



**Chapter 402 Meeting Dates and Locations**

Chapter 402 meets on the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse, unless otherwise indicated below.

- January 17, 2016
- February 21, 2016
- March 21, 2016

**Meeting This Tuesday: Potluck**

Grilling out is on winter hiatus, so for the pot-luck on Tuesday evening, Rollie has asked that we bring a covered dish. Tom McFadden has volunteered to bring sloppy joes and buns for all.

**A Great Presentation**



EAA 402's own Barney Kemter was entertaining and informative as he shared history of aviation with a focus on the airmail route and the special connection we have to that history.

Photos by Tom McFadden



Barney's son (who we believe Barney said is a Lt. Colonel also), and his grandchildren, along with EAA member Steve Brown, get ready to "sing for their supper."



Transcontinental Airmail Route Beacon 37A, from Barney Kemter's Powerpoint Presentation.

**Mutual Respect**

The Civil Air Patrol presented EAA 402 President Bernie Volpe with a plaque for the Chapter's support of the CAP. EAA 402 also presented the CAP with a Certificate acknowledging their support of EAA 402.

A group of their adult members and Cadets joined us for dinner.



Photos by Michael Harris



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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. Contact Rollie Bailey, Fly-Out coordinator, for more information. (740-366-3404)

- January 1 (1st Sunday), is New Years Day - Happy 2017!
- January 21 (3rd Saturday), depart Newark (VTA) at 10:30am for lunch at Salem Airpark (38D).
- February 5 (1st Sunday), depart Newark (VTA) at 10:30am for Portsmouth (PMH) for brunch.
- February 18 (3rd Saturday), depart Newark (VTA) at 8:30am for breakfast at Carroll Co (TSO).



*Come Fly With Chapter 402!*

**Thanks to member Charlie Rhoads for sharing his flyout story (at right.) Tell us about YOUR next trip! Whether a special trip or just a great day of flying, share your story with others!**

## Dates of Note

**August 26–27** ....The Great State of Main Airshow, featuring the Blue Angels, Brunswick Maine. For information visit <http://greatstateofmaineairshow.us/>

## Fly-Out Report

### December 17 Fly-out

The December 17 fly-out to PMH was a total wash-out. The next scheduled fly-out is January the 21st, for lunch at Salem Airpark 38D.

Blue Skies Always

Your fly-out Coordinator & VP  
*Rollie Bailey*

### “The Day the Music Died”

Charlie and Cathy Rhoads recently flew to the busy airport at Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota for the Oldsmobile Nationals. While there, they rented a car to drive into Iowa, to

Charlie Rhoads at the memorial for the February 3, 1959 plane crash that took the lives of Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and the Big Bogger.

Photo by  
Cathy Rhoads



the site of the plane crash that took the lives of Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and the Big Bogger. The date of the crash, February 3, 1959, is known as *the day the music died*. Charlie said the memorial is in a cornfield outside of Mason City Iowa, surrounded by cultivated chlorophyll laden plants. The Rhoads also visited the Surf Ballroom where their last concert was held.

Of the flight Charlie wrote, “I must admit, it was the first busy big airport we ever landed at and was told to keep up the speed as there were a jet behind us in the pattern....ok, wilco.”

EAA 402 Member  
*Charlie Rhoads*

## FAA Announces Aeromedical Reform Rule

### New law takes effect May 1 (article from EAA.org)

January 10, 2017 - Years of effort by EAA and AOPA culminated on Tuesday morning as the FAA announced regulations that will implement the aeromedical reform law passed last July. The regulations will be published Wednesday as a final rule, to take effect May 1, 2017. According to the FAA, no changes have been made to the language in the law.

Because it is final, the rule will not go out for a typical public comment

period. The FAA also said it would publish an advisory circular describing the implementation of the rule later this week.

“This is the moment we’ve been waiting for, as the provisions of aeromedical reform become something that pilots can now use,” said Jack J. Pelton, EAA CEO/chairman. “EAA and AOPA worked to make this a reality through legislation in July, and since then the most common question from our members *continued on page 3*

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Visit the EAA 402 website for more fly-out photos and dates of note. Post a comment, or send information to: Gary Kurtz at [info@e-Kurtz.com](mailto:info@e-Kurtz.com)

Charlie Rhoads often flies to see the shows at Bearcreek, near Celina OH. And if weather's not right for flying, it's not that far a drive. Tickets include a great dinner, and the Oak Ridge Boys should be a great show. Contact Charlie for more information.



has been, 'When will the rule come out?' We now have the text and will work to educate members, pilots, and physicians about the specifics in the regulation."

Tuesday's announcement finalized the highly anticipated measure that was signed into law last July as part of an FAA funding bill. That was the ultimate success of a long effort by EAA and AOPA to bring significant aeromedical reform to pilots flying

recreationally and eliminate the time and expense burdens on those holding third-class medical certificates.

The law guaranteed that pilots holding a valid third-class medical certificate issued in the 10 years before the reform was enacted will be eligible to fly under the new rules. New pilots and pilots whose most recent medical expired more than 10 years prior to July 2016 will be required to get a one-time third-class exam from an FAA-designated AME.

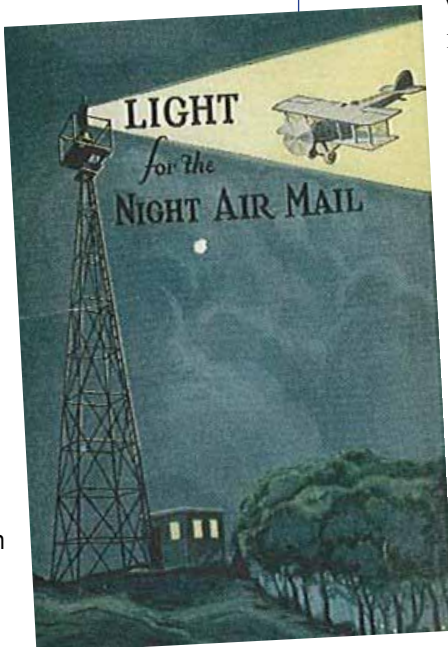
The FAA was required to implement the law within 180 days of its signing, or this Thursday (January 12). Since AirVenture 2016, FAA senior leadership has been assuring EAA that the 180-day deadline would be met. Despite the release of the regulations as a final rule, EAA will be reviewing the language carefully to ensure it fully reflects the language and intent of the law.

## Minutes of Dec 2016 EAA 402 Dinner Meeting

The December 20th EAA 402 monthly meeting took place as part of the Chapter's annual Christmas dinner. The dinner and meeting this year were held at the Harbor Hills Country Club for the second year in a row. Arrivals began at about 6:30PM and a social hour ensued while waiting for dinner. A great buffet dinner including chicken, fish, standing roast, vegetables, bread and more was served. The fifty-nine guests in attendance, including fifteen CAP cadets and seniors, seated themselves at round tables neatly set for eight with table cloths, cups goblets and Poinsettia center pieces. Member Charlie Rhoads offered a prayer before the meal. DJ Don Boland of Boland Entertainment provided the setup and music for the event. DJ Don had the guests at each table sing for their supper leading to some entertaining moments. Our own Gary Kurtz provided a screen and projector for the speaker's presentation. After an excellent dinner, our Master of Ceremonies, Larry Arnold, ESQ, listed the events to follow; brief meeting, guest speaker and awards presentations. Thanks to Larry for arranging the venue, DJ, and organizing the dinner and acting as MC.

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From Barney Kemter's Powerpoint presentation on early navigation and the airmail routes.





Curtiss Carrier Pigeon I, from Barney Kemter's Powerpoint Presentation.

**For Sale**

Recently professionally refurbished and calibrated Simpson 260 Analog volt/ohm/meter with leads.

Contact: Charlie Rhoads at 740-504-1222 or email: nas.brnns.59@twc.com.

**To Pay Dues**

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Ken Hughes  
Treasurer EAA 402  
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A brief meeting was called to order by President Bernie Volpe. Bernie welcomed all the guests which included chapter members, spouses, the son and grandchildren of the guest speaker, and members of the Licking County Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. Bernie introduced the chapter officers and asked the secretary for his report. The Secretary only asked for and received approval of the November meeting minutes. Bernie then introduced Ken Hughes, the treasurer and asked for his report. Ken gave a very brief report, giving the "bottom line" as \$2028.28 and saying that the EAA National has reimbursed the chapter for money spent on the shirts and epaulettes we purchased with Young Eagles credits.

Further business was deferred until next meeting and this meeting was adjourned.

Larry gave a thorough introduction of the guest speaker, our own Barney Kemter. Many of the guests will recall seeing Barney presented, by an FAA representative, with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award at last year's dinner. Mr. Kemter made a wonderful presentation on early aviation navigation and brought out the history of the early navigation of airmail routes using pictures, maps – including a replica of a first-generation strip chart – and much discussion. Barney involved the audience, especially the CAP cadets. The talk was well received by all and good comments have been heard.

Secretary Tom McFadden, assisted by President Bernie Volpe, passed out the officer's certificates and pins that were received from EAA National. CAP Commander, Major Beckwith, asked for a moment and presented the chapter with an engraved plaque in acknowledgment of the mutual work between EAA402 and Civil Air Patrol. The secretary then presented Major Beckwith with a Certificate acknowledging their support of EAA402 for over nine years. The secretary placed personalized certificates and pins on the table to be picked up by ground volunteers (almost everyone at the dinner) before they left the event. The secretary also gave Chief Cox of the CAP a box of personalized certificates and pins for all the CAP volunteers which will be presented to them at their next squadron meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rollie Bailey, seconded by Bob Marriott. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours.

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Tom McFadden.*

Left: Now THAT is how a pilot uses Christmas lights! (photo from Twitter)



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