

The last weekend of March 1976 marked the tenth anniversary of M-ASA's operation at the Frederick Municipal Airport. Big changes have occurred during these ten years, and the following events may give some of the newer members a flavor of how things used to be. A fairly complete file of old Convectors and a pile of six log books provided most of the material.

3/66 Entire club fleet, a 1-26 and a 2/22 (ser. #2) towed to FDK from Westminster at the invitation of the airport manager. It was to be a single weekend operation. We liked it so much we never left. Large hanger (now Cessna shop) housed all equipment. First flights discovered excellent conditions.

10/66 - Steve Silverman and Gene Wilburn make first high altitude wave flights at FDK going to 16,200 feet. Wilburn makes Gold gain on his barograph and completes first M-ASA Gold Badge.

4/67 John Hearn lands his HP-10 in a defoliation test field in Fort Dietrich.

6/67 Mid-Atlantic Regional Meet held at FDK for first time.

10/67 - Dave Haber sets Maryland altitude record with 18,904 foot flight.

4/68 Dave Haber arrives with first fiberglass glider in M-ASA, a Libelle 301,

6/68 Ground broken for existing hanger.

10/68 Hangar occupied and not filled

4/69 Venerable 2-22 sold and replaced with new 2-33. An era ends.

5/69 Dave Haber completes first 300 km. flight from FDK, a 195 mile out and return to Elkton, Va.

7/69 Blanik goes 177 miles for Maryland multiplace distance record.

4/70 Cal Walker makes first 300 km. triangle in Md. and establishes a record at 30-9 mph.

10/71 ASK-13 purchased from Karl Striedieck and 1-26 sold.

12/71. Six Gold altitude gains in strong wave.

4/72 Val Brain completes 300 km. triangle in 4.5 hours. World record for free distance set in Germany, 894 mi.

6/72 First Smirnoff Derby finishes at FDK.

10/72 Jonathan Gere climbs to 21,000 ft. in club KA-8, setting eight state records and earning Maryland's first and only Diamond altitude gain (at age 15).

4/73 Lew Tuttle's SF-27M (for Motor) finally arrives.

7/74 28 Badge legs earned, including MDs first 500km. triangles completed by Walker, Hearn, and Hart.

2/75 First new towplane purchased, a Super Cub (01P)

In April 1976 the M-ASA fleet consists of 31 active gliders:

- 1 - Standard Libelle
- 1 - Standard Cirrus
- 2 - Open Cirrus
- 6 - LS-1
- 1 - Nimbus
- 1 - ASW-15
- 1 - PIK-20
- 1 - Salto 1
- 1- 34
- 1 - Pilatus
- 1 - Edelweiss
- 1 - Sisu
- 2 – Blanik
- 2 – KA-8
- 1 – Bergfalke
- 1 - Motorfalke
- 1 - SF-27M
- 3 - 1-26
- 1 -2-33
- 1 - M-200 I
- 1- Austria SH-1

I think the above list speaks for itself in describing what has happened to M-ASA after that first trail weekend at FDK. In 1976 there promises to be the best year in the club's history with a complement of members and equipment at an all time high.



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