



Club Meetings

General Meeting:
4/17/14 6:30 PM
(Thursday) Belmar
Public Library

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Board Of Trustees:
5/1/14- 7:00 PM
First in Flight at
KBLM

NEW: MAFC Phone Number 973-765-MAFC (6232)

The club now has an official phone number filling in a communications gap that is extremely important for those trying to reach us. Thanks to the efforts of Girish Mandhwani, who did the research and installation, this system is not costing the club one cent!

General Meeting:
5/17/14 9:00 AM
N12 CAP Building

The phone system uses cutting edge technology to provide us with unique characteristics but don't go looking for a telephone in the trailer, it will not be found. Instead, this system will handle incoming calls directing them to specific BOT members in both voice as well as a text format. The system will direct calls to the President, the Communications Committee and the Membership Committee.



The primary purpose for adding this communications system is to offer people outside of the club a way to reach us with the most ubiquitous communications tool still available, the telephone. While we have relied on E-mail and the Post Office to link the club with the rest of the world, nothing beats a phone call. That being the case, it is hoped that this will open a better pathway for prospective members to be linked directly to those who can help them reach their goal.

New Member Probationary Period:

During a recent review of the Rules and Regulations, it was noted that the implementation of a twelve month probationary period for new members was not being properly followed. Basically, the rule, found on page 15 the third paragraph under 11. MEMBERSHIP, states that during the first twelve months, new members are required to attend at least six (6) meetings and perform, as well as participate, in at least two events.

Realizing that this important rule had slipped through the cracks, an effort was made to not only reinstitute it but to create a framework that would be easy to implement. This resulted in a system that has already been enacted and has proven to be extremely beneficial for both the new members as well as the club in general.

The system is actually easier to implement than it is to describe but here is a short version of how it works. When a new member is accepted into the club, they are given a schedule of duties and a list of suggested special activities. At the end of each month, they report to an advisor who records their progress and, at the end of the twelve month cycle, forwards the records to the BOT for a final assessment. The BOT then votes to accept the applicant as a full member or impose other outcomes up to and including rejection from membership.

Now for some details, a special note of thanks goes out to, Bob Tozzi, Girish Mandhwani, Ken Ward, Clint Wallace, Charles Burke and Dan O'Neil for volunteering to be advisors to these new members. Each of these people act not only as collectors of data but also as resource people for those involved. This means that a new member has someone to reach out to not only for help but also a friend in the making.

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**CAUTION
PEOPLE
WORKING**

When it comes to the assignments, the tasks are extremely simple yet very important consisting of things such as cleaning up the blue storage chests, making sure that the log, sign in/out forms are in good supply, checking on the documents in each plane, policing the area around the trailer, vacuuming the rug, etc. Along with these basic duties there are also the special assignments and here is where some truly amazing things have happened. In one case, a new member has volunteered to help rebuild the club's web site, another is assisting the Communications Committee in identifying media portals and a group has offered to help with the Spot Landing event!

It is hoped that not only will these new members be successful in fulfilling their obligations but that they also inspire those who are already full members to take a second look at what they can do to help move the club forward during the years ahead.

FORMS FORMS & MORE FORMS

Each time a pilot goes to the trailer to sign an aircraft out or in, you need forms. You have a sign in/out form that is on a clip board and another form in the aircraft's log book. Usually, all is well until you run out of room to enter the data and there are no extra blank copies at hand.

If you find yourself in this predicament, just open the cabinet below the desk and you should find a light tan folder containing two things, blank forms and a set of master copies. Please take a minute to use this reserve to replenish those needed on the clip board and in the aircraft logbooks.

But, what if there are no blank forms? In this case, you can:

1. Remove a Master Copy from the envelop, take it to Staples or a similar store, and have copies made. Then, send the bill to the club's treasurer.
2. Go to a computer and locate the www.aircraftclubs.com web site and log into our MAFC section. Click on FILES and you will find the forms listed near the bottom. Run off a few and donate them to the club.

Alfred "Chief" Anderson Postage Stamp

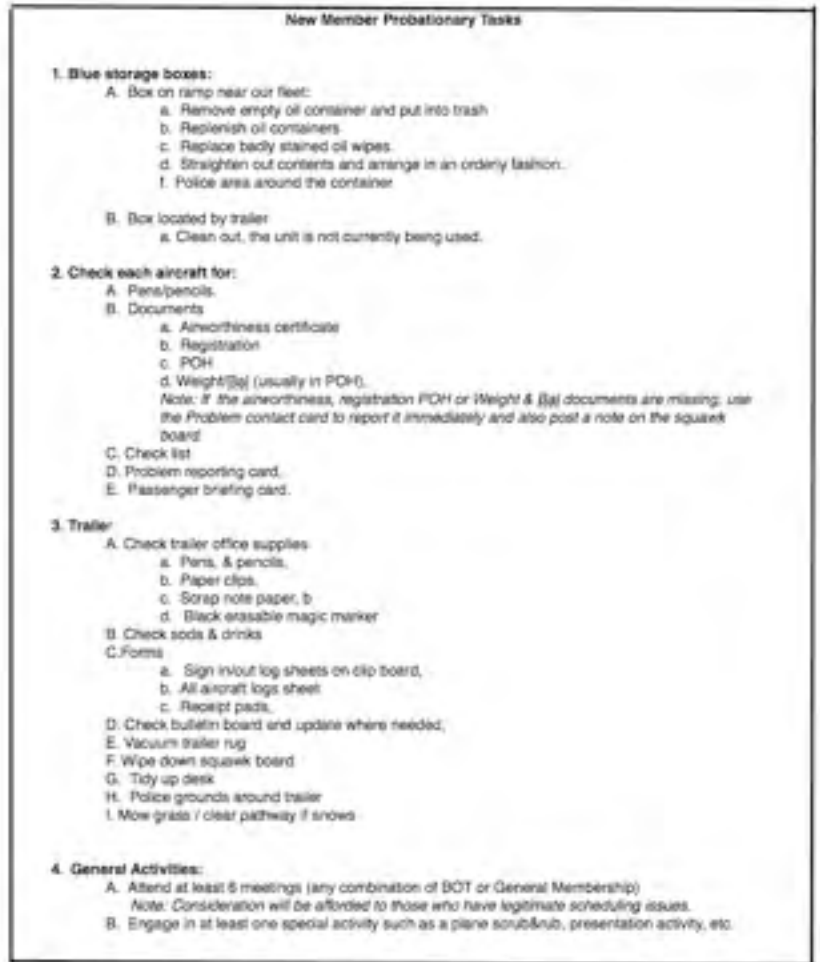
Pioneering African-American aviator C. Alfred "Chief" Anderson played a crucial role during World War II in training the nation's first black military pilots, the Tuskegee Airmen.

The stamp, the 15th in the Distinguished Americans series, is based on a photograph of Anderson in the 1942 yearbook of the Tuskegee Institute's flight training school in Tuskegee, Alabama. The artist added headgear used by pilots in World War II. The stamp art was created with a combination of acrylic paint, watercolor, and oil. Verso text appears on the back of the stamp sheet.

When Anderson secured his pilot's license in 1932, he was the only African American in the country qualified to serve as a flight instructor or to fly commercially. He then began breaking flight records and inspiring other blacks to become pilots.

During World War II, Anderson served as the chief flight instructor of a flying school at Tuskegee Institute. To the Tuskegee Airmen who learned their piloting skills from Anderson, he was affectionately known as "Chief." During the war, the Tuskegee Airmen flew European theater, destroyed more than a hundred German aircraft, and received scores of Distinguished Flying Crosses. Illustrator Sterling Hundley created an original painting for the stamp, which was designed by art director Phil Jordan.

The 70-cent C. Alfred "Chief" Anderson stamp was designed for the First-Class Mail® two-ounce rate and is being issued in self-adhesive sheets of 20.



With Newark Airport just east of where I grew up in Newark, it was hard not to be influenced by the stream of aircraft flowing in and out of the facility. This was back in the 40s and 50s, a time when the second terminal was fairly new. The design of the structure made it possible to walk out on the roof of the south wing. From this location you could watch the passengers as they moved just a few feet below. Standing there I would daydream about these fashionably dressed passengers flying off to exotic far away places and the pilots at the controls who could make these huge machines sail through the air.



A second source of interest in aviation came from my uncle Charles who, with a group of former Army buddies, were involved with model planes. This was back when you controlled the flight by two steel wires. We would spend hours building them in the winter then fly during the warmer months. While this is a far cry from navigating one of our Cessna 172, we were pilots even if you could only go in circles.

But all thought of aviation was set aside once I entered college at Kean University where a BA was earned along with certificates to teach industrial, vocational and technical subjects. This was followed by a Masters Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson and additional graduate work at Rochester Institute of Technology.

In June of 1966, I married Winnie, my college sweetheart (soon to celebrate our 48th anniversary) and then in 1972, we were blessed with our daughter Lori. While we both had pursued careers in teaching, our lives were kept busy with other activities. Winnie is also a professional violinist and continues to play with a symphony in addition to smaller groups that are involved with weddings and business related events.

While in undergraduate school, I became involved with the creation of sculptural furniture. This led to a side career and was honored when both the Desert Museum of Palm Springs California and the Smithsonian Institute purchased works for their permanent collections. In addition, a second degree Black Belt in Karate opened a door to a position as a Senei that was held for many years teaching the Martial Arts.

In 1998, retirement opened the doorway to a host of other activities but it was not until 12 years later, at the age of 68 that the desire to become a pilot was finally acted upon. After joining the MAFC, I was paired up with Augie Cammarata as my CFI, and formal studies were initiated. Then on April 11, 2012 the flight test was passed and it has been up, up and away ever since.

Last year I was elected to the BOT and served during the 2013 term on the Membership Committee. This year an appointment to the newly formed Communications Committee allowed for continued efforts that hopefully will benefit the club.

But the most rewarding job of all has been that of being a grandfather to Nick, age 5 and Adrienne, age 7. Season passes to Six Flag, trips to Disney World, visits to aquariums, museums and a load of other "fun stuff" has proven the adage that times flies faster when you are having fun!

McGuire Open House

The Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst is set to open its doors to the community May 10-11, 2014 for an open house and air show. Headlining the 2014 Open House and Air Show will be the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

The Department of Defense hosts open houses to enhance public awareness of the military's mission, equipment, facilities and personnel and to promote positive community relations.

"This open house provides an opportunity for the surrounding community to experience and learn more about the military capabilities of our joint base," said Lt. Col. Philip Lynch, 2014 Open House and Air Show Director.



Community members throughout the tri-state area will have an opportunity to take a closer look at the joint base's operational capabilities and total-force integration. The last Open House and Air Show hosted by JB MDL was in May 2012. Contact the Joint Base Public Affairs Office at 754-2104 visit www.jointbasemdl.af.mil for more information.

Expulsion Rule (New)

On April 3, 2014, The BOT voted unanimously to adopt a rule designed to address members who behave in a disruptive and uncivilized manner. Here is a copy of the text that will appear in the MAFC Rules & Regulations:

A. Membership of a Probationary member may be terminated by the Board of Trustees at any time during the probationary period or at the time of review at the completion of the probationary period for reasons of non-acceptability.

B. Expulsion from the club of a member who is beyond the probationary period may be effected by a majority vote by the Board of Trustees for any of the following reasons: The use of abusive, derogatory or offensive language toward the club, its officers, members or vendors, violation of club rules, or actions deemed detrimental to the best interests of the Club. Expulsion action may be taken only on the recommendation of the Board of Trustees and after the Board of Trustees has given the member the opportunity to appear before it. The member must be notified, in writing by certified mail, of the action to be taken at a Board of Trustees meeting at least one week before such meeting is to take place.



Change in BOT Makeup

Due to scheduling problems that prevented Michael Siniakin from attending meeting, he submitted his resignation from the BOT. To fill the slot, Tom Russel was approved to replace him..

Tony Ciaravino Earned his Commercial License

A special note of CONGRATULATIONS goes out to Tony Ciaravino for earning his Commercial rating. Neil Wilson was his flight instructor and he used the King Schools for the written exam.



Spot Landing Contest / McGuire Air Show

At the April 3, 2014 BOT meeting, there was discussion about the spot landing contest being held the weekend after Labor Day. Also, Tom Flieger is taking charge of contacting McGuire AFB about setting up a table and having one of our aircraft at the upcoming Air Show. 93KK ,with it's new paint job, will probably be the centerpiece of our display. This will be a static display only since we won't be putting on an aerial performance with our aircraft. We will need volunteers to man the table perhaps probationary members could become involved with this event.

3rd Class Medical CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON!

Several month ago, you were urged to contact your representative in the U.S. House of Representative urging them to support Bill HR3708. This bill seeks to eliminate the 3rd Class Medical for General Aviation pilots flying smaller aircraft. Now there is a similar bill that has been introduced in the Senate, S2103 and it has already gained about 52 co-signers.

As noted in the previous letter to the MAFC members, we all may face the day when we are still more than capable of flying but the FAA will pull our Medical Certificate because we no longer meet their ridged standards. This will either lead to costly and time consuming tests or possibly hanging up your wings for the rest of your life.

You are now faced with a very crucial choice, you can do nothing and let the chips fall as they may or you can take action. Pilots, as a rule, are not passive people and when the House of Representative Bill was introduced there were thousands who wrote urging support for it's acceptance. We now have a second opportunity to move this legislation forward with the passage of Senate Bill S2103.

Contact your Senators and let them know that you want their support for this new bill. We have two Senators representing New Jersey and you simply need to pen your own text or copy/paste this suggested note (see below) into an e-mail and send it off.

Sample letter:

Recently, Bill S2103 was introduced into the Senate seeking a change in the FAA regulations that currently impedes many General Aviation pilots from flying. These pilots are physically and mentally fit by any reasonable measure. However, many are unfairly denied access to flying because of medical issues that have shown not be a justified reason for the suspension of their license. As a General Aviation pilot, I urge you to support this legislation so that it can be joined with HS3708 and moved on for passage.

Send this note to:

Booker, Cory A. - (D - NJ)
141 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510
(202) 224-3224
Contact: www.booker.senate.gov/?p=contact

Menendez, Robert - (D - NJ)
528 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510
(202) 224-4744
Contact: menendez.Senate.gov/contact/

Note: On their web sites, you are asked to choose a topic that your note is keyed to, select Transportation.

And The Meeting Will Now Come To Order

Official meetings may now come to order the the sound of a gavel after a set was made and donated by a member. The hand crafted set is made of American Black Walnut and Teak.



Takeoffs are Optional, Landings Are Mandatory



REMEMBER, THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY APRIL 17 AT THE BELMAR LIBRARY AND WILL START AT 6:30 PM