



Yesterday

Tomorrow

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Today

History

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## 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.

### YESTERDAY HAPPENINGS

**M**ay 30 1971 Mariner 9 departed for Mars.

June 1965 American walks in space.

Considering the happenings on the above two dates it was June 1927 that the first person to cross the Atlantic by airplane as a passenger occurred. Charles Levine flew nonstop between New York and Germany in a Bellanca piloted by Clarence Chamberlin.

Think of the number of space flights made in just the past five years and the number of pilots and crew from the U. S. and other countries that have spent days aboard the space ship and walking in space to add additional sections.

**All this in only 84 years.**

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### RECENT HAPPENINGS.

Over the Memorial Day weekend I happened to pick up the July 2011 Air & Space magazine published by the Smithsonian. Was very pleased to find an article titled "That Old Crate". The old crate referred to is the CG-4 Glider under construction by a group of Minnesotans in space donated by Villaume Industries who were involved in building this same model glider for the U. S. Army during WWII. Great article, worth looking for in local library's, bookstores or the MAHEC library.

June 4 – 6 one could almost think WWII happening again. On Saturday & Sunday a B-17 was flying out of St. Paul Airport. Monday there was flying activity at the Commerative Hangar for some type of movie shoots. At least 3 P-51's and the B-25 were involved.

**NOTICE JUNE 28 MEETING LOCATION  
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## NOTICE MEETING LOCATION CHANGE.

JUNE MAHEC MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE MAHEC OFFICE 340 AIRPORT ROAD AKA LYSDALE HANGAR AKA HANGAR WITH THE RED ENTRY DOOR. SAME TIME.

### Recap of Current MAHEC Happenings

A variety of projects are on going with in MAHEC. Newspaper and magazine articles regarding people, companies and places keep Gary Kuhn as busy as his schedule allows.

Constant slow trickle of donated items, mainly books, keeps challenging the memory of your President as to processing them using the MAHEC purchased PastPerfect Software for Museums great software but staying current as bad as staying current as a GA pilot.

Have a couple of additional models to put on display. One certainly has MN connections a Piper J-3 the other a Curtis 1903 float plane.

Keep your eye's and ears open for another new aviation group "Aero Club" which will be affiliated with MAHEC. While new to our area there are numerous such groups primarily out east, I believe. First meeting scheduled for June 30 around 6:00 pm at Fort Snelling Officers Club. Further information will be sent out soon.

### Presidents Report

The past winter certainly was one to remember even for snow birds as it seemed that no matter where one was it was different, weather wise.

Those of us down AZ way had sufficient aviation activity to keep busy. 2011 was the U. S. Airforce odd number year open house at Luke Airforce Base where those attending could get up close and personal to some interesting military aircraft and also watch them perform during the air show.

Attendance was reported to be total of about 250,000 split over two days.

I have heard that both the recent Commerative Air Force event and the EAA Chapter Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle event at Fleming Field were very successful. Unfortunately, due to schedule conflict I missed the pancakes.

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## Yesterdays Happenings Cont'd from page 1

An event took place in Indianapolis in 1911, the Motor Speedway opened. A big success that led to the development of the Twin City Motor Speedway which did not succeed but turned into Smelling Field Incorporated and was leased to Twin City Aero Corp. for development of an airport which led to what we know today as the Mpls/St Paul International Airport. From race track to airport in 9 years quite a change.

Excerpts above from MN Aviation History book.

Flipping through the index I noticed the CPT program listing. Have intended to check this out but always seemed to be sidetracked. This interest relates to my oldest brother Glenn who started flight training with the Austin CPT program which along with my parents I visited so apparently this was the summer of 1941, only year offered there it seems. His next stop was Hibbing and flying the Waco bi-plane probably fall and early winter of 1941. Again we visited by unable to find any data as to when.

## Minnesota Flyer

Month or two back MN Flyer started a series about Minnesota Co's with aviation connections written by Jim Hanson. Great reading.

## AVIATION HISTORY AN INTERESTING HOBBY.

Information on any aviation historical happenings in MN either write to MAHEC at address listed top of page or e-mails [prmahec@juno.com](mailto:prmahec@juno.com). This is a on going project that can be worked on by volunteers either at the MAHEC office or from home saving the time and cost of commuting which of course opens it up to outstate volunteers, also. A couple of hours a day, week or month can accomplish much working on you computer or taking part in "coffee hour" at local airport. Surprising just how much knowledge there is out there. Also, remember to keep your camera handy for that unusual aircraft or individual visitor. Another beginning place is writing up the history of any local aviation groups such as the EAA Chapter you belong to. Research the when and who that were the first members.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR STEPPING FORWARD TO VOLUNTEER.

The modern airplane creates  
A new geographical dimension,  
A navigable ocean of air  
Blankets the whole surface  
Of the globe  
There are no distant places  
Any longer: the world is small  
And the world is one.

- Wendell Wilkie, presidential candidate running against Franklin D. Roosevelt. 1942

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