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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 future growth of aviation.

YESTERDAY HAPPENINGS

NOVEMBER

Piper Aircraft celebrates its 75th Anniversary in November.

- 2 – 1926 NWA takes over Dickinson’s mail contract.
- 15 - 1919 Birth date of Faribault, MN’s Elizabeth Wall Strohfus, a member of the Women Army Service Pilots (WASP).
- 29 - 1920 The start of the first regular airmail service from the Twin Cities to Chicago.

DECEMBER

- 7 - **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**
- 13 – Mal Freeburg, NWA pilot, receives the first Civilian Congressional Air Mail Medal of Honor. He stopped a train from crossing a burning bridge.
- 25 – 1917 Walter Bullock flies over the Twin Cities dropping War Bond literature on behalf of the Aero Club of Minneapolis.

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RECENT HAPPENINGS

Every day, month and year it seems an event takes place that we are informed about and we are shocked and saddened. The most recent event I have been informed about involves the tri-plane and its pilot, Mark Holiday. Fortunately along with the bad news of that day it has been followed by many days of better news.



Mark was to fly the tri-plane from one airport to another only about 40 miles away when the unexpected happened the engine quit on takeoff resulting in the plane being very seriously damaged and Mark received serious injuries but survived.

During the past few weeks he has had back surgery, ankle and foot surgery plus some work around the heart.

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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.

As this is the last newsletter of 2012 I take this opportunity to

Wish every one a

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
A
HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

November 12th already and the newsletter is still not completed, bad job editor.

During the past month MAHEC leaders have signed a new lease with Lysdale Aviation for the rental space thru September of 2013. Rent remained the same however MAHEC was asked to share in the monthly Comcast bill that Lysdale Aviation had to absorb due to changes in the previous system that cost neither one anything so cost increased by \$25.00 per month. In today's world difficult to not have access to internet and web.

November is also election month for MAHEC and V. P. Dave Myren has been contacting members regarding their interest and willingness to join the Board as either an Officer or Director.

As of the October meeting he had two members step forward and volunteer, how about **YOU**.

One of the first challenges for the newly elected board is to sit down together and work out the calendar of activities for 2013 beginning with the presumable already established meeting day's 4th Tuesday, time 7:00 pm, and location Fleming Field Terminal Building. Unless, there might be membership requests to change any of the schedule. Next item for the calendar could be quarterly projects, what projects, which quarters appropriate for the projects. Create a list of potential programs of interest to membership and guests. Evaluate newsletter publishing date should it change to 1st month of quarter.

GOSH, when this is all done 2013 will be almost over with and the need to start over for 2014 will begin.

JANUARY

- 4 - 1942 St. Paul, MN. The first units of the MN Wing of the Civil Air Patrol are sworn in.
- 13 - 1913 Alex T. Heine a Mpls, MN native, is The first person to fly over the city's Loop district in a heavier-than-air machine
- 16 - 1921 Federal recognition is given to the MN Air Guard, making it the 109th Observation Squadron.
- 19 - 1951 Brainerd, MN: Van's Air Service starts an airline feeder service.
- 20 - 1919 Mpls, MN: Walter Bullock and Charles Peter takes aerial photographs of the city.
- 24 - 1922 The MN Air National Guard is called to active duty for the first time to search for James Maher, Cook Co. commissioner who had disappeared while boating on Lake Superior.
- 30 - 1990 The longest serving flight attendant to work for Northwest Airlines, Connie Walker retires after 42 years of service.

As you sit down and plan you're aviating for 2013 don't forget to put a check mark on your sectional for each museum in the State of Minnesota. Great places to visit in the winter time as spending time in doors is not a waste of warm weather outside.

An alternate method of travel might be your automobile not as enjoyable as flying but does give a ground level view of the country side you have flown over so many times.

The most recent information is that Mark now is able to transfer from bed to wheel chair and back again plus using his feet to propel the wheel chair with out assistance. He is able to have visitors and willing and able to discuss airplanes and aviation with only some difficulty.

Daily therapy to improve potential to walk and work improve use of muscles keeps him busy along with improving his ability to sleep at night. Currently the Doctors are watching swelling in his head to reduce it also.

Sure is great when bad news is followed daily with good news.

Anyone out there considering the recently set record for taking a parachute ride back to earth. You will not have to worry about your editor being first in line. As some of you may recall I flunked ladder a few year ago.

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a sport and
more than a job;
flying is pure passion
and desire, which
fill a lifetime.

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Areas of interest Antique, Classic, Other

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

\$5.00 \$15.00 \$50.00

\$ _____ Other

MAHEC would like to thank you for your interest and donation a receipt for tax purposes will follow. Please list your name and address above.

MAHEC is a qualified 501 c 3 non-profit organization.

**JUST A REMINDER THAT
2012 WILL SOON END
AND TAX TIME ALSO
ENDS. NOT TO LATE TO
CONSIDER A MAHEC
DONATION AS WELL AS
DUES.**

Don't forget November is your last opportunity to attend a MAHEC meeting in 2012.

**No meeting
in December.**

OCTOBER MEETING GUEST

As most of you were informed prior to the October meeting Kristi Rollag Wangstad, President of Air Space Minnesota was a guest. Kristi gave an over view of how Air Space Mn came to be and it's business plan. Unfortunately, the terminal building meeting room was locked so our meeting was moved to the balcony space, it worked OK but a much larger attendance would have created problems as the over head projector was not available and those in attendance had to look at the screen on her laptop again it worked but.

Kristi has been visiting with aviation related organizations; unfortunately MAHEC had to contact her, and companies to make this presentation. Purpose of the presentation was to explain in detail their future direction.

LIBRARY

Partial Listing
Check Web Page for full listing

Minnesota Related

MAC # I

A scrap book of the Metropolitan Airports Commission

By John Lammert with assistance of others.

MAC # II

A scrap book of the Metropolitan Airports Commission

By various writers.

Technical

Aircraft Powerplant Handbook – January 1949
C.A.A. Technical Manual No. 107

Descriptions of Airports and Landing Fields in the United States
Airway Bulletin No. 2, September 1, 1932
U. S. Department of Commerce – Aeronautics Branch

Aircraft Detail Drafting – 1st Edition 2nd Impression
1942
By Norman Meadowcroft

Airplane Structural Analysis and Design – 1942
By Ernest E. Sechler, Ph.D. and Louis G. Dun, PhD

Interesting Reading

Polar Aviation
Edited by Lt. Col. C. V. Glines

The Flight of the Century
Charles Lindberg and the rise of American Aviation
By Thomas Kessner

The Sound of Wings
The life of Amelia Earhart
By Mary S. Lovell

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