

B-26 Dedication, WW-II Honoring Ceremony

Kim Kovesci, Executive Director

Special Thank You goes out to the Volunteers who helped make Sunday's celebration a success for some very special people. Sharon Yareff, Barb Johnston and Mary Ann Cameron handled all the food – Thank You!

We would also like to thank Congresswoman Betty Sutton for writing the proclamations and Senator Frank LaRose for his wonderful comments.

We were blessed with the presence of over 30 WWII Veterans and 20 Rosie the Riveters. Total visitation for the event approached 200. Again Thank You for your support! §

Pictured to the right: TOP, Rosie the Riveters. BOTTOM, Mr. Don Block gave us his now famous "I did that once" speech.



Vietnam Stories

Bob Schwartz, Director Chair

50 years ago, in January, the first major combat operation of the Vietnam War took place. Operation Chopper consisted of 50 Army Piasecki H-21 helicopters flying a little west of Saigon in a paratrooper mission. This marks the beginning of a 13 year long commemoration of the Vietnam War. Many MAPS members are Vietnam veterans, having served in most if not all branches of our military. The briefing staff will occasionally publish an article from one of our Vietnam Vets. §

FROM OUR BRIEFING ARCHIVES

– From the 2002 Archives–

- The McKinley Museum placed the Martin Glider on permanent loan to MAPS. The glider was delivered to MAPS in a full size Atlas Van Lines moving truck.
- Barbara Bergstrom donated the PT-19 to MAPS. It was in the process of being restored and delivered to MAPS.
- Spring Pancake Breakfast was held on April 8th in the restoration building.
- A featured story in the Jan-Feb Briefing listed recently acquired items to sell in the new Museum Gift Shop. §

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.

MAPS Air Museum Explorer Post 356

Bob Schwartz, Director Chair



The recently organized MAPS Aviation Explorer post has been chartered in both the Buckeye and Great Trails Councils of the Boy Scouts of America. The program is opened to boys and girls ages 14-20. The explorers can get involved in any facet of the museum that interests them.

At present most are involved in restoration and having been working under the supervision of our restoration crews. They have restored the "RB-1", a home built airplane donated to MAPS a couple years ago and plans are to use it in parades. At present it sits in prominent location at the 356th Fighter Group restaurant and with MAPS logo and markings advertises the museum.

The Museum has an old tug, a Clarktor-6, that sat for year's tucked away unseen. The explorers took on the task of restoring this 1940's era tug and not only cleaned and painted it but also got the engine running and the tug now moves under its own power. It does have some transmission problems that will be fixed. Jacob Diaz is one our newer tour guides; if he isn't busy with tours he lends a hand where ever needed.

The charter group of explorers are Josh Stiles, Robert Boykin, Josh McArthur, Tim McKittrick, Andrew Bailly

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and Allen Niu. Several adult members, Ken Ramsay who is an Eagle Scout, Kim Kovesci, Bob Hollis, Ron Duplain and Bob Schwartz make up the Post committee and most all have extensive scouting back grounds. The adults with the post have completed or will soon complete required training to insure that our young explorers will have a safe environment to work in and that they are provided with opportunities for additional training and experience.

If you have kids or grand kids or know any teenagers who might be interested in MAPS and Exploring bring them for a visit to check us out. We are going to strongly encourage any young MAPS members to be an explorer. There will be no additional fees to be an explorer. \$



Pictured above: MAPS Explorers Robert Boykin and Tim McKittrick restoring the Clarktor-6 tug

Last Chance for MAPS Cookbook Recipes

Julie Adams, MAPS Member

Please get in those favorite recipes for our cookbook. This will be the last call for those great family recipes, info must be submitted for printing to be ready for the holidays!!

Can drop a recipe in the envelope located on the bulletin board in the lobby. Thank You to all those who donated thus far! \$

MAPS Mission Focus - Education

Kim Kovesci, Executive Director

We have seen a renewed focus on educational related activities at MAPS. The Boy Scout Camp outs began the initiative and is going strong. We are about to have our 4th camp out and our total attendance is approaching 800 scouts and adults going through the program. We have our first Cub Scout day on October 20 and expect a large turnout because it is classified as a kickoff and recruiting event for both councils. We are in the process of rescheduling the Girl Scout Day for the Spring in order to improve attendance.

Last year, we received a grant from The Stark Community Foundation, W. Henry Hoover Fund for our high school U.S. History pilot program. We were able to bring over 1,100 students from six Stark County high schools for specific requirements covered in the Ohio State Standards. The program results is best summed up by Mr. Billker, North Canton Social Studies Teacher, "The opportunity for students to have a hands-on experience of some of these aircraft was invaluable. No history book or lesson is ever going to replicate or mimic the chance to sit in a WWII era bomber or the cramped cockpit of a Soviet Mig. I can think of a half dozen pictures I was asked to take of students who were seated in some type of aircraft or were seated on some piece of equipment that was on display.

Nothing in education can replicate those smiles, questions, or intrigue that came from those students."

This year we have asked to double the grant in Stark County to increase the number of schools in the program. We have received a grant from The John A. McAlonan Fund to begin bringing students from Summit County and have another in process with the GAR Foundation. All of the organizations have been very generous and I believe they understand the value of the program.

There are two new programs being introduced. The first is a Teacher's NEOEA Day scheduled for October 12. This day is sponsored by The University of Akron and coordinated by John Sheridan. Area teachers will be able to receive continuing

education credit at a reduced rate by attending the event.

The second is an Air Academy for students from 10 – 14 that will run for a 10 week period from Sept 15 through November 17. The program is especially designed for aviation enthusiasts ages 10 – 14.

In summary, we have renewed our focus and I believe that we are creating programs that support our mission of educating the public on the history of aviation. §

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

THU, Sep 20: CAK AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

FRI, Sep 21: STARK STATE FIRE TRUCKS

SAT, Sep 22: SATURDAY SCHOOL-AIR ACADEMY

SAT, Sep 22: MARTINELLI WEDDING/RECEPTION

MON, Sep 24: WALSH UNIVERSITY LUNCHEON

SAT, Sep 29: SKYMASTER STUNT CONTEST

SAT, Sep 29: SATURDAY SCHOOL-AIR ACADEMY

SUN, Sep 30: PANCAKE BREAKFAST

OCTOBER

SAT, Oct 6: DROPT OUT CAR SHOW

SAT, Oct 6: SATURDAY SCHOOL-AIR ACADEMY

WED, Oct 10: DIRECTOR MEETING

FRI, Oct 12: NEOEA DAY

SAT, Oct 13: STARK STATE FIRE TRUCKS

SAT, Oct 13: SATURDAY SCHOOL-AIR ACADEMY

SAT, Oct 13: MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SAT, Oct 20: CUB SCOUT DAY-BUCKEYE

SAT, Oct 20: SATURDAY SCHOOL-AIR ACADEMY

SAT, Oct 27: SATURDAY SCHOOL-AIR ACADEMY

NOVEMBER

SAT, Nov 3: 1ST ALLIED AIRBOURN MEETING

SAT, Nov 3: SATURDAY SCHOOL-AIR ACADEMY

WED, Nov 7: DIRECTOR MEETING

SAT, Nov 10: SATURDAY SCHOOL-AIR ACADEMY

SAT, Nov 10: MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SAT, Nov 17: SATURDAY SCHOOL-AIR ACADEMY

DECEMBER

SAT, Dec 1: MAPS CHRISTMAS PARTY



★ Saturday School - Air Academy ★

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2012 SATURDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE 9AM-NOON

9/15: Aviation 101, Jet Pilot Perspective & Museum "Search"
9/22: Early Flight, Lighter Than Air & WWI
9/29: WW-II Aviation, B-17 Simulation & C-47
10/6: Engines, Goodrich Aviation "Systems" & Restoration Projects
10/13: Military Academies, National Guard Heritage & Aviation Careers
10/20: Radar, Modeling & Controlled Flight
10/27: Cold War (Nasa), Rockets & Navigation (Cockpit Day)
11/3: Military Creeds, Helicopters & Survival Training
11/10: Cmc & Vietnam, F-100/F-4/A-7 & Aviation Economics
11/17: Spy Planes, Drones & Lockheed Martin

PARTICIPATION "GIFTS"

9/15: Mini Plastic Airplane
9/22: Goodyear Inflatable Blimp
9/29: WWII Spotter Cards & Patch
10/6: MAPS Air Museum t-shirt
10/13: F-16 Glider
10/20: Rubber-band Glider & Model
10/27: Cockpit Poster
11/3: MAPS "Air Bear" or Corsair DVD
11/10: MAPS Key Chain & MAPS Mug
11/17: MAPS Air Museum Hat

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The Curators' Corner

Jim Cameron, Curator

SKIP WILLAMAN EXHIBIT

William "Skip" Willaman, brother of MAPS member Rick Willaman, recently donated his collection of personal military items and memorabilia to the museum. Skip, originally from Canton, Ohio, currently living in California, served for 26 ½ years in the United States Air Force. While serving as a member of the Strategic Air Command (SAC), Skip was given top security clearance. In 1962 he was involved in the Cuban Missile Crisis. His next assignment was with the SAC Combat Evaluation Group responsible for evaluating the capabilities of the Air Forces B-47, B-52 and B-58 bombers.

His next assignment was as an airborne radio technician in Okinawa after being trained in cryptography (code breaking) in 1967. Here he was introduced to the super secret SR-71 "HABU" Blackbird. The HABU Blackbird was named after a particularly venomous snake of the Okinawa area. Skip's job was to debrief the SR-71 crews after returning from a mission. Later in 1967 he was assigned to Vietnam as a C-130 loadmaster and flare kicker while flying on "Blind Bat" night missions. He also served as a left door gunner on a Super Jolly Green Giant gunship. Skip was awarded the Air Medal several times as well as a host of other medals.

His next assignment was to Thailand to pilot a Cessna O-2 Skymaster spotting enemy targets to be destroyed (MAPS currently has an O-2 on display). From 1968 to 1975 he worked for Air America where he was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for heroism. He was then assigned to SR-71 and U-2 aircraft. Skip retired from the Air Force on July 31, 1985.

While working for a civilian contractor Skip was preparing to board Pan Am flight 104 when word came about the sabotage and crash of Pan Am flight 103 in Lockerbie, Scotland.

In the following years, he worked for several civilian contractors and retired for good Dec.2004.

Details of Skip Willaman's military career will be presented

in the display currently under construction.

BUZZ SEWELL DISPLAY UPDATE

The family of Reamer "Buzz" Sewell visited MAPS and the Sewell display Saturday. Sons Tom from Georgia and Doug and Sister Anne from the Baltimore, Md. area stayed several hours and were impressed with the progress at the museum. At least one member will be back for the B-26 dedication.



Pictured above: The Family of Reamer "Buzz" Sewell.

MAPS MODEL AIRPLANE INVENTORY

Dave Sanders just completed a count of the built model airplanes, armor and ships in the museum complex. The total is 2849. 80% are in storage waiting to go on display when the upper level becomes available. §

News From the Gift Shop

Bob Johnston, Gift Shop Manager

As manager of the gift shop, I would like to thank MAPS members for all their support. I would also like to remind all members that they will save 40% on all MAPS LOGO clothing and hats. This includes the new B-26 Marauder T-shirt that will be in the gift shop by the time "The Briefing" is out. The B-26

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T-shirt has the markings and nose art of MAPS B-26. I think you will like it. I want to thank Chris Paprocki for the design and work on this project especially when he is in California. Maps members will receive 20% off other gift shop items.

Stop in the store and see our other new T-shirts, hats, and models. If you don't see an item, we may be able to order it for you. Remember all money goes to support MAPS.

Thanks again for your support. \$

Director Elections

Bob Schwartz, Director Chair

Elections for the Board of Directors were held at our annual membership meeting on June 30th. There were 3 positions to fill. Those elected to 2 year terms are Steve Satchell, Bob Schwartz and new board member Rick Hamlet. Rick has served previously on the board.

At it's organizational meeting the board reelected Bob Schwartz to his 3rd full term as chairman, Kent Kleinknecht, vice chairman and Ken Ramsay, secretary. The board thanks the members participating; almost 100 members cast ballots making this the biggest voting turnout in several years. \$

Haines Dedication Ceremony

Kim Kovesci, Executive Director

Saturday August 11 was a special day for

Rita Haines and her family. We dedicated the Haines Display located in the Gallery of Heroes and the W.K. Haines Sr. Memorial Garden to the memory of Bill Haines. It was a memorable day at MAPS. Thank you Mrs. Haines for sharing the story of Bill's extraordinary life. \$



Pictured above: W.K. Haines Sr. Memorial Garden. Photo courtesy of Rick Willaman

From Afar

Chris Paprocki, Editor

For the past few months, work has taken me to California, away from Ohio and MAPS air museum. I have seen my involvement change dramatically. Instead of handling hammers and drills, I have been limited to computers and software.

From afar, I have been editing the Briefing with much help from Bob Schwartz and many of the supportive members that provide our content. It may not be the "hands on" skunk works in the restoration building, which drove me to join the

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★ MAPS TRIVIA ★

QUESTION:

What American airport is named after a famous World War II battle?

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★ NEOEA Day ★

OCTOBER 12, 2012

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- 5TH ECONOMIC LITERACY
- 6/7/8TH STEM
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museum, but I am still contributing to the museum in a way that hopefully is benefiting our goals. I took me some time to see it from this different perspective.

While I would love be there sweating in the summer heat, sanding and painting with the crews, I understand that I am able to apply other skill sets that I have towards helping the museum in ways that were not apparent when I first applied for membership back in November of 2010.

I think many of our members are able to find ways to integrate skills that may not seem apparently valuable to the museum, but in my opinion, are in fact the treasures of our organization; MAPS air museum. There are many skill sets that I have either learned or honed during the past 2 years.

As this successful year ends, I am looking forward to my future with the museum, and looking forward to participating in many ways, whether near or far. After all, Ken Ramsay

gifted me a life membership over this past summer, so I better make good use of it. §

Membership

Bob Schwartz, Director Chair

At the end of August we have 480 members, last year at this time we had 461.

During August we had **4,566** volunteer hours for a **YTD** total of **32,603** which exceeds the total hours for each of the years 2008-2010. This about 3,000 hours short of last year's record total of over 35,731 hours. **A big MAPS thanks to all the hard work that our volunteers accomplish.** When working or visiting MAPS, don't forget to sign in, either in the hangar off the lobby or in the restoration building on the far wall to the right of the B-26 mural near the over head door. §

MAPS TRIVIA ANSWER: Chicago's Midway International Airport

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