# MAFC

## MONMOUTH AREA FLYING CLUB



### NEWSLETTER

#### **Club Meetings**

General Meeting: 03/17/12- 9:00 AM N12 CAP Building

Board Of Trustees: 04/05/12- 7:15 PM

General Meeting: 04/21/12- 9:00 AM

## A Word From the BOT...

#### **Communications!**

That's one of the key things us pilots are taught during our training- Aviate, Navigate and Communicate.

And that is one of the things MAFC will be doing more of this year...communicating with our members and passing along both routine, general interest,

guy to put you thru the paces!

• Tom Russell- Asst Ops Offi-

When Augie is not available, Tom can assist you with operations issues...you can copy both on your communications.

• Tom Smock- Treasurer

Tom is the guy who counts the money that Mike B collects, pays our bills, does our taxes and puts together the monthly balance sheet. The club cant run without Tom's hard work.

 Mike Bernicker-Assistant Treasurer

Mike collects the sales slips and checks from members and sends out the monthly invoices. Mike has been a club and BOT member for longer than anyone else in the club.

• Dave Trulli – Avionics Officer

Dave updates and installs the GPSs and is in charge of the web content at flymafc.com

• Brian Lucas - Safety Officer

Brian is in charge of all safety issues in the club.

- Dan Coles Maintenance Officer
- John Periera Asst Maintenance Officer

One of the most important jobs in the club is keeping our aircraft online and functioning properly.

• Tom Flieger, Steve Weinberg - Membership Officers

When prospective members are interested in the club, these are the guys who are contacted.

We are also making communications with our operating groups easier in the club. We have new emails which will direct your communications as follows:

Board of Trustees:

BOT@flymafc.com

Instructors:

CFI@flymafc.com

Maintenance:

#### Maintenance@flymafc.com

MAFC is run by volunteers who donate their time and effort to insuring the club runs as smoothly as possible. In that regard, we owe recent president and VP, Frank Fine and Art Templeton, a round of thanks for their work in running the club in 2011.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and look forward to hearing vour comments and stories in the future!

Fly safe,

Dave Pathe

MAFC President.



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Inside this issue:

two of our fine members, Charles Burke and Adam Lang. have volunteered to put this MAFC Newsletter together and I'd like to encourage our members not only to read and enjoy it, but to offer ideas and articles for publishing.

and important information on a

regular basis. I am pleased that

Our elections were recently held in Feb and we have an experienced group in charge of running this great club. Let me list the BOT and their responsibilities:

• Augie Cammarata- VP and **Operations Officer** 

The Ops Officer approves RONs and keeps track of members medicals and ratings. Augie is also one of our senior CFIIs and if you ever need a good aviation workout, he's the March 2012

cer and Secretary



## Happenings

### The Ground Crew Wants to Hear From You!

Endeavoring to increase communications between the pilots and those responsible for addressing issues with the planes, the club has taken a significant step forward. At the March Board of Trustees meeting it was decided to place a communications reference card in the planes as well as each plane's flight activity logbook which is located in the trailer. On each card you will find the names and contact information for all the key people who have the job of addressing problems.

However, the link between the pilot and those responsible for correcting problems does require a very important step, the information must be reported. Because cell phones, e-mail and other forms of electronic communication are now ubiquitous in our culture, the cards not only include the names of the individuals but also their contact information. But, as noted, it is the pilot who has to take the important step of reporting the problems. If you fly the plane and notice a problem, big or small, contact the crew chief's or maintenance officer.

The next time you sign out a plane, or are a passenger, take a look for these cards. They are currently being fabricated and will be distributed as each one becomes available. Once they are in place, it will make it possible for you to file a report immediately. Also, in being courteous to your fellow pilots, if the plane has a problem and needs to be grounded, call or notify the next person who has it signed out and ask the crew chief to change the schedule so others know it is grounded. If we all do our part most of the problems will be resolved at a much quicker pace.

Charles Burke



If you find, or experience a problem with N4287Q, please report it to at least one of the following people by phone and/or email:

Crew Chief: James Paglia tel: 732-793-4568 Asst. Crew: Charles Burke tel: 732-938-2481 cel: 732-861-6046 e-mail \_chas.burke@verizon.net Maintenance Officer: Dan Coles tel 732-922-6574 work: 732-859-3480 cel: 732-859-3480 e-mail : challenge40@aol.com Assistant Maintenance Officer: John Periera Home:732-416-1137 Work:732-312-4816 e-Mail <u>murtosajp@msn.com</u>

## Member Spotlight

#### Mario Marzili



I started my flight training at Flying W Airport in Medford, NJ in 1999. Shortly after I began, I purchased a well maintained Cessna 172. I finished up my flight training at Millville Airport in 2000. I moved to Brick, NJ from South Jersey in 2002. After about two years I joined the Monmouth Area Flying Club and sold my airplane. I enjoy being a member of the MAFC. The airplanes are well maintained.

the members are all great people with the same interest and the flying is less expensive than owning your own airplane.

I have had some interesting experiences in my 12 years of flying. Once I took my wife and another couple to see the Statue of Liberty (before all of the restrictions). When we got there the last thing I heard on the radio was "WE LOST POWER". Then the radio went dead . We had no radio communication. The only one I was able to communicate with was a Police helicopter. He assumed that New York City had a major power failure asked my passengers to look around for any air traffic. I never saw four heads turn so much!!! I

turned around and headed for N12 ASAP. I found out in the next day's newspaper that the police officer was correct!!! It was a very scary flight but thankfully it turned out well.

On another flight with the same group of people the weather information reported clouds at 5000 feet when I found the clouds I tried to rise above them but at 8000 feet I was in heavy cloud cover. (I was not IFR rated) I ask ATC if I could drop to 3000 feet ? He responded that I would be in McGuire's air space but allowed me to drop to 4500 feet . That solved my problem and I learned a good lesson. NEVER DO THAT AGAIN !!!!

I presently have over 450 hours of flight time in both of the Cessna 172s the Archer and a little training time in the Arrow. In the past I have served as Assistant Crew Chief on the Cessna 172s and the Piper Archer. I stopped doing it because I had not been flying regularly.

I have not been flying too much in the last three years due to a variety of reasons but I hope to get back in the air this spring.

## The Calendar

Date	Time	Location	Event
03/17/12	9:00 AM	N12	March MAFC general meeting, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Building.
			Guest Speaker: Vinny Giglio, owner of First-In-Flight
04/04/12	7:30 PM	Bedminster, NJ	MAAC (Mid-Atlantic Aviation Coalition) Meeting (1st Wednesday of each month)
			Somerset Airport 7:30pm Bob Checchio(732) 968-6908
04/05/12	7:15 PM	Eatontown, NJ	MAFC BOT meeting, Dave Pathe's office, 151 Industrial Way East, Eatontown, NJ
04/21/12	9:00 AM	N12	April MAFC general meeting,
04/28/12	10:00 AM	KBLM	NJAEC Meeting, Monmouth Executive Airport "1sti n Flight" FBO. Jerry Iacona 609 581-3744
04/16- 04/21		Perry, NC	Region 5 North Soaring Contest Rhonda Tyler, (803) 564-5226
04/21/12		Trenton, NJ	NJEC Teacher Workshop-including building & launching rockets. Mercer County Community College. Call Mr. Iacona for more information. Jerry Iacona 609 581-
			3744
04/28-04/29		KSFQ	Festival of Flight (SFQ), Suffolk, VA (757) 372-0148

## Sell/Buy/Trade

Want to advertise your aviation-related items? Submit your items with a brief description, contact info, and picture (optional) to: adam.t.lang@gmail.com

• 2011 copy of FAR AIM--Free, Contact Charles Burkechas.burke@verizon.net

## **Co-Pilot Wanted**

Looking for other members to fly with? Reach out to other members here by posting your trip details in the newsletter. Send your post to adam.t.lang@gmail.com.

• (Example) John Smith. Weekend day trip, any time. Lake Placid, NY. C172. Get lunch and visit historic downtown Lake Placid. Phone (555)-555-5555

## Member Photos

Submit photos from your flights with a brief description, to: adam.t.lang@gmail.com



Ted Freeman– Cessna 162 Skycatcher. Gilbert Field, Winter Haven, Florida. Just hours after my check ride, I was able to take my Dad up as my first passenger. Does it get any better?



MAFC 2011 Spring Plane Wash

## Jokes, Cartoons, Quotes, etc

"Most of us [the test pilots] agreed the Cutlass [Chance-Vought F7U-3] could be made into a pretty good flying machine with a few modifications, like adding a conventional tail, tripling the thrust, cutting the nose wheel strut in half, completely redoing the flight control system, and getting someone else to fly it."

John Moore, 'The Wrong Stuff: Flying on the Edge of Disaster'



## Important Days in Aviation History

- April 27, 1958: The prototype de Havilland Comet 4 makes its first flight.
- April 26, 1972: The Lockheed L-1011 TriStar enters service with Eastern Airlines on the Miami to New York route.
- April 28, 1988: An Aloha Airlines 737-297 suffers an explosive decompression after metal fatigue causes one-third of the aircraft roof to tear away. Despite the damage to the aircraft, the pilots are able to land the aircraft in Kahului, Maui. The only casualty is a flight attendant who is sucked from the aircraft during the decompression.
- April 29, 1988: The Boeing 747-400, the worlds largest jetliner, makes its first flight.





## A Good Read...



Description: Ernest K. Gann's classic memoir is an up-close and thrilling account of the treacherous early days of commercial aviation. In his inimitable style, Gann brings you right into the cockpit, recounting both the triumphs and terrors of pilots who flew when flying was anything but routine.

"You can always tell when a man has lost his soul to flying. The poor bastard is hopelessly committed to stopping whatever he is doing long enough to look up and make sure the aircraft purring overhead continues on course and does not suddenly fall out of the sky. It is also his bound duty to watch every aircraft within view take off and land."

-Ernest K. Gann, 'Fate is the Hunter.'