



Chapter 402 Meeting Dates and Locations

Chapter 402 meets on the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

- November 18, 2008:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse, 520 Heath Road, Heath
- December 16, 2008:
EAA Chapter 402 Holiday Dinner will be held at Stacey's Buffet in Heath, time to be confirmed

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The December 16th meeting will be a holiday dinner at Stacey's Buffet in Heath.

Please make plans to attend!

A Note from Chapter President Harris

2008 has been a difficult year with the economy and lengthy election processes. We are fortunate to have a hobby that permits us to escape to the sky—the freedom to get a bird's eye view of the world most people never see except briefly on a commercial flight. For those brief hours in our flight logs, concerns on the ground (like the breed of the next “first dog”) all fade into vast landscapes visible 1,000 feet AGL.

Our Chapter members have generously given their time and resources all year. Members flew

160 Young Eagles in the five month period from June through October! This demonstrates a commitment to aviation and a willingness to share. The entire Chapter is to be thanked for making this possible.

We will have officer elections at the meeting on November 18th. We will have nominations once again prior to the election. Please speak up if you are interested in serving as an officer of the Chapter. It has been a privilege to serve as president for 2008.

Michael Harris

Purchased Aircraft Faces First Annual With New Owner

by Dale Ratcliff

While the history of most aircrafts show adherence to FAA Regulations throughout their serviceable lives, some, shall we say, don't.

Our little '66 PA28-180C Cherokee, affectionately called *Baby Blue*, is just the kind of aircraft any number of potential buyers would have found of interest while out in the market place; one owner, low hours, hanger kept, all original through and through, documentation, all high marks, etc... After a pre-purchase inspection the airplane



still showed all the signs of being airworthy, and able to remain so until the next annual, easily.

When it came time for *Baby Blue's* annual, a comprehensive list of compiled discrepancies from the pre-purchase inspection and the months of getting to know her left little doubt that there were things to be sorted out. All-in-all, the annual went as expected and brought her up to airworthy condition for another year and many more to come.

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Heart of Ohio Fly-Outs

Fly-outs are the 1st Sunday and 3rd Saturday of each month, and usually depart from Newark/Heath Airport (VTA) at 8:00 am unless otherwise indicated below.

Destinations and schedules are subject to change due to the weather. Contact Rollie Bailey, Fly-out coordinator, for more information. (740-366-3404)

- November 15th (third Saturday) we will depart (VTA) at 8:00 am for breakfast at Salem Airport (38D).
- December 7th (first Sunday) we will depart (VTA) @ 10:00 am for Sunday Brunch Buffet in Butler, PA (BTP), at The Runway Restaurant.
- December 20th (third Saturday) we will depart (VTA) @ 8:00 am for breakfast at Urbana (I74).

Come Fly With Chapter 402!

December 7th destination is a top 3 restaurant pick!

The first Sunday fly-out in December is to The Runway Restaurant in Butler, PA. Rollie says it's one of the top 3 restaurants he's flown to in the surrounding area. Now THAT's a referral! Make plans to join us December 7th and bring a guest—it's a great way to grow our chapter!

Fly-out Sunday, November 2nd

November 2nd (first Sunday) plans were to depart (VTA) at 10:00 am for Ravenswood, WV (I18), for brunch. The destination was changed when Rollie called the restaurant in Ravenswood, WV and learned it closed last month. So instead three planes flew to Zanesville (ZZV), where a van picked everyone up and delivered

them to the restaurant. Rollie Bailey and Bob Hansberger in Rollie's "235" Cherokee, Sam Huff in the Decathlon, John Sheppard in his Citabra.

A good time was had by all!

See everyone the third Saturday—November 15th, for Salem Airport. It's always a nice breakfast!

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However, if there is one kernel of truth to be brought to light for us all through my annual, it's that there can be little secrets which escape close inspection, hiding how airworthy an aircraft really is and how it has been maintained.

No, I'm not talking about finding just something else that has to be dealt with for an annual, but something which places you on guard with the question: "Why did someone do *that*?"

This question posed to the mechanic of the past could have several answers, such as: "It's correct and I can back it up," "It's incorrect, I was going to replace it and/or write it up but I forgot" or "It's incorrect and I wish you hadn't found it."

For me, the answer was the last one. It showed just how much energy someone could and would go through to hide something from the light of day for years and years of annuals. Thirty-seven years worth, to be exact, with a stressed component of the nose wheel steering system quite literally staying together by a couple of threads of engagement all during that time.

So the next question to the past mechanic is: "What else are you trying to hide?" Fortunately, after poking around in all the dark corners of the aircraft, nothing else was found. But this should be understood: All things not visible in the dark areas of aircraft are not always correct, they are the places where things can be hidden, riddled with errors and/or bad judgment which can effect you greatly just because someone didn't want to do the job properly and it could be hidden in just such an area for years. Like down and behind the rudder pedals, you know, the 'tight places' of your aircraft.

In the general scheme of things, annuals are meant to find and clear such problems, intentionally done or not, and this annual of *Baby Blue* drives home a good point that I'd like to pass along to you: Never assume, no matter how many eyes have passed over it, for however many years, that it has to be correct. On your next annual, keep a little doubt in the back of your mind to fuel the inspection process. Finding out that my nose wheel steering system was hanging by a thread should convince you of that!

Minutes—October 21st, 2008 EAA 402 Meeting

The meeting, held at the chapter clubhouse, 520 Heath Road, Heath, Ohio, was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Michael Harris. There were sixteen members and three visitors present. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as published in the October newsletter. Motion to accept was made by Bill Corban, seconded by Rollie Bailey, and passed by the members.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dan Robins submitted the report via email. Michael Harris presented the report to the members. Balance \$2041.56, including YE reserve of \$160.24. Motion to accept the report was passed by the members.

Utility Fund: Roy Hurt presented the report. There is a balance of \$417.18 in the utility fund. Roy asked that the treasurer take over administration of the fund.

Old Business:

- Young Eagles Make Up—Michael Harris
 - The makeup of September 27th was postponed due to low ceilings.
 - The makeup of October 4th saw 4 kids flown.
 - Michael flew 18 kids at various times between Sept 6th and Oct 4th.
 - Wendy mailed photos and certificates to the kids that did not take them after their flights.
 - Bull Horn – Jesse Ours is waiting for requested information on a bull horn.
 - Nominations of Officers for 2009—Michael asked the secretary to conduct the nominations.
 - For President
 - Rollie Bailey by Bernie Volpe. Rollie declined the nomination.
 - Roy Hurt by Rollie. Roy declined the nomination.
 - Michael Harris by Bill Corban. Michael accepted the nomination.
 - For Vice President
 - Rollie Bailey by Tom McFadden. Rollie accepted the nomination.
 - Jesse Ours by Rollie. Jesse declined the nomination.
 - For Treasurer
 - Dale Ratcliff by Rollie. Dale accepted the nomination.
 - Jack Maki by Bill. Jack declined the nomination.
 - For Secretary
 - Tom McFadden by Michael Harris. Tom accepted the nomination.
- Nominations were closed and will be reopened at the November meeting.

How are we doing?

Give us your feedback and suggestions.

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Old Business:

- Wendy Hollinger announced that she is going to have her employees do an exercise in creation of a website and will do it for the chapter. She makes no promises of the success or suitability of the results. Wendy passed out questionnaires for the members to fill out, asking what we would like to see on the website. She would like these returned by fax, email or to be left in the clubhouse.
- Michael asked what the members want to do for the annual Christmas dinner. There was some discussion about where to hold the dinner with Stacey's and the Essenplatz considered. Tom motioned that we hold the Dec. 16th dinner meeting at Stacey's Restaurant. The motion was seconded by Bernie and passed by the members. Tom will make the arrangements.
- Bernie reminded the members of the appearance of Mike Albert, Elvis impersonator, at VFW Post 1060 on Saturday night, October 25th at 6:00 pm. Seven couples from the chapter are planning to attend and others are encouraged to make plans for the event.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Tom McFadden



EAA Chapter members enjoyed Mike Albert as Elvis at the VFW event last month.

LEFT: An audience member gets into the act.

RIGHT: Kathy Rhoads with Mike before the show.

Photos courtesy of Charlie Rhoads



**Check out this new cool site from AOPA:
<http://www.aopa.org/letsgoflying/>**

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