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Today

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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

Aero Club something old, but we just heard about this club recently being formed in Minnesota. Yes, that is true it is something old having a history dating back to about 1917 such a club was formed in Minneapolis by a group of local business men. The intent was to look forward toward the future, which includes today I guess, of business travel and business opportunities in aviation. Snelling Field was one of their first involments.

Some years later the St. Paul Aviation Club was formed which naturally promoted a local site for an airport which when the site was settled upon and developed became Holman Field. What became of these two organizations not sure but both have long since disappeared.

Aero Club of Minnesota or possibly Twin Cities is the undetermined title of the current organization which you read about in the last issue.

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RECENT HAPPENINGS

Could have been the unusual weather this summer or what? Recent happenings have been slow is happening. Too hot around the house to sort out those treasured items and donate them so that others can make use of the material in their research. I know it has been the case around the Wicklund house hold. Wonder if the cooler fall weather will help move this project along does not seem to have helped any over the past number of years.

Come to think of it there has been a recent happening around the office. Our landlord has or will be soon losing the tenant in our entry office. Gary Lysdale has stated his interest in renting this additional space, with office furniture, to MAHEC for work space and some additional display area for small items. The next board meeting this will be one of the topics including the requested rent of \$100.00 per month. One member has stated that he would donate \$20.00 per month toward this opportunity IF additional donations were to be received to equal the \$100.00. I am certain that the Treasurer would not want to worry about if the donation has been received each month, but gosh all it would take is a check or so with the Memo line stating "Office Rent".

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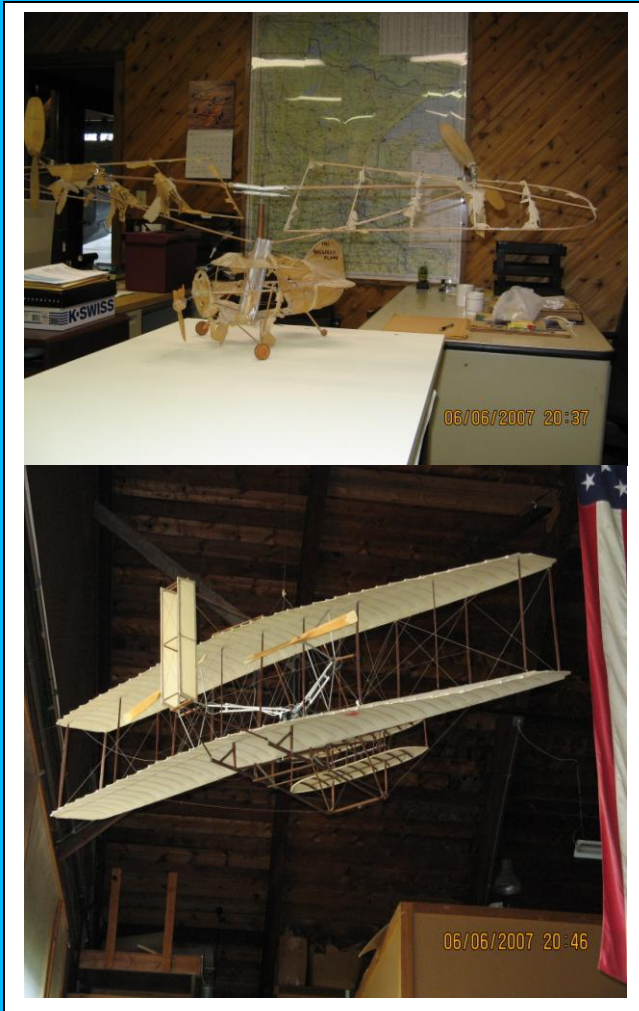
MAHEC meeting.

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 reminded to all and also notification of any changes.

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



Above two models are among the earliest donated to MAHEC. The top one by the son of the builder who just could not keep moving it around the U.S. was looking for a home when he heard about MAHEC and felt this was the proper location. The lower picture is of course a Wright Flyer model donated by Ollie K. teacher of the students that built this one plus the Spirit of St. Louis in the SSP terminal plus 2 others.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I receive and read publications from numerous organizations, yes I read a few non-aviation magazines for practice and consider changes in style, not mine the newsletter. A number of items seem to continually appear, need for articles or at least suggested topics to be considered, assistance better known as volunteers or as one organization has change the word to I believe "Recruit" for a military type museum. This started the thought wheels grinding as to what might be logical for a MN based organization with MN aviation as the topic, How about, "Go pher" to avoid potential conflict with any restrictions regarding Gopher. Others might be what, suggestions please.

Membership growth is another items brought up more and more. As with many organizations MAHEC has the situation where the current "Go phers" are aging with white hair showing, if any remains, and so youth is needed. Definition of youth as I reflect on the word is anyone between the age of 15 and 70. How does any organization grow is simple but difficult it seems.

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YESTERDAYS HAPPENINGS

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Aero Club potential was first brought up for discussion at a MAHEC meeting in 2009 by Ray Rought. After additional discussion in the fall of 2010 Ray was given the challenge of moving ahead with his idea by the MAHEC Board and Membership thus the June 2011 meeting was held.

What is the intent and goal of this Aero Club about the same as that of the earlier two, promote aviation but this time possibly state wide for the benefit of all could be the goal. What are the needs today within the state as seen by the people, communities and companies for new or improved airports, replace eliminated airline service where it can become cost effective, improve availability of service and locations for General Aviation pilots and companies that wish to make use of aviation for their company transportation or hobby.

If you wish to gather some background of existing Aero Club's go to the web and check into Aero Club Wichita and Aero Club of Atlanta both good examples of the mission of an Aero Club.

*Historical information from Minnesota Aviation History 1857- 1945.

What might you have to share with others? No requirement that it must be donated to MAHEC simply place the model, book, picture, poster whatever on loan. Just another way to share and also open up space for your next project. Full sized aircraft, sure but space is limited so would have to be hung from the rafters.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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For MAHEC if everyone that is a current member recruited 2 others to join the affect would be felt but no need to restrict to members anyone who reads this newsletter certainly is welcome to join and/or talk to 2 friends about the organization and furnishing them with copy of page 4 to complete and mail in, or how about a gift membership.

Project wise that you might find interesting, don't worry there is a variety. Within the Library there is need to review the various magazines that have accumulated and determine value and keep or eliminate. If determination is to keep consider if it is worth the effort to sort in date order. Book wise the same decision is needed based on potential value to members or researchers. Once this decision is made sort by subject. Volunteer Gary Kuhn has done a great job of sorting articles from newspapers and magazines with Minnesota background. Interested in old aircraft there happens to be two or three scrap books of pictures that need to be reviewed and identified and scanned, yes if I have not mentioned it before MAHEC received a donation of a used printer/scanner thus another project is born. Think about these opportunities and others not listed and give a call to volunteer.

On vacation until about 9.6/2011

RWW

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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+ You

And You

And also YOU

MAHEC Membership: New/Renew

As you renew your membership in MAHEC consider a friend, family member – don't forget the lower end of the Youth age group, or need for a gift to someone with aviation interests give one that lasts for a year. Another step would be to simply give this person a copy of page 4 allowing them to join on their own.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

X Category

___ Individual ----- \$12.00

___ Family – Member & Spouse ----- \$20.00

___ Senior – 62 or older) ----- \$10.00

___ Senior Family – one 62 or older ----- \$18.00

___ Business Memberships ----- \$500.00

___ Non-Profit Org. 1 representative No Cost

MN EAA Chapters & other aviation groups please note.

Areas of interest Antique, Classic, Other

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

MAHEC P.O. Box 7884, St. Paul, Mn 55107-0884 Attention Treasurer

At this time however I would like to make a tax deductible donation to MAHEC in support of its cause.

___ \$5.00 ___ \$15.00 ___ \$50.00

\$_____ Other
