

SPECIAL EDITION – DIRECTOR'S ELECTION

UPDATES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Kim Kovesci, MAPS Executive Director

2016: Another Great Year!

We had another great year at MAPS Air Museum.

Our memberships rose slightly from 706 to 716. Our volunteer hours were 53,806 which represents almost \$1,300,000 of value based on government data. Our visitors increased from 34,093 to 36,844. The total increase over the past 8 years in visitation has been 575%. Our gift shop sales were reported at \$93,876 and our overall revenue was stated at \$355,269. These are very good numbers and will allow us to continue to put money back into the organization for projects and continuous improvements.

In summary, I am very pleased to report that our metrics indicate that we are either improving or maintaining our position in all key areas; revenue, membership, volunteer hours and number of visitors.

OMM Room Is Almost Complete

The transfer of artifacts from the Ohio Military Museum in Massillon was completed in October of 2015. Since that time, we have been preparing its new home on the second floor of our main hangar. The work is almost complete

and we should be opening the area to our visitors within the next few months. We are very proud of this area and are thankful for the opportunity to honor these very brave veterans from Ohio.

I would like to thank Jack and Joy Timken for helping fund the renovation of this room. I would also like to thank the Portage Lakes Career Center Trades teachers



and their students for contributing to the renovation of this room. The students sealed the windows, constructed the walls with metal studs, installed insulation, drywall and painted the room. In this case everyone wins, the students are given real world experience and MAPS receives the benefit of their hard work. Thank you guys!

(See more on Page 2)

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

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Information and Candidate Listings
See Pages 8 and 9



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 Parking Lot Receives Protective Coating

S & K Asphalt was back at MAPS applying two coats of sealant to our parking lot. This addition will help protect the base and keep it looking good for many years to come. Thanks to the guys from S & K Asphalt for doing such a great job!



More from the Executive Director....

2nd Floor Update

We are in the process of renovating the 2nd floor of the main hangar with four phases.

The first phase has been completed and was to add an elevator, storage room and the room that will house the Ohio Military Museum displays.

The second phase has begun and will add the meeting room, restrooms and the HVAC systems for the remainder of the second floor.

The third phase will renovate the rest of the museum spaces and the banquet hall. That will leave the kitchen for the fourth phase. Each phase is targeted to be completed within a calendar year so the second phase has a target completion date of January 2018.

To accomplish this aggressive schedule, we will need a lot of help from our sponsors, vendors, volunteers, PLCC students and PLCC teachers. I am really looking forward to working on this project over the next several years. When we are done, I believe that we will have added something that we all will be very proud of. Thank you all for your help and support!



Upcoming Events

JUNE

SUN, JUN 4	AIR ACADEMY
SAT, JUN 10	DON SITTS CAR SHOW
SUN, JUN 11	AIR ACADEMY
WED, JUN 14	DIRECTOR MEETING
SAT, JUN 17	MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SUN, JUN 18	AIR ACADEMY
SUN, JUN 25	AIR ACADEMY
WED, JUN 28	DIRECTOR MEETING

JULY

SUN, JUL 9	AIR ACADEMY
SAT, JUL 15	PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUN, JUL 16	AIR ACADEMY
SUN, JUL 23	AIR ACADEMY
SUN, JUL 30	AIR ACADEMY

AUGUST

SUN, AUG 6	AIR ACADEMY
FRI, SAT, SUN AUG 11, 12, 13	COLLINGS WEEKEND (WWII PLANES: B-17, B-24, B-25 and P-51)
SUN, AUG 13	AIR ACADEMY
SAT, AUG 19	MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SAT, AUG 26	DON SITTS RAIN DATE

SEPTEMBER

WED, SEP 6	DIRECTOR MEETING
SAT, SEP 9	MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MON, SEP 11	JACKSON-BELDON-CANTON
	SMALL BUSINESS EXPO
SUN, SEP 24	PANCAKE BREAKFAST

(Please check website for updates)



MAPS TRIVIA



QUESTION:

What WW II aircraft was called "Whistling Death"?

(answer on Page 9)

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Bob Schwartz, Director Chair

We send our condolences to the family of MAPS member Dean Putnam who passed on Monday August 8th. Dean joined MAPS in June of 2010 and was very active until about October of 2015 when medical issues caused Dean to be unable to be active. Dean was a team member on the PT-19 restoration, which started with a completely bare air frame and now sits fully restored in the hangar. Dean also started the restoration on a small home-built fashioned after the P-51 Mustang and called the 5151. This had been started by another member who has since passed away.

We also send our condolences to the family of MAPS member John Mossoud. John joined MAPS in May of 2012 and volunteered in our gift shop where he always had a ready smile. John ran into health issues in 2015 and wasn't able to volunteer quite as much as he did previously. John's wife also passed away shortly after John's passing.

Henry "Hank" Lindsey Passed away last September. Hank was a long time member of MAPS joining in May of 1991 with member number 77. He was active until recent years when his health prevented him from active membership. Hank did come out for a visit occasionally.

CURATOR'S CORNER

Jim Cameron, Curator

What a great beginning to a new year! The new Ohio Military Museum on the second floor will open to the public very soon with 63 displays encompassing all the wars the United States has been involved in from the Civil War to the Gulf War and includes thirteen awarded Medals Of Honor. We have developed a truly spectacular World War One display with authentic uniformed and fully equipped mannequins over a highly detailed background.

In April, we held our first military show featuring over 160 tables with vendors displaying, buying and selling militaria from all over the world. The show attracted over 1000 visitors. The next show will be Oct.29, 2017. The show sponsor Scott Denniss has joined MAPS and brings a wealth of knowledge in U.S. militaria and will be an asset to the Curator's Department.

Some of the recent donations received are the military artifacts from the family of a WW II U.S. Navy blimp pilot; WW II artifacts from a member of the 101st Airborne Division that parachuted over Normandy on "D" Day and the artifacts of a survivor of the infamous Bataan Death March in the Philippine Islands. We intend to have these items on display in the very near future.

A candidate for the Boy Scout Eagle Scout award, Eric Dague, whose project was to develop a Korean War display for MAPS Gallery of Heroes is complete and currently in the Gallery for public viewing.

In March, we were contacted by the Stark Branch of Kent State University about doing a display on WWI for their Learning Center. April 6, 2017 marked the 100th anniversary of America's entry into WWI. The display will run for one month.



WWI Display

Here's hoping the rest of the year will be as exciting and rewarding for MAPS!

MAPS Veteran's Celebration IV - A Tribute to LCDR Stu Powrie

by Valerie Street Kinney

On November 5th, at our Veteran's Celebration IV, we recognized 350 US military men, women and families with a special tribute to LCDR Stu Powrie. Why Stu Powrie? Last year we acquired an A4 Skyhawk from the Chanute Air Museum in Illinois as it was closing its doors. It was not a sure thing at first, but like many things that happen at the museum, doing the "right thing" was just beginning to fall into place.

The A4 Skyhawk was the type of aircraft flown as a US Navy Blue Angel from 1974-1986. Although this aircraft was somewhat "painted" as a Blue Angel, it was not flown as a Blue Angel. Hence, began the task of Crew Chief Jim Jackson and his merry men to turn an ugly duckling into a beautiful swan. Next came the research of our NCIS Hudson crew of Al and Tony to find a local veteran who flew such an aircraft. They found a lead on the internet which led them to Stuart Powrie from the Firestone High School Class of 1966. He was a Naval Academy graduate, a Vietnam veteran, and in 1981 was on the Blue Angel team, flying opposing solo (#6). In 1982, he was killed on February 22 in a training accident, flying as the lead solo (#5). They wanted to share his story and put his name on the aircraft.

The baton was then passed to me to contact the family (to ask permission) and the 1981 Blue Angels. After many months of planning and connecting, we had the privilege of hosting his family, team mates and friends from California, Hong Kong and Tennessee. The Celebration brought laughter and tears as his family and friends spoke about their friend, their father and their teammate.

After the program, I received an email from Stu Powrie's son, Scott which contained the following, "As a boy I never was able to piece together what fully happened to my father or to fully understand what kind of a man he truly was."

I have always been told he was great, but you expect to hear that from those who care about you. I think I finally hit the age that I could really take in that information and understand how true it was. By putting this plane on display and bringing all the people who knew him together you helped give my sister and I those missing pieces to our lives. For that I can never fully repay you all.

MAPS is a special organization with special people running it. You all have big hearts and are amazing people. You will no doubt see me and my family again soon, thank you so much."

Need I say more... we did the "right thing." Watch the complete program on: <http://www.nctvstorytellers.org>



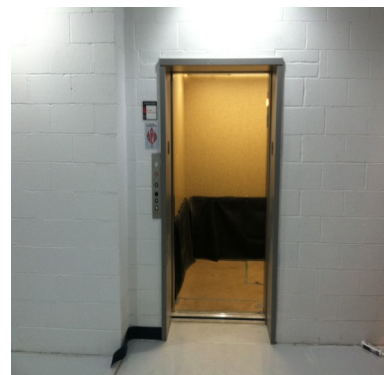
The Powrie Family and the A4 Skyhawk

Special Thanks to Tom Eckinger of Eckinger Construction Company for helping to fund traveling expenses for the Powrie Family's visit to our 2016 Veteran's Program where we dedicated the A4 Blue Angel in memory of LCDR Stu Powrie.

More from the Executive Director....

Main Hangar Elevator Receives Approval From The State Of Ohio

We would like to thank the Timken Foundation for helping to fund the construction of our elevator. The elevator was approved in November of 2016 and will be used to provide public access to the second floor. I would like to thank Canton Elevator, Eckinger Construction, Lindsay Plumbing, Canal Fulton Electric, RWJ Corporation and the MAPS Volunteers for making this project successful.



MAPS Mourns the Loss of Three Members

It is with heavy heart and great sadness that we inform you of the following recent losses to the MAPS family.

Dean H. Putnam



Age 88, of Canton, passed away Monday August 8, 2016 in the Laurels of Canton. He was born June 17, 1928 in Cleveland, OH to the late Cyrus and Mary (Hart) Putnam. Dean was an entrepreneur, inventor, patent holder and founding owner/operator of Magnagard Equipment Manufacturing, Stark Laser Products and Printer Cleaning Specialists.

He was a very active volunteer for the MAPS Air Museum where he restored WWII era planes; he was a licensed private pilot and an open wheel race car driver; he built planes, boats and race cars; he was an avid runner, skier and tennis player; and he volunteered for the Toledo Ballet, serving as their Business Manager, set builder, and cast member in The Nutcracker.

Dean was a Korean War Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Sherry A. (Schario) Cini-Putnam to whom he was married 29 years; six children and their spouses, Jill and Jack Diamond, Peter Putnam, Kris and Terry Walkerly, Julie Cini, Greg and Lisa Cini, Patty and Jeff Berkebile; 14 grandchildren, Matt, Ben, Autumn, Abby, Taryn, Cody, Jacob, Dylan, Addie, Maddie, Peyton, Sydney, Isabella and Austin; two great-grandchildren, Calley and Gunner; a dear cousin, Nancy Kermode.

Dr. John "Doc" Massoud

Age 84, passed away July 29, 2016 after suffering a stroke. His final moments were comfortable, filled with love, laughter, family, and friends, and one final night with his four daughters.

John was born on November 5, 1931, on the second floor of his home in Akron to David and Sophia. He graduated from South High School, attended Kent State and graduated from Case Western Reserve with his Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1961.

John proudly served in the Navy and was honorably discharged in 1954. John married Nancy Walsh in 1960, and they were married for 56 years. In 1964, John started his own dental practice on East Avenue. He retired in 2009 after practicing for 48 years. He received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the City of Tallmadge for decades of involvement in the community.

John was preceded in death by his siblings; Josephine, Joseph, and Jacob "Jackie". He is survived by his wife; Nancy, his daughters; Mary Massoud, Tricia (Peter) Kubisiak, Teri (Joe) Smith, Susan (Brian) Hayes, his grandchildren; Madeline, Nick, Camille, Jake, Justin, Sarah, Sophia, Natalie, his siblings; Barbara (Bob) Foster, Alfred Massoud, David (Penny) Massoud, his cousin; Danny (Claudia) Rocus, his sister-in-law; Margo Massoud, and many more relatives, friends, and patients.

Henry "Hank" F. Lindsay May 7, 1924 - September 23, 2016



Henry "Hank" F. Lindsay, age 92, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, September 23, 2016. He was born on May 07, 1924 to the late Roy and Rose Lindsay in Canal Fulton. Hank was a graduate of Canal Fulton High School. He married the love of his life, Maxine Fothergill on June 30, 1945 and they shared 65 years until her passing on July 05, 2010.

Hank proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Asiatic Pacific Theater. He was the founder of Lindsay Plumbing, and worked as a partner in the business until his retirement. Hank worked hard and played hard and enjoyed boating, camping, vacationing in Florida and spending time with his family. He attended Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, was a longtime member of MAPS; where he worked on his Taylorcraft L-2 Grasshopper, and was a member of the American Legion Post #221.

He is survived by his children Sandy (Gary) Montgomery and Fred (Debbie) Lindsay; his grandchildren Dan (Brett Butler) Montgomery, Julie (Chris) Komarc, Jenny (Toby) Mathias, Jed (Amanda) Lindsay, Jeffrey Montgomery and Lauren Lindsay; his great-grandchildren Morgan and Nathan Lindsay and Grant and Linzie Mathias; his sisters Delores Schweitzer and Helen Shoemaker; his brother Roland (Linda) Lindsay, Sister-in-law Leona Wagner and a host of nieces, nephews, family members and friends. In addition to his parents and wife, Hank was preceded in death by his brother Clifford (Shirley) Lindsay and a host of in-laws.



MAPS Anniversaries

May 1, 2016 to May 1, 2017

*** designates Family Membership*



25 YEARS

Larry Cavaleña
James Cummings
Fred Lindsay **
Robert McCully
Dr. John Wargo
Virginia Williams
Richard With

20 YEARS

Forrest Barber **
Jack Greenwald
Terry Harriman
Richard Lewis **
Ralph Nollan
David Pawski **
Ted Stults II

15 YEARS

Barbara Bergstrom
Bryan Best **
Carmello Cangemi
Red Jacobs **
Jim Keller **
Linda Kendall
Gary Marks **
Arnold Sisca **
Robert Withee

10 YEARS

William Clark
Kenneth Dunning **
Jordan Galloway
Robert Harris **
Kevin Kerns
Dwight Kline
Thomas Koteff
Linda Lippert
Joyce Lott **
Jeffrey McCullough **
John Pickett
James Popovic
Mr. Reynolds **
Chuck Sahyers
Wayne Schalk
Thomas Sewell
Douglas Sewell
Glenn Tingley **

5 YEARS

Brooke Anderson **
William Cleveland **
Edward Cole
Tim Colgate
Renie Conner
James Cusack **
Douglas Dahlheimer
James Dies
William Drotos
Jamie&Doug Fairchild **
Robert Hollis **
Corrigan Irwin
James Jackson **
John Jesensky
Lee Karch **
Reed Kimball **
Valerie Kinney
Glenn Kleiber **

Joseph Lombard
Jim Mesko **
Thomas (Doc) Nash
Philip Neldon
Kenneth Olinger **
Kenneth Parry **
Daniel Patterson
David Phillips **
Bob Richmond **
Roger Saurer **
Donald Schmid **
Wayne Schulz
Patrick Schwartz **
John Sheridan **
Clayton Tober **
Courtney Urban
Hank Van Hala
James Walker **
Millard Weaver

JOIN MAPS TODAY!

Pancake Breakfast A Success



Area residents enjoyed yet another successful Pancake Breakfast at MAPS! This was the first of three that will be held this year.

Volunteer "chefs" have perfected the pancake batter to a standard that

would rival any 5-star restaurant and the sausages were cooked to perfection. This was the fare that over 850 visitors to MAPS enjoyed on Sunday, April 30th. The weather was warm and sunny and after breakfast, families enjoyed touring the museum as well as the outside planes and exhibits.

We hope you'll join us on Saturday, July 15th and Sunday, September 24th to experience first-hand the best pancakes you'll find anywhere!

More from the Executive Director...

2017 MAPS Raffle Results

We would like to thank everyone who made this year's MAPS Raffle a big success.

The revenue generated helps our operations during slow times of the year. Your participation in last year's raffle directly contributed to MAPS by allowing us to start construction on the second floor and completing restoration of two aircraft, the US Navy Blue Angel A4 Skyhawk and the F84. This year's results were just short of our all time record of \$12,000. The winners of the raffle were as follows:

\$1,000	1st Place – Ron Dougherty
\$ 500	2nd Place – Dale Messner
\$ 250	3rd Place – Robert Austin
\$ 125	4th Place – Doug Tackett
\$ 75	5th Place – Tom Luczynski
\$ 50	6th Place – Bill Bracken

YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

THANK YOU!



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MAPS Receives A Matching Grant from Stark Community Foundation

Stark Community Foundation has given MAPS 2016-2017 US History Program a grant for \$10,000 and a matching grant for another \$5,000. MAPS raised \$6,653 which was matched up to \$5,000.

The total funding for this year's high school visits was \$21,653 and our original target was 2,300 students from 12 high schools. We would like to thank SCF for their support of this wonderful educational program.

VISIT THE MAPS WEBSITE



Use this QR code
To visit the
MAPS Website



DIRECTOR'S ELECTION 2017



At the April and May Membership Meetings, nominations were accepted for the four (4) Director's seats that are up for election at the Annual Membership Meeting to be held on Saturday June 17, 2017 at 11:00 AM.

Seats up for re-election are currently held by **Bob Hollis, Jim Jackson, Ken Ramsay and Wayne Noall**. Five nominations were received and accepted. The nominees for these positions are: **Bob Hollis, Jim Jackson, Len Palmer, Doug Perry and Ken Ramsay**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: If you can't attend the election meeting, absentee ballots will be accepted in person, by postal mail or via the MAPS website. Absentee ballots will be available at MAPS. See Reed Kimball in the office on Wednesday through Sunday starting June 1st. These ballots can be submitted at that time or mailed to MAPS. For postal mail ballots, please mark "**Director Election 2017**" on the envelope and mail ballots to MAPS Air Museum, 2260 International Parkway, North Canton, OH, 44720.

NOTE: Per the Code of Regulations, a family membership qualifies for one vote.

Absentee ballots can also be submitted via the MAPS website (www.mapsairmuseum.org) starting June 1st. For directions to access and submit these ballots, contact Reed Kimball at mapselection@mapsairmuseum.org.

An e-mail with detailed information will be sent to all members with current e-mail addresses the first week in June. If MAPS does not have your current e-mail address, please send to Bob Schwartz at schwartz.robort@mapsairmuseum.org



CANDIDATE BIOS ON NEXT TWO PAGES



ROBERT A. HOLLIS JR.

Education: Graduated Lehman High School, Canton, Ohio. Attended Kent State University. Graduated Control Data Institute

Work Experience: 1969-1970 National Institutes of Health, Computer Operator; 1970-1974 Planning Research Corp., Computer Programmer; 1974-1984 Canton Automated Systems, Programmer, Manager, Asst. Vice-President; 1984-2002 T-Soft, Inc., Owner, CEO; 2002-Present Springleaf Financial Services, Lead System Analyst.

Volunteer Experience: Youth Soccer Coach, Orchard Hill School PTO – Treasurer, Hoover Instrumental Music Assoc. Vice-President (fund raising), Canton VA Clinic - Driver

MAPS – PT-19 Restoration Crew, Cub Scout Days Coordinator, North Canton Schools Aviation Enrichment Programs Coordinator and Instructor, Boy Scout Camp Merit Badge Instructor, MAPS – Represented MAPS at Boy Scout Roundtables and conferences, Special Events

Military Service: 1965 – 1969, U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant (E-5)

Remarks: I have been in love with aviation and airplanes since a very young age. As a 5th grader, I often rode my bike to the current MAPS hanger to watch the comings and goings of the P-51's that were based there. In high-school I worked as a 'hanger rat' at McKinley Air Transport and was later able to take flying lessons and receive a private pilot's license. I was well on my way to earning a commercial and instructor's license when duty called and I enlisted in the Air Force. In its infinite wisdom, the Air Force trained me in a field that at the time I had very little interest in – computers. It turned out that I enjoyed the work and the job prospects upon discharge were very good. Now with a wife and family to support, I followed the path of least resistance and remain to this day in the information technology field. From time to time, I continued to fly as a pilot and my work allowed me to travel extensively world wide (I always took a window seat.) When I joined MAPS two years ago, I truly thought of it as redemption for my soul. I was back where I belonged. I am very proud of MAPS, its volunteers and its mission and will work tirelessly to continue the progress of making it the finest museum of its type in the country.

**J.R. JACKSON**

Work Experience: Spent 14 years in the soft drink industry, beginning as the 1st employee in a startup Company that grew to become a National and then International Publicly traded company with 50 production plants – both Corporate and Franchise. Obtained the position of Vice President of Manufacturing and Technical Services. Spent 7 years in Food Packaging manufacturing as Plant and Operations Manager in plants ranging from 80 to 240 employees. The last 18 years of his working career was as sole owner of a liquid waste business. Retired in 2009.

Remarks: Married for 43 years, two grown children and 4 grandchildren. Born in Canada and moved to the United States in 1978. Became a U.S. Citizen in 2008

**LEN PALMER**

Work Experience: I worked my way thru college at a small machine shop in Akron.

Started Palmer Industries Inc. in 1973 as a machine shop doing work for the local rubber companies. Retired 2016 after 43 years in business. I had evolved the business to specialize in Vertical Turbine Pump parts that we now sell worldwide. The company is now owned and operated by my two sons.

Volunteer Experience: Summit County Underwater Recovery Unit (SCUBA Diver) for Summit County Sheriff Dept. Youth baseball coach, Women's over-30 softball coach, (much harder than the kids). Boy Scout Assistant Troop Leader; I am an Eagle Scout. LeBron James Family Foundation Bike Promotion Give Away. MAPS Museum BT-13 restoration

Military Service: Air Force ROTC University of Akron 2 years. United States Marine Corp Quantico, VA 2 years. Regular Army Officer Candidates School, Ft Benning, Ga. Commissioned 2nd Lt US Army. Assigned Ohio National Guard, Platoon Leader 145th Inf, Assigned Inactive Reserve Unit in Oklahoma. Honorable Discharge

Remarks: Married 45 years in August to Marianne. We have three children and four grandchildren. Colin, my ten-year-old grandson, has been a MAPS member for about a year and has been helping on the BT-13 and other things around the museum and I enjoy it as much as he does.



DOUG PERRY

Education: Canton South High School, 1966-1970 Studied Academic Industrial Arts; Kent State University, Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies in 1977, study concentration in Business Administration; Kent State University, Bachelor of General Studies in 1984, study concentrations in Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Psychology.

Work Experience: Timken Company, Steel Worker; Fair Finance Company, Office Manager; Lake Mohawk Property Owners Association, Lake Manager; Bank One Akron, Retail Loan Lender; Canton Board of Park Commissioners, Director/Secretary 1990-2012

Volunteer Experience: Stark County Veterans Memorial Committee, Vice President; Canton South Band Boosters, Treasurer; Stark Parks, photography; Magpies Mission, photography; MAPS Air Museum, Tour Guide, Facebook Administrator, Marketing Manager

Military Service: US Army, 1971 to 1974. Trained as an Engineer, Heavy Equipment Operator, Supply Clerk, POL Property Book NCO, NCOIC CTA50-901 Central Issue Facility.

Remarks: I have been a member of the MAPS organization for a couple of years now and I find what happens here to be not only interesting to our visitors, but educational as well. As a Tour Guide, I enjoy sharing history with our guests and feel that the Tour Guides are more like history teachers at times than just someone who can tell people some things about a bunch of airplanes. Our active members have an amazing collection of backgrounds and experiences and all of them, no matter what they do here, contribute to the great reviews we get from the people who visit us. The MAPS Air Museum has seen great improvements over the last few years and the potential here is great for major advances over the next few years. It will be a lot of work and it will not be easy, but, it can be done. If I am elected to the Board of Directors, I hope to be of additional service to the organization as we move forward. If I find that I am not, or that there is someone much more qualified than I to be on the Board, I would step back to what I am doing now without hesitation.

**KEN RAMSAY**

Education: BS, Mechanical Engineering. MBA Industrial Management. Squadron Officers School (USAF)

Work Experience: 1960-1970 USAF, Senior

Pilot, Instructor Pilot, Quality Control Test Pilot Louisiana, England, Turkey, Libya, Italy, Norway, Vietnam, Taiwan, Philippines, (T-34, T-37, T-33, F-100, A-37); 1987, General Electric Aircraft Engines; Quality Engineer, Quality Manager, Manufacturing, Engine Assembly, F-101 Program (B-1 Bomber); 1987-1992, Chem-tronics (turbine engine casings and frames), Director of Quality Assurance; 1992-1994 Cleveland Pneumatic Landing Gear (military and commercial aircraft landing gear), Vice President Quality Assurance; 1994-1996 Lamson & Sessions (plastic conduit and electrical boxes), Director Quality Assurance; 1996-1998 Aviation Product Support (turbine engine blade and frame repair), Director Quality Assurance; 1998-Present, retired

Volunteer Experience: (include MAPS duties); Boy Scouts, Troop Committee Chairman for two troops (Sharonville, OH and El Cajon, CA); Explorer Scouts, Committee Member, Explorer Post 356, MAPS Air Museum; MAPS Air Museum, Crew Chief, F-100 Super Sabre, Assistant Crew Chief, A-26 Invader, Member Board of Directors, and Instructor Aviation Merit Badge, two aircraft recovery trips to Florida

Remarks: MAPS is experiencing great success. I will continue to support and participate in our museum improvement programs, education programs, restorations and financial stability.



★ MAPS ★ Endowment Fund

A message from Kim Kovesci, Executive Director

Our Endowment Fund has been set up to ensure the long term survival of the organization. If you plan to have a financial review done, MAPS Air Museum would appreciate being considered in your plans.

Thank you!

Stark County Dental Society Dinner: F-84 Restoration Dedication and Astronaut Fred Haise Speech

On Friday November 11th, 2016 the Stark County Dental Society held their 2016 “A Salute to Veterans” event at MAPS. Dental Society and MAPS Member Dr. Ron Stanich DDS, was the Master of Ceremony. Ron introduced Astronaut Fred Haise who was one of three crew members on the ill-fated 1970 Apollo 13 mission. In the movie “Apollo 13”, Bill Paxton played Fred. Fred had planned on stepping on the Moon and instead flew around the moon after an on-board explosion caused the moon landing to be cancelled and emergency procedures were initiated so the crew could safely return to earth. Fred gave a very interesting talk during the playing of a video highlighting the mission.

Also as part of the program, our F-84 restoration was dedicated. Fred Haise was recalled into the Air Nation Guard at Mansfield with the 164th in 1961 and flew the F-84. Our F-84 was assigned to Mansfield after Fred left.

The Republic F-84F number 52-6524 was acquired from Walter Solpota in late 2010 and restoration was started in January of 2011. Walt had obtained the F-84 from the Ohio Air Guard based at Mansfield, Ohio where it was assigned to the Ohio ANG 164th TAC Fighter Squadron. Paul Gates is the crew chief on the F-84



Restored F-84

and as a member of the 164th Paul worked on this same airplane. Assisting Paul in restoration is Ray Weber, a retired Brigadier General in the Air Guard who actually flew this tail number. Others assisting Paul and Ray were Carl Bergsneider, Gary Hengstenberger, Tom Fisher, Mark Saurer, Gary Collard and Tim Petroff. Tony Bistranskey and Al Petschaurer

assisted in the final phase with decals and markings.



Fred Haise (center) with attendees from Yougstown. The Marine was part of the Missing Man Ceremony.



MAPS TRIVIA ANSWER



ANSWER: Corsair, also called the Bent Wing Devil

The Chance Vought F4U Corsair was designed as a one seat fighter plane able to take off and land on carriers in 1938. With only enough room for one pilot, a wingspan of 41 ft. and a weight of nine thousand pounds, the gull-winged Corsair could reach a speed of 417 mph, fly at almost 37 thousand feet and climb 2900 feet per minute. It had six M2 Browning machine guns mounted on the wings and the capacity to carry twenty rockets or two thousand pounds worth of bombs.

As one of the most iconic fighters of World War II, it could out-climb, out-run, and out-fight any propeller-driven aircraft it faced on the opposing side. Known for its distinctive design and huge propeller, the aircraft was also known for the peculiar sound it made at higher airspeed.

As if Corsair wasn't a great name in the first place, the fighter soon earned itself many other nicknames, none as ominous as the **Whistling Death**, rumored to have originated from Japanese soldiers who heard the plane diving menacingly above their positions.



BEHIND THE SCENES

The finished product never tells the whole story of the enormous number of hours that are spent planning and performing the labor necessary to provide first class results at MAPS.

This is especially true of the OMM room that you read about earlier in this newsletter. The pictures you see here are some of the "before" scenes. Check Page 1 to see the almost complete "after" results.



EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS AT MAPS!

2017 Don Sitts 8th Annual Car Show

June 10, 2017 is the date for the 8th Annual Don Sitts Car Show at MAPS Air Museum. All makes/models/years are welcome. Pre-registration is \$10 and after June 3 registration is \$15.



Registration starts at 8:00 am the day of the show. Show hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with the award ceremony at 2:00 pm. There will be a special dedication ceremony at 11:00 for John Shapiro, former editor of Cruising Times Magazine who passed away last year.

Visit our website: mapsairmuseum.org for more information.

2017 Collings Foundation "Wings of Freedom" Tour

The Collings Foundation will bring their "Wings of Freedom" Tour to MAPS Air Museum on August 11-13, 2017. They are currently planning to bring their B-17 "Nine-O-Nine", their B-24 "Witchcraft", their new P-51 "Toulouse Nuts", and their B-25 "Tondelayo". If you would like to book a ride on one of these historic aircraft, please call the Collings Foundation directly at [978-562-9182](tel:978-562-9182).

Reminder to our members: This is a special event and everyone must pay the admission fee of \$12 for adults and \$6 for children (12 and under) to enter the museum and see the aircraft unless you are volunteering to work the event.



Pancake Breakfasts
Saturday, July 15th and
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