



**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.

- April 18, 2016
- May 16, 2016
- June 20, 2016

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**Red Bull Cancels Buckeye Lake Races**



Red Bull Air Races announced that they have cancelled plans to hold the September 16, 2018 race week at Buckeye Lake, Ohio. “I

can’t remember when I’ve been so disappointed about a proposed race location. We thought that Buckeye Lake would hold special significance as either a landmark location in the sport’s history or a premiere in a dramatic new setting,” said Erich Wolf, general manager of Red Bull Air Race. “We’re especially disappointed that the Newark – Heath Airport Commissioners can’t get their act together and hasn’t built any new hangars that would enable us to bring high-speed, low-altitude racing to a new audience in Ohio. We went so far as to attempt to work with the Ohio Department of Transportation to close off a portion of Interstate 70 for use as our runway when negotiations with Fairfield County Airport fell through.”



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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)

- April 2 (1st Sunday), depart Newark (VTA) at 10:30 am for brunch at the Tin Goose Port Clinton (KPCW).
- April 15 (3rd Saturday), depart Newark (VTA) at 10:30 am for Sportys (169) FREE HOT DOGS @ noon.
- May 7 (1st Sunday), depart Newark (VTA) at 8:30 am for brunch Waynesburg PA (KWAY).
- May 20 (3rd Saturday), depart Newark (VTA) at 8:30 am for breakfast and car show Wadsworth OH (3G3)



*Come Fly With Chapter 402!*

## Dates of Note

**July 24–30** .....Airventure  
Oshkosh, WI

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



## Reno Air Racing to Add Cessna 150 Class

The Reno Air Racing Association (RARA) has been at a crossroads for what seems like forever. Increasing insurance fees and decreasing participation numbers have forced RARA to ‘think outside the course.’

Announced early this morning, RARA will introduce the Cessna 150 Class series of races. Beginning on the Wednesday prior to race weekend, the Cessna 150 class will begin their heat with the hope of determining a winner before the end of the event on Sunday. The Cessna 150 and 152’s are the most prolific aircraft in general aviation. Should the aircraft fail to complete all six laps before the end of the weekend, whoever is in the lead wins. Period. The success of this particular race class will most likely start to drive the prices of these desirable aircraft upwards.

On Thursday, the proposed Cessna 152 Class will begin their demonstration heat. The 152’s are only a proposed class at this time. Those participating in the race with a medical background will be disqualified. When the Cessna Racing Association (CRA) inquired about the strange disqualification rule, soaring insurance cost was cited to blame. If the 152 Class draws enough interest it may

become a class of its own.

Friday’s unique race will center on the plus 50 year-old straight tail Cessna’s 150’s. The loud high-wing aircraft should make for some unique echos bouncing off the nearby hills. “It may not be much to watch, but it’ll be super cool to hear!” said Melanie Moreno, RARA’s new Aircraft Racing Integration Manager. “In deciding what Cessna’s to include, we determined that the 150’s had more class than the 152’s or even a Piper 235. With the vanishing supply of parts for warbirds and fewer entries, we decided to open up the sport to a broad base of pilots with hopes of attracting more participants.”

Even RARA’s catch phrase will be changing. It will now be, “Rather than gamble in Reno, come to the races in Stead!”



## Builders Needed

Please share your knowledge and progress, or frustrations and questions. If you can’t attend meetings, send articles and photos to the newsletter editor at [wendy@phoenixgraphix.us](mailto:wendy@phoenixgraphix.us) or the web master at [info@e-Kurtz.com](mailto:info@e-Kurtz.com)

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## New FAA Regulation / Part 0, Section 000 (a) 1 (c)

**Section I:** No pilot or pilots, or person or persons acting on the direction or suggestion or supervision of a pilot or pilot may try, or attempt to try or make, or make attempt to try to comprehend or understand any or all, in whole or in part of the herein mentioned, Aviation Regulations, except as authorized by the Administrator or an agent appointed by, or inspected by, the Administrator.

**Section II:** If a pilot, or group of associate pilots becomes aware of, or realized, or detects, or discovers, or finds that he or she, or they, are or have been beginning to understand the Aviation Regulations, they must immediately, within three (3) days notify, in writing, the Administrator.

**Section III:** Upon receipt of the above-mentioned notice of impending comprehension, the Administrator shall immediately rewrite the Aviation Regulations in such a manner as to eliminate any further comprehension hazards.

**Section IV:** The Administrator may, at his or her discretion, require the offending pilot or pilots to attend remedial instruction in Aviation Regulations until such time as the pilot is too confused to be capable of understanding anything.

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## US Navy: Blue Angels Transition to Unmanned Aircraft for 2018

In a surprise announcement today, the US Navy announced that the Blue Angels will transition from their current F-18 Hornets to unmanned F-47 aircraft for their 2018 airshow season. The team will still fly a full 'delta' aerobatic routine, including tight formations, using six of the cutting edge drones. The only difference is

that the pilots will never leave the ground and will instead monitor the pre-programmed flight routines from special trailers set up at each show site. Since the aircraft are unmanned, the team will no longer offer media rides but will allow selected media representatives to 'sit in' on practice demonstrations using a virtual reality headset that will be known as Blue Angel 7, the same call sign as the team's current two-seat media jet. The pilots will also be expected to post to social media during the routine to increase their interaction with fans.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for the Navy to showcase our advanced technology and cutting edge aircraft," said Jack Herndon, the Navy's Chief of Public Outreach. "Honestly, the Hornets are getting to be quite old and worn out. We saw the need to replace them and decided to take advantage of the timing by leaping straight ahead to our very newest fighter aircraft, the F-47. The Blue Angels' primary mission is to inspire America's young people to join the Navy, and with this transition we are able to demonstrate that even young men and women who only want to sit at a computer all day can have a successful Navy flying career. Those are exactly the people we are looking to recruit in the future."



## 04.01.17 Special: Sonex Wins Contract With The U.S. Air Force

### SubSonex Jets Will Replace Thunderbird's F-16s

Sonex has landed a contract with the U.S. Air Force to provide SubSonex jets as the next aircraft for the Thunderbirds demonstration team.

The Thunderbirds will fly this season in their F-16s, but next year they will shift to the SubSonex aircraft. Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James said that the move was strictly a cost-saving measure, and that she's sure that audiences that attend Thunderbirds performances will not be disappointed. "A jets a jet, right?" James said. "They'll still make a lot of noise, fly pretty fast, and can do almost everything that the F-16s can do, as far as the public is concerned. And they're just as cute as they can be. Besides, we can re-purpose the planes they're flying now into combat roles. It's going to be great for the taxpayer," James said.

The company said on April 1 that it was shipping a dozen kits to Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, where they will be assembled and painted in the distinctive Thunderbirds livery. Sonex founder and President John

Monnett said that the USAF would be afforded the same consideration as any builder when it comes to assistance with the assembly of the aircraft, and the government was quoted list price. "I guarantee you they won't need any \$900 wrenches to put these birds together," Monnett said.

"And, we can load the whole team up into one C-5A to travel to shows," James said.

Deliveries of the kits are expected to begin in the second quarter of 2017. "They can build 'em fast," Monnett said.

### EAA 402 Member Takes Over Publication

If you haven't figured it out by now, this is your April Fool's Edition of the EAA 402 Newsletter. This edition was brought to you by your resident jokester, Master Pilot Barney Kemter. If you have any dispute with the content of this

publication, contact Barney directly at 614-769-5066. Please confirm that your regular editor is not being held hostage somewhere, as Mr. Kemter has been known to attempt to lure her away from her duties with the promise of a candy bar.



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