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Tomorrow

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Today

History

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2nd Quarter 2010

MAHEC

An organization devoted to the State of Minnesota and its connection with the growth and development of aviation and the people, companies, organizations that have, are and will participate in the growth of aviation.

MAY MEETING LOCATION
The fourth Tuesday of May the meeting will be at the MAHEC office located in the Lysdale hanger, the one with the RED entry door. 340 Airport Rd. East of Terminal Bldg.

YESTERDAY HAPPENINGS

May 1927 remembered as the month when Minnesota native Charles Lindberg made his successful flight across the Atlantic. Lindberg's flight had a profound influence on aviation and the influence it had on the fate of nations and help transform the world as we know it today.
May 1896 Samuel P. Langley at last succeeds in obtaining good results with his tandem-wing steam-powered modes, which he incorrectly calls "Aerodromes". Model No. 5 flew 3,300 ft on May 6 1896.
June 1868 is recognized as the date of the first aeronautical exhibition held at the Crystal Palace, London, by the Aeronautical Society. The most influential exhibit was John Stringfellow's model triplane which is the first powered triplane model ever tested. Steam-powered but not successful when tested.

RECENT HAPPENINGS.

The Hamilton Metal Plane will be heading toward the west coast some time in early May. For those of you that have never had the opportunity to see this great marvelously restored aircraft you just might have one last chance. To find out if the Hamilton is still in the Lysdale hangar at Fleming Field, South St. Paul give a call to Lysdale Aviation and check you better move fast as you might already be too late to see this aircraft.

Slowly the MAHEC office is getting organized, boxes have been emptied as contents are either transferred to file drawers or shelves and the boxes removed from the office. The latest edition is a coffee pot that was donated to MAHEC. To make it useful there are filters, cups and of course the required coffee grounds. Drop by and enjoy some on Thursday morning(s), sorry no cream or sugar or treats visitors have to furnish.

Recently MASM has been searching for a new home. Latest is that the MN Air National Guard Museum will be come the next home for the Steco and other MASM items. When, where, what I am sure will be in news soon.

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MAHEC meeting.

Membership meeting held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30P.M.

EXCEPT July and December NO MEETINGS HELD.

Email notices sent prior to the meeting as a reminder to all and also notification of any changes.

Meetings normally held in the South Saint Paul Airport (Fleming Field) Terminal Building.

Recap of First Quarter 2010

Those who braved the wonderful Minnesota winter you enjoyed any unusual winter per reports.

January

If you missed the January program reports are you missed a very interesting presentation on the WACO WWII glider restoration project.

Unfortunately your editor was one of the missing members. Currently there is an effort being made to have the opportunity for MAHEC members to visit the restoration site. One of the complications is that normally it is only accessible during a typical work day for the company that is donating the site. I personally would enjoy the opportunity.

February and March did not have any special programs.

Presidents Report

Your president can only report the last year has been one of poor performance on my part. Certainly the broken leg and nursing home confinement for therapy along with very slow mental recovery did not help one bit. Newsletter project suffered along with various projects around the office, and my wife also says around the house.

This past month or so has shown some improvement including reorganization in the office with more needed. Fortunately Gary Kuhn has continued to work on the filing of pictures and newspaper articles.

John Farley the MAHEC web master is assisting in redesign of the web page, a slow and tedious time consuming project. Suggestions, comments, ideas are welcome.

One major missing airplane in the Lysdale hangar is the HAMILTON METAL PLANE it was flown to Anoka Airport on Monday May 17th for some minor work before heading west to Oregon. Those of you that hang around there keep your eyes open for this wonderful old bird.

Not long ago, when
I was a student in college,
just flying an airplane
seemed a dream.

But that dream
turned into reality

-Charles A. Lindbergh, beginning his autobiography,
The Spirit of St. Louis, 1953.

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FINANCIAL REPORT 1/1/2010 - 4/28/10
INCOME

1. Contributions, Gifts, Grants etc.	\$ 65.00
4. Investment Income	.48
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 65.48

EXPENSE

15. Print, Publication, Postage and Ship, Post Office Box	\$ 21.00
TOTAL	\$ 21.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 44.48

Minnesota Flyer May 2010 Issue

Part I of an interesting article by Jim Hansen about the Waco CG4A transport gliders built in Mn by Northwest Aeronautical Corp. with Villaume Box and Lumber and Deponti Aviation as subcontractors during WWII. Great reading.

MAHEC would appreciate information on availability of CG4A scale model plans or even access to a scale model to add to display.

HISTORY HELP

Over the year's airports have come and gone from around the State of Minnesota. Might you recall this happening in your part of Minnesota? I know there has been discussion regarding a few in the Twin City Metro area. Beaver Lake Airport east of St. Paul has been discussed occasionally at 21D. Was this or was it not an officially designated airport or just a grass strip used by some locals?

Northport Airport located north of White Bear Lake and east of highway 61. During WWII it was a training base possibly for pilots from other countries. Northport has been taken over by some very nice new homes but is still listed on many maps but not Sectionals thankfully. When did Northport come into existence who might have flown from there, pictures etc would be appreciated.

Out state list of closed airports lists Murdock airport closed about 1996. Apparently there is some question regarding closing date. Would appreciate any background information, date opened, type of runway(s), pictures etc.

What might you have in your memory or perhaps photo album and/or file drawers and miscellaneous stacks of stuff regarding the Starling airplane designed and built by Orville Hickman in 1928 or other airplanes designed by Orville.

Any information on above items or any aviation historical happenings in MN either write to MAHEC at address listed top of page or e-mail prmahec@juno.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

MAHEC Membership

Annual dues are as follows.

Individual \$12.00 Family (Member and Spouse) \$20.00

Senior Member (62 or older) \$10.00 Senior Family Membership (Member and Spouse, one 62 or older) \$18.00

Business Memberships \$500.00 Non-Profit Organization Memberships (one representative) No Cost

Mail Application listing name(s), address, and class of membership to:

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Thank You.

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+ You

And You

And also need YOU

Financial Report – 1/1/2009 –12/31/2009 (Includes ACE Camp Funds)

INCOME

1. Contributions, Gifts, Grants	\$	
Individual Donations		390.00
MN Business Aviation Association		1,800.00
Rawlings Chapter AFA		5,000.00
St. Paul Schools		3,500.00
TOTAL Contributions, Gifts, Grants, etc		\$10,690.00
3. Membership dues and assessments		20.00
4. Investment Income – Int.		8.22
• TOTAL INCOME		\$ 10,718.22

EXPENSES

15. Print, Publication, Postage and Ship		
Post Office Box	\$	21.00
16. Other Expenses		
Office Supplies		14.99
Organization Memberships		150.00
TOTAL Other Expenses	\$	164.99
32 Program Service Expenses		0.00
27 MAHEC		0.00
27c Aerospace Activities		13.29
27d Management Education		249.00
TOTAL MAHEC EXPENSES	\$	262.29
29 Ace Camp	\$	9,605.00
TOTAL Program Service Expenses	\$	9867.29
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		\$10,053.28

OVERALL TOTAL \$ 664.94

MAHEC Acct. Bal. – As of 12/31/2009

Bank Accounts		
Am Bank – Ace Camp	\$	6,323.51
Am Bank-MAHEC – Cking		425.72
Am Bank-MAHEC – Savings		1,014.65
Wings CD 1 yr 7354		1,002.14
Wings CD 1 yr 7355		1,002.14
Wings CD 6mo 7353		1,001.81
Wings Share Account		5.00
TOTAL Bank Accounts		\$10,774.97
Asset Accounts		
23. Land and buildings	\$	0.00
24. Other Assets		573.99
TOTAL Asset Accounts		573.99
OVER ALL TOTAL		\$ (11,348.96)