



## Chapter 402 Meeting Dates and Locations

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

- March 17, 2009:  
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,  
520 Heath Road, Heath
- April 21, 2009:  
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,  
520 Heath Road, Heath
- May 19, 2009:  
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,  
520 Heath Road, Heath



Author and WASP Marion Stegeman Hodgson signs books at the 2009 Women in Aviation Conference.

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## Women in Aviation, Commercial Flying, and Travelers' Miracles

Dale and I attended the Women in Aviation Conference, held in Atlanta, GA, Feb 26–Mar 1. Over 3500 aviation enthusiasts attended, including professionals, military, WASPs, and yes, men! Exhibitors and sponsors were well represented, and we had the opportunity to network with businesses and individuals of all kinds. We were only able to attend Saturday, but were fortunate our tickets included the Scholarship and Pioneer Hall-of-Fame Induction Dinner. The scholarship program awarded numerous funds to both men and women—Delta alone awarded over \$130,000, including two type ratings worth \$35,000 each! A highlight of the dinner was speaker Marion Hodgson, who told stories of her training and experience as a Women Airforce Service Pilot. Dale couldn't resist purchasing a signed copy of her book, *Winning My Wings, A Woman Airforce Service Pilot in World War II*.

Although this event is presented by and for women, it's a great event for anyone interested in aviation. Next year we hope to attend the entire conference, and we recommend it to everyone!

When it was time to return home Sunday, we arrived at the Atlanta airport two hours early for our commercial flight, as was recommended. At 8:00 am, nearly every flight on the board was

already canceled, even though it was only raining outside! The kiosk couldn't reschedule us, so we joined the line, which was already 400 people long. During our three and a half hours in line, the snow eventually arrived, clarifying the reason for the delays. (Apparently de-icing equipment is not particularly available in Atlanta, since it is so rarely needed, even though it is a major Delta hub.)

Most folks in line were bumped to Monday, and those bumped to later in the day Sunday watched their flights appear on the board, only to be canceled later. We were among the lucky few rescheduled to Sunday at 9:30 pm, by which time we hoped the snow would have passed. We settled in for a long day in the airport, and eventually located some carpet in an atrium above the food court, where the USO office was located, and where we could stretch out.

As is often the case in these situations, folks were patient and friendly, and an air of camaraderie developed among the growing crowd. We were particularly sympathetic to the servicemen and women, many returning from Afghanistan for their 14 day leave, watching their time slide away in the airport surrounded by strangers, rather than in their homes surrounded by family.

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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). If you have a conflict and would like to reschedule a destination, please notify Rollie the month before.

- 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 to Carrollton (TSO) for breakfast.
- May 3 (first Sunday), 402 will depart Newark (VTA) @ 8:00 am for Sandusky (SKY) for breakfast.
- May 16 (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!*

## Other Dates of Note

Newark CAP  
Charter Ceremony ..... March 12  
16th Annual International  
Young Eagles Day ..... June 13  
402 Fly-in / Drive-in ..... Sept  
(First or second weekend, TBD)

## Urbana fly-out March 1

On March 1 the following folks flew out to Urbana: Cherokee "235" with Rollie and Kenny Rauch, Cherokee "180" with Speedy Gonzales and guest, Centurion "210" with Dan and Jane Robins and Berne Volpe,

Cessna "172" with Jim Carter, and Pathfinder "235" with Kim Ruble and Lisa.

A great time was had by all, and we are all looking forward to the next fly-out the 21st of March!

## For Sale

### Kitfox II N670DH

Builder/Owner, Don Henderson  
\$16,000 (740) 892-2291  
(Photo below.)

### Homebuilt Fokker Biplane replica

Disassembled. \$2800  
Ann Elswick (740) 928-1411  
(Picture is posted in the clubhouse.)



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Eventually a young teen joined us on our spot of carpet, and struck up an exchange. He said his name was Jameel and he was 18 years old, although we thought he looked much younger. He was headed to FL and his flight had also been canceled. When asked about family and plans, his story didn't quite add up, but we didn't press. He borrowed our cell phone to make some calls and send text messages. When he mentioned that he didn't have enough money for a layover, Dale said to stick close to us because we wouldn't let someone go hungry in these circumstances.

When our flight appeared on the board, we watched with growing optimism as our departure time

grew near and it wasn't canceled. When departure was eminent, Dale took Jameel aside and said in his sternest parental voice, "Jameel, I know you're not 18 and you're not being straight with us, but I want you to be safe and smart. We're getting ready to leave, and I've spoken with another couple who's stuck here for the night and has agreed to watch out for you—let me introduce you." Dale introduced them, gave him \$50 for food, wished him luck, and we headed to the baggage drop location.

On our way, my cell phone rang, and I could tell it was a call for our young friend. The caller asked for DJ, and I said he would have to call

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from another phone since we were headed to our flight. The caller, a man, said, "Can you tell me where she is?" ..... The caller was DJ's step-father. He and her mother—yes, Jameel was really DJ, a 15-year-old girl—had been looking for her since she disappeared on Friday.

Whomever she had phoned had notified her parents and provided our number. Dale asked if they wanted us to get the police and hold her, which they did, and he explained where they would find her. Dale got the police and together they confronted DJ in the atrium, while I checked our bags. When Dale returned, he found me in tears, overwhelmed by events. We said in unison, and with complete clarity, "This is the reason we've been here all this time—this is what we were here to do!" We stepped outside and watched as the policeman spoke with DJ and her parents. Her mother noticed us, and hugged and thanked us through more tears.

As we moved through security we shared the story with the TSA agent who said, "Now THAT's a God who doesn't make mistakes!" In my haste, I left behind my ID and AmEx card! But what comes around goes around, and the TSA agent got it to Lost and Found, who phoned me Monday morning, and I had my ID by Tuesday!

Fourteen hours was a very long time to spend in the Atlanta airport, but it was a small price to pay for the opportunity to reunite parents with their run-away child.

*Wendy Hollinger and Dale Ratcliff*

## **Minutes—February 17, 2009 EAA 402 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Michael Harris after the pot-luck dinner. There were eighteen members present. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Michael welcomed the members and a visitor, Carman Parker. Carman subsequently re-joined the chapter.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dan Robins submitted his normal excellent report. The chapter's bank balance is \$1756.01, including YE reserve of \$160.24 and utility fund of \$230.39. Dan reported the last utility bill was \$106.34 and \$321.00 was paid to EAA for chapter dues and insurance. Motion to accept the report was made by Bernie Volpe, seconded by Bob Marriott, and passed by the members.

### **Old Business:**

- Jesse Ours said he is ordering a bull-horn and it will be his gift to the chapter.
- There was some discussion on chapter membership requirements. Michael showed the agreement he signed with the EAA and he will post it in the clubhouse for all to refer to.
- Bob Marriott said members are not sure when their dues are due since there is no date on their membership card, only the year. Bob suggested the date be written on the back of the card. Discussion evolved and a motion was made by Bernie Volpe that the dues policy be changed. The by-laws were consulted and it was confirmed that considerable flexibility is allowed. Bernie's motion states that new members joining between January 1st and June 30th shall pay \$12.00 (\$18.00 family) and new members joining between July 1st and December 31st shall pay \$6.00 (\$9.00 family). This will allow all dues to then be due January 1st for all members. Bernie's motion was seconded by Bill Corban and passed by the members. Tom will update the roster to reflect all members dues now paid or due this past January 1st.

### **New Business:**

- The members discussed the chapter event calendar for the year.
- Discussion about participation in the International Young Eagles Day (IYED), June 13th. Motion made by Rollie, seconded by Tom and passed by the members.
- Discussion about Fly-In date. No decision made but motion made by Rollie and passed by Jack and passed by the members that the secretary will choose the date, probably early in Sept.
- No decision on a yard-sale date or other activities.

**Member project reports:** None

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### How are we doing?

Give us your feedback and suggestions.

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## Airport Board Report:

President Harris asked Bill Corban to share the highlights of the Airport Board meeting.

**Some highlights:** The FAA holds the purse strings for airport improvements. Additional property has been purchased for the airport including the Koch property and Pike Street. The buildings on the Koch property will be dismantled. All furnishings on the property will be auctioned off. Pike Street will be closed off just west of the restaurant entrance and the airport fence will be moved out to encompass the new property. The FAA wants to completely rebuild the runway and this may occur a year or two from now. It is unlikely the runway will be extended, however.

## Upcoming Fly-Outs—Rollie Bailey

- 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.
- The fly-out Sunday morning March 1st, will be to Grimes-Urbana (I74) for lunch.
- At the request of a member, Rollie has rescheduled the fly-out to Jimmy Stewart Field (IDI), Indiana, Pennsylvania, has been rescheduled to April 25th.

**50/50 Drawing:** Carman Parker won the drawing and donated his winnings of \$18 to the treasury. \$35 total went to the treasury.

Andrew Snedden and Carman Parker both donated \$8 to the treasury. Dan will assign these donations to the utility fund.

Bob Bennett regaled us with one of his stories.

Next meeting is March 17th at the clubhouse.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Tom McFadden



EAA 402 Newsletter Editor Wendy Hollinger, with WAI Pioneer Hall-of-Fame inductee Dawn Seymour.

Dawn Seymour was the first woman accepted into the Civilian Pilot Training Program (CPTP) at Cornell University. Chosen for the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) program, she was assigned to the Flexible Gunnery School, Fort Myers, Florida, where she flew gunnery training missions in the B-17F/G, and towed targets as a copilot in the AT-23 (a stripped B-26). In 1982, Dawn became the first president of the WASP of WWII, and she wrote the booklet "In Memoriam: Thirty-eight American Women Pilots" to honor the 38 WASP who perished on active duty. She continues to inspire young people through speaking engagements and presentations.

## Chapter 402 Officers

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