



Chapter 402 Meeting Dates and Locations

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

- February 17, 2009:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
520 Heath Road, Heath
- March 17, 2009:
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Notice!

Chapter dues are due for 2009. Please remit to the treasurer, Dan Robins or the secretary, Tom McFadden.

Annual dues are \$12 for an individual and \$18 for family membership. Contact information for Dan and Tom are at the bottom of page 4 of this newsletter.

Contact Tom if you are unsure of your dues status. Membership in the National EAA is required for membership in a chapter so be sure your national membership is up-to-date. You can update your national membership online at www.eaa.org.

EAA 402 Secretary,
Tom McFadden

Call Me a Romantic

I grew up with a father who began flying in the early 1950's and therefore I have heard all his flying stories since I could remember. Accordingly, through my dad I too grew up with all the airplanes he flew or owned.

Cessna, Boeing, Fairchild, Taylorcraft, Luscombe, Swift, Beech, Mooney, Piper, Douglas and North American. Not surprisingly, the flying bug bit me hard and I grew up following my dad's passion for flying.

Rebellion of youth? The old slow airplanes of my dad's time were not part of my life growing up. I didn't want any part of them. For me, it was all about the speed, long range, avionics, altitude and a retractable gear that turned my head. Go man, Go!

My children grew up flying with me as I did with my dad. And also like my dad, I told my kids my flying stories and when they visited their Grandfather, he told his grandchildren his stories. The kids never stood a chance. Proudly, Chris, my son, became a pilot while in High School. The flying bug had bitten him also. Now in college, he is working toward military jets. Nothing slow for him!

So, after three decades of being a pilot I now seem to enjoy the comforts of the commercial carriers for those long trips. Time to think, read a little and relax. My interest in airplanes was changing. I found

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myself thinking more and more about the planes my dad flew in his youth. Over the years, I have read many articles by other pilots who flew the great airplanes of my dad's time.

Perhaps, was I missing something? Hand-propping? No radios? Cruise speed 70 mph? Only having one fuel tank with 12 gallons of fuel? Rudder, rudder, rudder! Keep the ball centered! Keep the stick into your gut! This is flying?

Going to visit my parents also means at some point going to the airport to see what is for sale and what is now based there. A few weeks prior to this past visit I saw a posting of a twin for sale on the internet. The price seemed ridiculously low. I had asked my dad to meet with the owner. He did, and I didn't buy the airplane. However, my dad did say he wanted to show me something when I arrived.

What my dad wanted to show me was a Luscombe. A Luscombe for rent with or without an instructor. Before he left the airport after looking at the twin, he went flying in the Luscombe. He arranged for me to take a lesson in grassroots flying.

After the first hour of this Luscombe trying to bite me, I began to listen to it and we got along a lot better. I so enjoyed this type of flying that I arranged for my son, Chris, to take

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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)

- February 21st (third Saturday), 402 will depart Newark (VTA) @ 10:00 am for to Clermont County Airport (I69) for a “FREE” hot dog lunch at Sporty’s Pilot Shop.
- March 1 (first Sunday) 402 will depart Newark (VTA) @ 10:00 am for brunch at Urbana Grimes (I74).
- March 21 (third Saturday), 402 will depart Newark (VTA) @ 10:00 am for Batavia (I69), “Free Hot Dogs”.
- April 5 (first Sunday) 402 will depart Newark (VTA) @ 10:00 am for Butler PA (BTP), the Runway Restaurant.
- April 18 (third Saturday), 402 will depart Newark (VTA) @ 8:00 am for Jimmy Stewart Field (IDI) Indiana PA for brunch and a visit to the Jimmy Stewart Museum.



Come Fly With Chapter 402!

Fly-out to PKB, Sunday Jan 25th

Ten (10) souls flew to PKB in 5 planes. Dan and Jane Robins flew his Cessna N3601Y with Debbie Villers who lives in the area, and did not share a meal. Lunch was being served since it was after 11 am. Rollie had a full load in his Black Speedster, N740HN. They were Roy McGrew, Chuck Oberfield (a friend of Rollie’s), and Hawaii Native Bob Marriott. John Graham in his Scout N109JG and Greg Swingle in his Rans S7, N674GS arrived a little later. And Charlie in his Skylane, N2591R.

Always a good meal at the Parkersburg restaurant, which was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Charlie Rhoads for submitting this and many of the recent fly-out write-ups and photos.



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a lesson. If he is going to one day fly jets, he needs to experience from where the first thoughts of jets came from. I continued to fly twice a day while visiting my parents.

The first few hours my dad sat outside and listened to the Luscombe fly around the airport. He also watched the Luscombe teach me a new skill on more than one occasion. The last few hours yielded smooth takeoffs, ball-centered flight, and soft three-point landings. I had now learned to listen and respond to the Luscombe.

A wish also came true for me. Although it wasn't our airplane, this was the first time the three of us flew the same airplane. My dad was 22 when he owned his Luscombe and then later planted the Luscombe seed in me. Now, Dad is 72, Chris is 20 and I am 52 and we can all talk about the experience we all shared with the same airplane.

Call me a romantic. To me, they took away the romance of flying when they took away the prop. Perhaps, I was missing something! Hand-propping! No radios! Cruise speed 70 mph! Only having one fuel tank with 12 gallons of fuel. Rudder, rudder, rudder! Keep the ball centered! Keep the stick into your gut!

This is flying!



(l to r) Albert, his father, and son Chris.

Minutes—January 20, 2009 EAA 402 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Michael Harris after the pot-luck dinner. There were thirteen members and one visitor, Steve Lasko, present. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Michael welcomed visitor and members, especially our newest member, Wayne Green.

Secretary's Report: The December meeting minutes were accepted as published in the January newsletter. Motion to accept was made by Rollie Bailey, seconded by Bob Marriott, and passed by the members.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dan Robins submitted an excellent report. Balance is \$2064.45, including YE reserve of \$160.24 and utility fund of \$400.96. Dan reported the last utility bill was \$64.23. Motion to accept the report was made by Wendy Hollinger, seconded by Rollie Bailey, and passed by the members.

Old Business:

- Wendy reports that the web site development is progressing.
- There has been no action on the purchase of a bull-horn.
- The Food Pantry Network sent a thank-you letter for the \$100 donation we made to them as reported last month. The letter gave some facts about the FPN: 43% of the meals are provided to children who are poor through no fault of their own. In 2007 the FPN provided over 702,396 meals, an increase of 10.56% over 2006.
- Michael reported that he has filed the chapter renewal and insurance with EAA and paid the \$321 fee.

Tom McFadden made a motion to reimburse Michael. The motion was seconded by Rollie Bailey and passed by the members present.

New Business:

- There was general discussion about snow removal from around the clubhouse and hangar aprons. It was generally agreed that the FBO will clear snow from these areas if request and time permits. Daly Ratcliff was appointed to make the contact for getting the clubhouse pavement cleared when necessary. The chapter thanks Bill Corban for having cleared the walks around the clubhouse for this meeting.
- Several members asked whether they were current with dues. The secretary fired up his laptop and checked the current records. As a result a number of members paid dues. As a follow up the secretary will send notices to others whose dues are due.
- Wendy reported that the Hitchens, operators of Dream Big Flyers T-shirts have been able to work out an agreement with EAA to sell their shirts at AirVenture this year.

Member projects:

No project reports, however Wendy mentioned that Dale has recently built two models, one of a Cherokee and one of a Cessna 150, and painted

them authentically. She has resumed flying lessons and he can use the models to demonstrate flying maneuvers.



Upcoming Fly-Outs – Rollie Bailey

- Y-City Flyers have invited 402 members to accompany them to Parkersburg (PKB) on Sunday the 25th. They will meet there for lunch between 11:30 am and 12:00 noon.
- The next official fly out will be to Portsmouth (PMH) on Sunday, February 1st. Flyers will depart Newark (VTA) at 10:30 am.
- The 3rd Saturday fly out, February 21st, will be to Clermont County Airport (I69) for a free hot dog lunch at Sporty’s pilot Shop.

In view of the extremely cold weather we have been experiencing recently, there was a lively discussion about engine pre-heating, shock cooling and the use of carburetor heat.

Our visitor Steve Lasko showed some reasonably priced sunglasses he had brought to offer to interested members.

50/50 Drawing: Michael Harris won the drawing and donated his winnings to the treasury. \$15 total went to the treasury.

Next meeting: February 17th at the clubhouse.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Tom McFadden

How are we doing?

Give us your feedback and suggestions.

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For Sale

Bead blast cabinet for sale, with light
Excellent condition.

Contact: Charlie Rhoads 344-2232

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