

Monmouth Area Flying Club News



An artistic sketch of the Wright Flyer soaring above the dunes of Kitty Hawk, with observers watching in awe.

THE MYSTERY OF FLIGHT: MAN'S DREAM OF THE SKIES

The Wright Brothers and Their Historic Achievement

In a groundbreaking achievement that has captured the imagination of all who hear of it, the Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville, have taken humanity one step closer to the dream of flight. On a brisk December morning at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, the duo successfully launched their flying machine, the Wright Flyer, into the air, achieving a controlled, powered flight. The Flyer, constructed primarily of wood and fabric, may appear fragile to the untrained eye. Yet, its ingenious design and the brothers' relentless determination have proven that manned flight is not merely a fantasy but an attainable reality. The first flight lasted a mere 12 seconds and covered just 120 feet, but it signified the dawn of a new era.

Skeptics have long doubted humanity's ability to take to the skies, citing the tyranny of gravity as an insurmountable obstacle.

"To conquer the sky is to embrace the impossible."

— An aviation enthusiast

However, the Wright brothers' meticulous approach—studying aerodynamics, testing gliders, and perfecting their engine—has silenced many critics.

The potential implications of this achievement are staggering. Imagine a future where travel by air becomes as commonplace as rail journeys. Goods could be transported across continents in hours rather than weeks, and the dream of exploring uncharted territories may soon be within reach. Goods could be transported across continents in hours rather than weeks, and the dream of exploring uncharted territories may soon be within reach.

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ADD IT TO YOUR CALENDAR

- ★ BOT MEETING
Thursday, April 9th, 7 pm in the Clubhouse
- ★ RUB & SCRUB
Saturday, April 18th, 9 am
- ★ SUN 'n FUN
April 14th - 19th in Lakeland, Florida, *see pg. 3*
- ★ ROADSTERS & RUNWAYS
May 30th - Cherry Ridge Airport, Honesdale, PA

A word from your editor

As if I wasn't already busy enough in my new retirement; working for my grandkids, taking my wife on lavish vacations, doing home projects at my children's homes, recording club minutes as your MAFC Secretary, teaching students here with our wonderful club, I somehow convinced myself I wanted to get the newsletter up and running again. I encourage you to contact me with all the fun stuff you'd like me to include, and also if you need some lessons in the sky. Fly skillful!

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**"THANKS FOR BEING A MEMBER OF MAFC.
We feel we hav the best aero club around!"**

WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

We have a member, and his wife, who are willing to restart our newsletter. I want to thank Chuck McKelvey and his wife, Kristin, for jumping in to do this. I really appreciate it and if there's anyone else who would like to get involved, please feel free to contact Chuck.

Spring is almost here. Hopefully, the weather will begin to improve. It's time for MORE FLYING!! Yea!!! But, let's all stop think about a few things first.

How long has it been since you've been up and flying? Remember the FAA says that you cannot take a passenger unless you've

flown within the last 90 days. That's according to the FARs but is it really safe? If it's been a while, please contact one of our CFIs ask & them to do a flight with you and make sure you're safe and ready to fly.

Spring brings birds looking for new places to build nests and start another family. For some reason they seem to think that an airplane engine is be a good idea.

Even though we put cowl plugs in at the end of each day, there are still holes below the cowlng that those sneaky birds find. When doing preflight be sure to look for

evidence of a nest, sticks, grasses, anything that doesn't belong around an airplane. And, after spring comes summer. We could have weekend TFRs. Now is the time to go over the rules for navigating in the area. Always check for TFRs and NOTAMs before your flight and staying in contact with ATC will keep you informed of any changes.

It's time to get out there and get your planes in the air. Remember airplanes like to fly they don't enjoy sitting in a tie down. They enjoy the views from above.

I've mentioned at the general



meetings and sent an email explaining that this is YOUR club. Any ideas, or complaints, please be sure to contact me. I promise to try to return text messages or emails within 48 hours. If I'm going to be out of town and unavailable, I'll let you know before hand.

– Janice

Meet our New Member

SCOTT MILNE

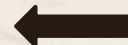
I'm Scott Milne from North Jersey, a private pilot with about 130 hours—most of them in a Piper Cherokee. As a hobbyist, I'm working toward my instrument and commercial ratings while building skills for longer cross-country flights. I love exploring the wild blue yonder and hope to one day fly professionally, but for now I'm focused on enjoying every moment in the air and making the most of this incredible gift of flying.



"Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skywards "

– Leonardo da Vinci

Submitted by Scott Milne



WORDS TO PONDER

"The engine is the heart of the airplane, but the pilot is it's soul"

–Walter Raleigh

Submitted by Erick Rodriguez



Meet our New Member

ERICK RODRIGUEZ

Hi everyone, I'm Erick Rodriguez.

I'm a police officer in Northern New Jersey, and when I'm not spending time with my wife and two kids, I'm usually looking for any excuse to get some flying in. I did the majority of my flight training in a Piper PA-28 out of Somerset (KSMQ). I'm always down to talk and look forward to catching some smooth air and meeting more of you at the club.





♪ **Guess who's
back** ♪ **Back
again** ♪

I bet if you're of a certain age
you sang that in your head,
didn't you!

Our wandering child
the DIAMOND
is home and
she's ready to be flown!
If you've been wanting to
get checked out, now is the
time to get started.
Contact one of our CFI's.

**TOP FLYERS
February**

<u>PILOT</u>	<u>HOURS FLOWN</u>	<u>AIRCRAFT</u>
Dan Testa	9.0	N4287Q
Kevin Roake	7.4	N61WT
Yavuz Guner	6.6	N93KK, N738NY
Christopher Myler	6.3	N61WT
Germain Kirton	4.2	N61WT

We'd LOVE to hear from YOU

Have something to submit for next months
newsletter?

- Upcoming Aviation Community Events
- Must Visit Destinations
- Car Shows at an airfield
- Golfing
- Aviation Museums
- Ice-Cream Runs
- Poker Runs

Email Chuck BigBaldChuck@comcast.net

TOP AIRCRAFT FLOWN

N61WT with 27 Hours



Suggested for April / May

~~\$100~~ **\$200**

**HAMBURGER
RUN**

The NEW Airport Diner @
KFWN
51 County Rd 639
Wantage, NJ 07461

Fly or drive. Take some photo's
and tell us about your adventure
in the next newsletter!



"To conquer the sky
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— 3rd Annual —
**ROADSTERS &
RUNWAYS**
— Fundraiser for WASA —

— CHERRY RIDGE AIRPORT • HONESDALE, PA —
**SATURDAY, MAY 30TH
10AM - 3PM**

- HUGE CAR SHOW • TRUCK SHOW • MOTORCYCLE SHOW •
- FLY-IN • LIVE MUSIC • VENDORS • FOOD •
- EAA YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS! •

**FREE ADMISSION / \$10 ENTRY FEE FOR
SHOW VEHICLES**

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