



Chapter 402 Meeting Dates and Locations

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

- April 20, 2010:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
520 Heath Road, Heath
- May 18, 2010:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
520 Heath Road, Heath
- June 15, 2010:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
520 Heath Road, Heath

Funday Sunday Fly-in

May 2, 8 am–3 pm

Breakfast & Lunch
Moraine Airpark 173,
EAA 48
Awards • Door Prizes
937-866-2489

Open House Fly-in

May 15, 8 am–2 pm

Breakfast & Lunch
Fairfield County Airport,
Lancaster, OH
Historical Aircraft Museum
will be flying their
B-26 Bomber
Museum Open, Skydiving,
Young Eagles Flights

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Big Event for Warbird Buffs Here in Ohio!

The National Museum of the United States Air Force will honor the surviving crew members of the Doolittle Raiders who flew their B-25 Mitchell bombers off the carrier USS Hornet and dropped conventional bombs on Tokyo, Japan 68 years ago. At least 20 B-25s will be on display at the museum on Saturday, April 17th. More importantly for us pilots, though, is the possibility of seeing and hearing the B-25s up close and personal at Grimes Field, Urbana,

Ohio the two days before. The planes will be staged at Grimes on the 15th and 16th and will practice formation flying out of Grimes. Some will also offer rides and most will be on static display. Full information on the Grimes activity can be found at the Champaign Aviation Museum website <http://www.champaignaviationmuseum.org/>. Full information on the AF Museum activities can be found at <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/doolittle.asp>. *Tom McFadden*

FLIGHT! by Kennie Rauch

It holds such a fascination for us. We were not designed for it but we seemed determined to experience the fantasy of it.

Nature has provided the bird population with the tools and design to fly with ease, with different species having different capabilities. Man will never match the abilities of these winged wonders. Of course, the avian population will never match the human accomplishment of speed, altitude, carrying capacity, etc., either. Bird watchers seem enamored with birds but not necessarily with aircraft.

There is communication between avians, I'm sure, and they are probably amused at some of our efforts. They are probably NOT amused when they become involved in a bird strike with aircraft. Two birds challenged an

aircraft I happened to be flying, with one finding it's way through the propeller to the canopy. The bird's loss! If it happened to be an albatross, I'd have lost and probably would have initiated an impact landing with Mother Earth.

Another guy I called a friend, an AI by the name of Wes Hinds, had this habit when I presented him with a problem, would say to me, "Why? Always ask yourself why?" We don't always get an answer but it does put our brain in gear and makes us think. Why did I get into flying? Of course! Fishing trips to Canada! Hunting trips to Alaska! Hasn't happened yet after all these years. Maybe someday an exotic trip? Oshkosh, the Dakotas, the D.C. area and all the states surrounding Ohio is the best I've done. Only got lost(?)...

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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 4th (first Sunday) was changed to Saturday to not conflict with Easter.
- April 17 (third Saturday) Depart at 8:00 a.m. for Cabela's WORLD'S FOREMOST OUTFITTER in Dundee MI. We'll land at Monroe Custer Airport (TTF) and will travel by shuttle. We will catch a bite to eat at Cabela's. How about a Buffalo or Ostrich sandwich? See you at the airport!
- May 2nd (first Sunday) we will depart (VTA) @ 10:30 a.m. for the Runway Restaurant (BTP) Butler Pa. for brunch.
- May 15th (third Saturday) we will depart (VTA) @ 9:00 a.m. for the lunch at Arnold Palmer Regional (LBE) Latrobe PA.



Come Fly With Chapter 402!

Dates of Note

Moraine Airpark
 Funday Sunday
 Fly-in May 2
 Fairfield County Airport
 Open-House/
 Fly-in..... May 15
 International Young
 Eagles Day June 12
 Frasca Fly-In at Frasca Field,
 Urbana, IL June 25-27
 EAA 402 / VTA
 Young Eagles / Fly-in Aug 28



Salem Airpark

Saturday, April 3

Three aircraft departed VTA for breakfast at Salem only to find out the restaurant was closed Easter weekend (bummer)! Charlie Rhoads said, "This is one of our favorite landing spots for eating. The restaurant furniture is all Amish, heavy duty and well made. The carpenters even fabricated airplanes coming out of the wall, including a B-17 and WWI biplanes."

In flight two of the planes diverted to Carroll County for breakfast there, the third opted to head back to Newark because of the high wind predicted. It was a smooth flight going over, and not too bad a flight back, but the crosswinds were waiting for me and passenger Carl Oblinger and Wayne Green with passenger Jose' Charles. The Pipers had no problem on the landing. It was really a good flight.

About an hour after we were all back in the hangers and chatting in the FBO the wind picked up and was gusting to 50 mph. Always check the weather and if you are not comfortable with the

conditions... pass! There will always be another day to fly. And I did have

a couple of pilots decide not to go, and I commend you on your decision. Only you know your capabilities or comfort zone. See you all April the 17th for our next fly-out.



Sporty's

Saturday, March 20

Great day for flying! The frequencies were active at all the airports. We departed VTA @ 10:30 as planned. Charlie Rhoads in his 182 with passengers Jess Ours and Bob Marriott; me in the "235" with passengers Gary Kurtz, Bob Bennett, and Carl Oblinger; Chris White in his twin Beach with his wife, Larry Arnold, and Arnie Hartman. We were able to take air to air pics both coming and going—check out Charlie's new paint job on the 182 in the picture above! And the hot dogs were great. And some of us made some purchases! Always a fun place to fly to.



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fill in the blanks. I'm still awed when an aircraft's weight is transferred from wheels to the wings. Incidentally, Wes Hinds has departed this life also, so I wonder when my turn comes for that trip of a lifetime. Must have something to do with age.

Enough morbidity! Building airplanes! What a frustrating, expensive, patience filtering habit to be sucked into! If you have a warm place that would accommodate the aircraft of your dreams, you, too, could become addicted. Don't buy that set of blueprints and the kit. That's the first step to spending the next 3 years drilling, cutting, giving, measuring, fitting, etc. You'll also do your share of searing, sweating and doing it twice.

The good part is the cup of coffee that turns cold because you've become engrossed in a particular problem. If you've solved the problem, who cares if the coffee's cold. Pat yourself on the back until the woman screams, "Get up here before your food isn't fit to eat!" Time flies when you're having fun.

Below is a photo of Mark Sasko, and Bob and Bill Harvey, who I think were the instigators of Chapter 402, The Heart of Ohio.

Happy Easter!



Minutes of December 16, 2010 EAA 402 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Harris at 7:05 pm. There were sixteen members present.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reports

Secretary: Tom McFadden asked for any corrections or additions to the January minutes as published in the February newsletter. Motion to accept was made by Bill Corban, seconded by Robert Marriott and passed by the members.

Treasurer: Treasurer Larry Arnold gave his report. Checking account balance \$2210.38; expenses paid \$68.48; Utility Reserves \$15.69; Young Eagles \$222.50.

Airport Board: Bill Corban reported from the Airport Board meeting:

- runway rebuilding will not take place this year;
- new airport fencing will be installed sometime in the near future;
- Pike Avenue will be closed and the airport fencing will be moved to the south side of the road;
- the same engineering firm has been retained.

Old Business

Michael Harris reported that the airplane ride, auctioned at the Moundbuilders Mental Health organization's Jazz and Java event in February, went for \$225.

The date of August 28th was selected for the chapter's annual fly-in event. Breakfast will be 8:00AM-noon, Young Eagles Flights will be 9:00AM to 1:00PM. The members unanimously wanted to hire the same caterer as we had last year.

The Spring yard sale was discussed. Roy Hurt has been approached to run the event but has not committed to it. It was suggested that we hold our yard sale on the same date that the Heath Road community has theirs. We don't know when that is. No date set. It was suggested that the members begin to gather some good new items to donate to the chapter for the sale.

Reminder: International Young Eagles Day is June 12th. The hours will be 9:00AM to 1:00PM.

New Business

Bill Corban suggested that we do not use hardwood mulch around the clubhouse building in order to help prevent termites. He said Pine mulch would be okay and others suggested rubber chip mulch could be used.

Michael mentioned that George Fackler has invited the chapter members to gather at his "man cave" sometime. It was suggested we hold one of our regular meetings there. Michael will make arrangements.

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It's that time again!!

I had my maiden flight for 2010 Sunday April 11. Went up with Harold Ware CFI to get the feel of flight again. Harold kept urging me to turn at a greater than 5 degree rate—but that was plenty for me just getting back into the cockpit. It wasn't too long and I was back to standard rate turns.

Three take offs and landings later and it was back to the ramp to let Harold return to his duties and to pick up my number one passenger, Cheryl. We poked around the evening sky taking in the sights, which included a hot air balloon skimming the treetops south west towards Rickenbacker. Yes, those calm flights soaring above the landscape keep me coming back for more.

May 15 is the first ever EAA International Learn To Fly Day - a day about sharing the joy of flight. Learn more at www.learntofly.org.

Michael Harris

Congratulations to Larry Arnold, who passed his pilot's examination on March 18th!

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Correspondence:

Letter received from Steve Buss, YE Coordinator for the National. The letter contained the credits earned by our pilots for YE flights in 2009. There were 227 credits worth a total of \$1135. The credits were turned over to Treasurer Arnold for him to sign over to EAA for use in sponsoring young students at EAA's Air Academy.

Letter received from Paul Poberezny, founder of EAA, announcing the annual Frasca Fly-In at Frasca Field, Urbana, IL, June 25-27. The poster will be displayed on the clubhouse bulletin board.

Fly-outs:

The next fly-out is scheduled for March 20th to Clermont County Airport (I69) and Sporty's for free hot dogs. The flight will depart Newark-Heath at 10:30AM.

Announcements:

Michael encouraged all members to attend the FAA seminar "10 Things Other Pilots do Wrong" to be held March 24th at the Airport Marriott.

Roger Digel-Barrett announced that he is looking for partners to go in with him to purchase a "Challenger."

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Gary Kurtz. Gary donated his winnings to the utility fund. \$36 total went to the treasury.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rollie Bailey and seconded by Jack Maki. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.



Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Tom McFadden

LEFT: Carl Oblinger captured this beautiful shot on the approach to Carroll County Airport April 3rd.

Chapter 402 Officers