNE

- SAT, Jun 2: GIRL SCOUT AVIATION DAY
- MON, Jun 4: DIRECTOR MEETINGS
- SUN, Jun 10: MAPS CRUISE-IN
- SAT, Jun 30: MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Raising Awareness

Kim Kovesci, Executive Director

This morning I had the honor of raising our new flags at MAPS. It reminded me of the reasons why many of us served. As I raised the US Flag for the first time at her new home, I thought about the wars and conflicts that our members have been involved in. We have members who have been in both the Pacific and European Theaters of WWII, Korea, Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam, Granada, First Gulf War, Afghanistan and the Second Gulf War.

Then, as I raised each of the services, I thought of the role that they play in the defense of our nation and their glorious history. Finally, I raised the POW/MIA flag, I thought of Mr. Roulett my brother-in-law's father who was a POW in the Bataan Death March. I thought of Lee Kessler who was a POW in Drembs, Austria, Stalag XVII-B in 1944. I thought of Buzz Sewell Jr. who was a POW in Moosburg, Germany, Stammlager VII-A 1945. I thought of Jack Hager who was a POW in Romania, one of the Ploesti Boys and saved by Princess Catherine Caradja. I thought of Mr. Cabral and Mr. Kilpatrick, KIA and MIA in Vietnam, June of 1972. Finally, I thought of how many people that Staff Sgt. Richard P. Ramey saved before giving the ultimate sacrifice in Mahmudijah in 2004.

This is why MAPS Air Museum exists, to tell their stories so they are not forgotten. Thank you for your service. §



Midwest Aviation Museum Conference

Ken Ramsay, Director

The Prairie Aviation Museum is working on a conference of Aviation Museums that are located in the Midwestern US. The conference will discuss financial problems and solutions, aircraft parts and equipment needs, excess parts and equipment, fund raising, restoration techniques, exhibits, etc.

No date or location has been set but it should occur later this summer. There should be about a dozen museums in attendance. If anyone has suggestions for a conference discussion item or would like to attend the conference, please contact Ken Ramsay. There will be more information available as dates and locations are determined. §

Where in the World is Rick Willaman?

Kim Kovesci, Executive Director

That was the question asked many times since he started to refurbish the Goodyear GZ-22 FAA(N4A) control car for the Spirit of Akron. Since January 14th he has been working steadily on the restoration project.

He replaced all of the instrument panels back to the original ones when the blimp was flying. He wired the back lights, radio control heads and used the scopes from the mock GZ-22. He spent many hours tracing wires and pins. Then there was the power needed to run the lights. He installed 24VDC and 5VDC power supplies. He used two DVD players, one to play the start and running of the engines, and the second that will be used for showing DVD's with a stereo amplifier for sound. He even installed an Airport frequency scanner to monitor the airport tower and ground control communications. The first flight was taken by Ron and Al, who relived his flight in a blimp.

So to answer the question, Where is Willaman, he has been doing some of his best work, alone and engrossed in restoring the instrumentation back to its original equipment for The Spirit of Akron. Great Job Rick! §



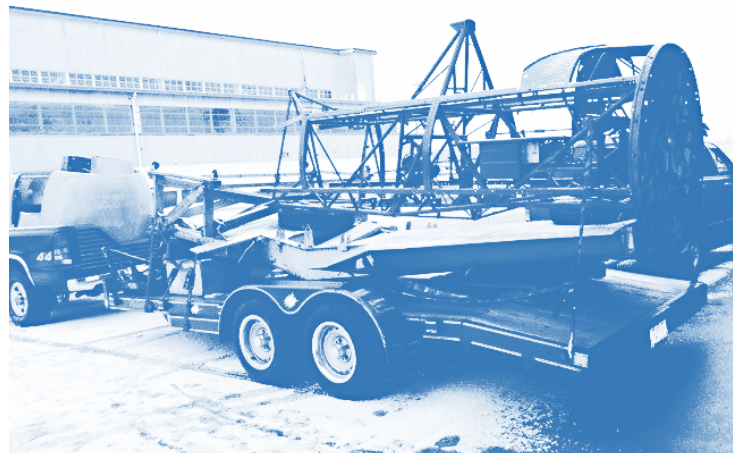
MAPS gets A-26 and BT-13 from MARC

Kim Kovesci, Executive Director

MAPS Air Museum has entered into an agreement to restore two more of MARC's aircraft, an A-26 and a BT-13. The transportation will begin on Friday, January 27 and continue until all of the sections have been transported to North Canton.

Thanks goes out to a group of MAPS Members and Wayne Knoll for taking the time to coordinate the pickup of the BT-13 and the A-26. These aircraft are owned by MARC and will be restored and displayed at MAPS.

We would also like to recognize the G&K Company for their support and guidance regarding the transportation of these aircraft. Great Job Guys. \$



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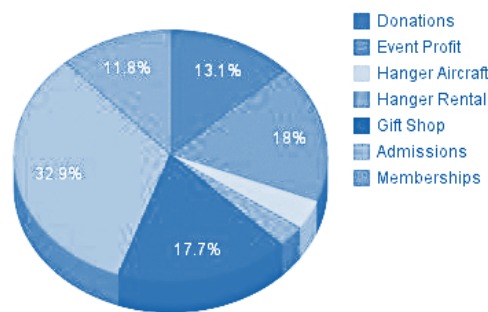
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MAPS 2011 in Review

Kim Kovesci, Executive Director

2011 ended breaking records in many areas. We were able to increase the number of visitors by 52% to well over 11,000 for the first time in our history. Our volunteer hours also skyrocketed by 22% to just shy of 36,000 hours and membership increased by 6% to 462 members. Financial results out performed our budget even with the addition of an executive director, our operating income budget was projected at a (\$9,290) loss but the final results were a positive \$17,093. Revenues continued to grow with a 5% increase to their highest levels in four years and gift shop revenue increased 24.7% to \$54,500. A breakdown of our revenue components reveals the following results:

2011 Profit Contribution by Category



Admissions 33%
 Event Profit 18%
 Gift Shop Profit 18%
 Donations 13%
 Memberships 12%
 Hanger Rental 6%

In summary, the organization is in good financial position to grow. The membership should be very proud of their accomplishments especially during these challenging economic times. Great Job Everyone! \$

Volunteer Hours

Bob Schwartz, Director Chair

In 2011 our members volunteered 35,731 hours. We had averaged about 29,400 hours the previous 3 years and just 30,028 in 2008. We started the year off with a bang, in January with 3,147 hours and 3,760 hours in February. February is usually a slow month averaging just 1,730 hours with the highest month in 2008. Also in 2008 through 2010 we only had 3 months with over 3,000 hours which occurred in August of all 3 years.

A lot of activity is going on with 18 aircraft being worked on. Tour guides are volunteering many more hours due to all the tours and visitors. A monthly breakdown of hours is posted each month in google apps. For help finding that information online, contact Bob Schwartz via email at schwartz.robert@mapsairmuseum.org or by phone: 330-309-1010. \$

Visitors

Bob Schwartz, Director Chair

We had 1,483 out of 11,400 visitors sign our guest register last year. No surprise, 75% are from Ohio and 47% of those are from the local area. However we did have visitors from 46 different states and 37 other visitors from 14 foreign countries. They found out about us by "word of mouth", 33%. The internet 18% and the newspaper 9.5% 26 other ways of finding out about us were logged as well.

For more information pertaining to these statistics and other information that we are tracking, please feel free to contact Bob Schwartz or Kim Kovesci. \$

Gift Shop News

Bob Johnston, Gift Shop Manager

As manager of the gift shop, I would like to thank all MAPS Gift Shop volunteers who have really helped out this year. We had a very successful 2011 and sales figures support that. 2012 is starting to be better than last year.

I would also like to thank our many MAPS members that continue to support the gift shop. Because of this, the board and I have decided to give 40% off on all MAPS logo clothing and hats. You will receive a 20% discount on most of the other items. Also new is a 20% discount on all 4 channel helicopters and the S033G helicopter. Both are new and great fliers.

The gift shop recently received a donation of model aircraft and boat kits dating back to 1957. They are on sale at a good price and also 20% off. We have some new 1/18 scale model aircraft and helicopters in stock along with other new kits. Remember we can special order items. If you don't see it, please ask. Copies of the Out of the Wilderness book are now available.

We received an F4U combat 1/18 scale model that is out of production but on sale in the gift shop.

Thanks again for all your support the membership has given the gift shop. \$

New Home for the Osage Helicopter

Ken Ramsay, Director

Our little helicopter, which has been sitting on the flight line for many years will now have a new home. The Prairie Aviation Museum (PAM), Bloomington, Illinois, was looking for a small helicopter to restore for use in parades. Mike Sallee from PAM contacted Ken Ramsay, asking if he knew of any available small helicopters and Ken said that we had an Osage which might be available.

Ken did a search of MAPS records looking to see if there were

any restrictions on our ownership of our Osage, no restrictions could be found. He then did an FAA N number search and could not find any N number assigned to the helicopter's serial number. He contacted Herman Valentine, one of the founders of Red Horse, the organization that gave the Osage to MAPS. Mr. Valentine said that there were no restrictions on what we could do with the helicopter and thought it was great that it will be restored.

The MAPS Board of Directors approved the transfer of the helicopter to the Illinois museum. PAM personnel are planning to come to MAPS with in the next couple of months to pick up the Osage. Another fallen hero will be restored. \$

Corrections and Retractions

Chirs Paprocki, Editor

In our last issue of the Briefing (Volume 23, Issue 1) there are correctons to an article as pointed out by Julie Adams, MAPS Member. In the story titled "MAPS Members Tour B_26 Archives", It was stated that the archive received old photo's from the "B.F. Goodrich Co." This was incorrect. Should be stated the "Goodyear Co." of the Wingfoot Lake facilities. Apologies to all former employee's of either Companies for the error.

-Julie Adams, MAPS Member

If there are any submissions for back issue corrections and retractions, please feel free to contact me directly and they will be placed in the subsequent issue. \$

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★ MAPS TRIVIA ★

QUESTION:

The Republic P-47 Thunderbolt was called "The Jug" because:

1. Its barrel-shaped fuselage looked like a jug.
2. Because it was so large it was regarded as a juggernaut.
3. Its large radial engine had so many cylinders or jugs.

New Members Orientation

Bob Schwartz, Director Chair

Hello everyone, MAPS is starting a new program: New Member Orientation. The orientation will be held on the first Saturday of each month at 1:00PM in the new Louise Timken Library. All new members along with current members are welcome to sit in on the orientation.

We will cover the following areas:

- Have a quick overview of the opportunities to contribute
- Overviews from the directors/managers in charge of each area
- How to get started
- Overview of Google Apps and sign on directions

You are also invited to attend the monthly membership meeting at 11:00 AM, also held in the new Louise Timken Library. \$

WWII Veterans List

Bob Schwartz, Director Chair

We are making a list of all MAPS WWII vets for a future project. You can help by checking the list below and if you know of someone who should be included please let us know. Even if the person is a member but is not active, we would like that information. Either email or feel free to give me a call. Contact information provided below.

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Ronald Armitage, Donald Block, Henry Lindsay, Daniel Lukac, Ralph Lynn, Larry Moore, Ernest Stadvec, Millard ML Weaver, Ken White, Robert Withee, Don Wohlin.

Thank you for your help. \$

MAPS TRIVIA ANSWER: 2. Because it was so large it was regarded as a juggernaut.

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