



## 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 16, 2010:  
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,  
520 Heath Road, Heath
- April 20, 2010:  
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,  
520 Heath Road, Heath
- May 18, 2010:  
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,  
520 Heath Road, Heath

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## Dates of Note

402 Airport Yard Sale, VTA... TBD  
 402 Annual Fly-In, VTA ..... TBD  
 Young Eagles Rally  
 (IYED), VTA..... June 12  
 Mid-Eastern Regional Fly-In,  
 I74, Urbana, OH..... Sept. 11-12

BELOW: Too bad it wasn't a sunny day so this photo could have done justice to Charlie's 182 with its shiny new paint job!



## First flight after a long, hard winter

Friday afternoon, March 5th I was able to fly again for the first time since November. The winter did not seem to offer many opportunities for me to fly. Seems like it was always overcast, cold and windy or the airport was closed because of snow. Most of you know my situation. I live in Granville but work in Galion, up near Mansfield. I belong to a "club" at the Galion airport and so most of my flying is done out of GQQ instead of VTA. Most often I fly in the evening after work. In the winter that usually means night flight. Last Friday when I left work it was still daylight and the sky was a beautiful blue and "severe clear" and there was almost no wind. I called Hanne to let her know that I intended to go flying if the runways had been cleared and the airplane was airworthy and available. (Yes, I was "getting a kitchen pass.") The Skyhawk was available so I scheduled it, performed a thorough pre-flight (it's been a long winter), scraped some ice away from the hangar entrance and pushed the plane out. To my delight the engine started easily and it ran smoothly. Oil pressure came up and the battery indicated charging. I strapped in and just sat for a while warming up the engine and re-familiarizing myself with the instruments and radios. After a bit of settling myself down and mental preparation, I taxied into the setting sun toward runway 5, did the run-up, finished up the instrument checks and calibrations

and took off to the east. Nice cool air, lots of lift, climbed out at 1000' / min. To avoid entering Mansfield's class D airspace I turned north and climbed out to 3000'. The air was very smooth and it was great to be in the air again! I did some maneuvers and looked for familiar sights. Somehow everything looked different. Why? The terrain was all still snow covered! I often practice landings at the various small airports in the area but this time I could not even find the little airport at Shelby (12G). When I finally spotted it I could see that the whole field, runway, taxiways and ramps were all totally snow covered. No landing practice there this day! After a ½ hour or so of playing like a bird I was back at GQQ, lined up on final for runway 5. What a neat picture that was! The dark asphalt runway stood out strikingly against the white snow surrounding it and all was bathed in the golden glow of the setting sun. As I was enjoying this view, however, I realized the runway was narrower than normal and the runway lights were still buried under the snow banks alongside the runway. I decided I'd better concentrate on keeping on the centerline and to not try to do the usual three T&Gs. No night-flight this time! The sun was already almost down. I needed to stay down and get the plane back in the hangar before dark. I'm looking forward to a lot more flights as the days get better. I wish the same for you as well.

*Tom McFadden*

## 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).

- March 7th (first Sunday) was canceled due to lack of planes and pilots.
- March 20th (third Saturday) will be Clermont County (I69) Sporty's for FREE Hot dogs. Depart 10:30 a.m.
- April 4th (first Sunday) will be Salem Airpark (38D) Brunch 10:30 a.m. departure.
- April 17 (third Saturday) Depart at 8:00 a.m. for Cabela's WORLD'S FOREMOST OUTFITTER in Dundee Michigan. We will land at Monroe Mi. Custer airport (TTF). Shuttle van will pick us up at the airport. We will catch a bite to eat there. How about a Buffalo sandwich, or maybe an Ostrich sandwich? See you at the airport!

*Come Fly With Chapter 402!*

### Keys Available

We now have a supply of clubhouse door keys and T-Hangar keys. If you need a key please see the secretary at the next meeting. A \$2 deposit per key is required.

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## Minutes of February, 2009 EAA 402 Meeting

The February meeting was cancelled due to snow. Please review the January minutes for approval at the March meeting.

## Spring and Seminars

Time and energy has kept me grounded this year and will continue through April 15 since tax returns are a large part of my business. The weather has kept the rest of you mainly on the ground with your airships snugly snowed in behind the hangar door. You saved money while our friends at the airport had lean times.

Well, the end is in sight as spring is nearly upon us and the snow has been steadily disappearing. When the last extension is filed, I'm hopping in the cockpit with an instructor to get comfortable again slicing through the air and controlling an airship in that multi-dimensional space with a view.

If my workload will support my early departure from the office, there is an AOPA Air Safety Seminar coming up that may interest some of you and that I'd like to attend. It is called "10 Things Other Pilots Do Wrong." This may be helpful to me getting back into the saddle so I'll know what to watch out for with all those other pilots. The seminar is Wednesday, March 24 7:00 - 9:00 PM at Marriot Columbus Airport, 1375 North Cassidy Avenue,

Columbus. No RSVP required and it is free.

Cheryl and I are planning our second trip to Oshkosh this year to experience the sensory overload that EAA has to offer—if you've never experienced it, I'd recommend trying it. There are many amazing things to be seen that our comrades in aviation endeavors have come up with, both new and old. Of course, you can see that close at home in our own Andrew Snedden's M7.

Here's the seminar link:

<http://www.aopa.org/asf/seminars/seminar.cfm?FA=SS>

*Michael Harris*

## Chapter Dues Reminder

Chapter dues are due for 2010. If you have not paid your dues already please contact Treasurer, Larry Arnold or Secretary, Tom McFadden and do so. Dues are \$12 individual or \$18 family. Also, please make sure you keep your membership in the National active by paying National dues on a timely basis. Membership in the national organization is a prerequisite for chapter membership.

*Tom McFadden, Sec. EAA 402*

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