

Appendix C — Biographical Data, James Patrick Maher III

AΔΦ Brother James Patrick Maher III '66 (b. 15 December 1944, d. 3 August 2004).



Death Notice, The Cornell Alpha Delt

The Cornell Alpha Delt, Spring 2006, p. 14.

JAMES P. MAHER III '66, aged 59, formerly of Miami, is missing and presumed dead after his plane was lost while he was on a business trip to Central America in early August 2005. He was the owner and president of Morgan Price & Company Inc., exporters of paper products to Central and South America. He began his career as founder of Vintage Vendors, one of the first companies to import Argentinian wine to the United States. He also served as a legislative aide to several U.S. congressmen. A graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York., Mr. Maher was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and the Quill and Dagger Club honorary society. He served in the Army during peacetime and was a captain in the Army Reserves. Born in Summit, Mr. Maher lived in Short Hills before moving to Florida.

U.S. Embassy, Teguchigalpa, Honduras, Alerts



JAMES P. MAHER

DOB: December 15, 1944
Gender: Male
Age now: 61 yrs.
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 160–180 lbs. (approx)
Hair Color: Brown / Grey
Eye Color: Blue
Missing Date: August 3, 2004
Missing City: La Ceiba / Pico Bonito
Missing Country: Honduras

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IN TEGUCIGALPA, American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit at (011) (504) 238-5114, ext. 4400



EDUARDO BRAGA

DOB: March 20, 1964
Gender: Male
Age now: 41 yrs.
Height: 6'
Weight: 180 - 200 lbs. (approx)
Hair Color: Black
Eye Color: Black
Missing Date: August 3, 2004
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Missing Aircraft & Pilot Data

N-number : N9911S
Aircraft Serial Number : 70011
Aircraft Manufacturer : ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL
Model : 700
Engine Manufacturer : LYCOMING
Model : TI0-540 SER
Aircraft Year : 1978
Owner Name : AIR ANTILLES INC
Owner Address : 7131 NW 26TH AVE
MIAMI, FL, 33147-6201
Type of Owner : Corporation
Registration Date : 10-Dec-2002
Airworthiness Certificate Type : Standard
Approved Operations : Normal

Source: http://www.landings.com/_landings/pages/search.html

Name : MAHER, JAMES PATRICK
Airman's Address : 1581 BRICKELL AVE
MIAMI, FL, 33129-1215
FAA Region : Southern
Date of Medical : Mar, 2004
Class of Medical : 3
Expiration of Class 3 : Mar, 2006
Airman Certificates : Private Pilot
Airplane Single and Multi Engine Land

Name : BRAGA, EDUARDO JOSE FONTES
Airman's Address : 3216 NE 13TH ST APT 7
POMPANO BEACH, FL, 33062-8108
FAA Region : Southern
Date of Medical : Oct, 2003
Class of Medical : 3
Expiration of Class 3 : Oct, 2006
Airman Certificates : Airline Transport Pilot
Airplane Multi Engine Land
Commercial Pilot Privileges only
Airplane Single Engine Land
Rotorcraft Helicopter
Flight Instructor (exp: 30-Jun-2006)
Airplane Single and Multi Engine
Instrument Airplane

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LOST PLANE: 'NO ONE SAW' IT
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Family and friends said the flight was business trip for Maher, who is president of a paper company, Morgan Price & Co.

Over the past week, Honduran military aircraft have been retracing potential flight routes searching for the plane or its wreckage.

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Cindy Braga said that friends of Maher residing in Honduras are helping to search for the missing men.

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Braga, a native of Brazil, moved to the United States when he was in his late 20s. He became a citizen and worked a variety of jobs, including as a waiter and a banker, before becoming a flight instructor.

"He's always dreamed about flying," Braga said. Much of his clientele is Brazilian; Maher had been one of his students.

In New Jersey, Maher's mother had only just learned about her son's disappearance. "This is very disturbing," Rita Maher said, but declined to comment further.

Weather conditions do not seem to have posed a problem, Mario Medina, an aviation official at Goloson, told La Tribuna, a Honduran newspaper. "There was good visibility, no rain, all conditions were excellent."

Herald staff writer Darran Simon and Herald translator Renato Perez contributed to this report, which was supplemented with material from *The Associated Press*.

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MISSING PILOT'S FRIEND, WIFE TO JOIN SEARCH
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Eduardo Braga, the Pompano Beach pilot whose plane disappeared in the jungles of Honduras a week ago, once made a pact with a pilot friend that they would search for each other if they ever went missing.

José Fuertes followed through on that pact Monday as he boarded a Honduras-bound American Airlines flight with Braga's wife, Cindy. "If either of them got into trouble, they would look out for each other," said Fuertes' wife, Vivian.

Air-traffic controllers lost contact with Eduardo Braga, 40, after he took off from Goloson International Airport in Honduras in a single-engine Rockwell Commander at 5:45 p.m. Aug. 3. Braga was flying with James Maher, the owner of Morgan Price & Co. in Miami.

The paper company makes cardboard used to box fruit. Maher and Braga were going to visit several suppliers and customers in Central America, said Maher's employee, Carlos Pachas. "This is a normal business trip," Pachas said. "He was due back over the weekend. May God help in finding him."

Two helicopters search for the plane every day for eight hours, said Maj. Lennin Gonzalez, spokesman for the Honduran armed forces.

"We have not received any emergency signals," Gonzalez said.

U.S. Southern Command spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Chris Loundermon said the United States has assisted with the search.

Meanwhile, Cindy Braga's mother, Jean O'Neill, flew to South Florida on Saturday from Cape Cod, Mass., to help. She said Braga's missing plane brought back sad memories. Cindy Braga's father, Maj. Henry "Hank" Schneckloth, died in 1968 because of a mechanical failure of a plane while flying into Homestead Air Force Base.

"It's a do-over of another time," O'Neill said.

But Cindy Braga's older sister, Mary Jo Smith, said she has hope her brother-in-law is alive. "They could be surviving," Smith said. "He would get himself noticed from [rescue] planes."

Illustration:color photo: Eduardo Braga (n)

photo: James Maher (n)

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