



Sam Huff

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 18, 2011:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
520 Heath Road, Heath
- February 15, 2011:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
520 Heath Road, Heath
- March 15, 2011:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
520 Heath Road, Heath



Author Bob Boyd, left, took the photos of Sam Huff and the planes and projects in his hanger. See more photos are on page 4.

Member's Wing

by Robert Boyd

This month I had the pleasure of spending a little time with our Chapter's Technical Counselor, Sam Huff.

In our December newsletter, I mentioned that I was looking forward to meeting with all of you and being exposed to all of the knowledge that is stored in each of you. Well, little did I know that for a one hour meeting with Sam, I should have worn sun screen. I believe I was a little overexposed. The amount of knowledge this man has and his willingness to share it are truly amazing to me. One column could not begin to describe Sam or share with you his years in aviation. I only hope that I can do him justice.

Sam Huff, Technical Counselor to Chapter 402, has been married to his wonderful wife, Cheryl, for 43 years. They have two children, son David and daughter Danae.

He is a certified A&P mechanic and currently holds the following ratings: Commercial, Multi-Engine and Instrumentation. He is also certified for jet engines. Sam has over 5000 hours logged and currently has the following aircraft: 1958 7GC Champ, 1946 BC12D, JC, Smith Mini Place and Curtis Wright CW1.

For as long as Sam can remember he has wanted to fly. His father

flew a Stinson 10A. Sam obtained his pilot license at the age of 19 after serving in the Air Force.

His current project is the rebuilding of the Cub from the ground up. He estimates that the Cub restore will take about one year to complete. When that's complete he plans to move on to a complete restore of his Curtis Wright Junior. This one will get all new fabric as well as a complete engine rebuild. The Curtis project should take about a year and a half to complete, Sam says.

I should have known better than to ask a pilot this next question but when I asked Sam to describe his most memorable flying experience he simply stated, "All of them". I should have expected that answer! Sam said every time he flies he creates a great memory. He went on to tell about his most terrifying memory. Once while flying a pressurized Navajo he experienced a problem in both engines. The problems were different, but occurring at the same time. The right engine experienced a broken oil line while the left engine

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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).

- Jan 2nd (1st Sunday) was to Celina Lakefield airport (CQA) for lunch, right on Grand Lake!
- Jan 15th (3rd Saturday), depart (VTA) at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast at the Greater Portsmouth Regional Airport (PMH) Times are a little later, gang, for aircraft preparation in the cold temps. See you all there!
- Feb. 6th (first Sunday), depart (VTA) at 10:30 a.m. for Urbana Grimes Field (I74) for lunch, maybe a peek at their B-24?
- Feb. 19th (3rd Saturday), depart (VTA) at 10:30 a.m. for The Warehouse Restaurant, Roscoe Village, Richard Downing (I40).

Come Fly With Chapter 402!

The photos below and on page 3 are from the fly-out Dec 18th to Zanesville for breakfast at Denny's Restaurant. The photos above are from the Jan 2nd fly-out.

Photos by Carl Oblinger



The Jan 2nd Fly-Out...

...was a fantastic turn out! Seven aircraft from Newark and one from

Buckeye departed for Bella's Restaurant on the shores of Grand Lake in northwestern Ohio. Carl got some great pictures as did Cheryl Harris. With Wendy's friend Lynne, who joined us for lunch and helped transport us to the restaurant, we had 20 people attend. Close to a record for planes and people on this day.

Planes and people attending were Cessna 172: Michael/Cheryl Harris, Cessna 172: Jim Carter, Cessna 182: Charlie/Cathy Rhoades, Cessna 152: Dick/wife Purdue, Centurion 210: Dan/Jane Robbins and Bernie Volpe, Archer II: Larry/Valinda Arnold, Cherokee Six: Wayne/Aiden/Alex Green, Cherokee 235: Rollie/Carl O./Wendy Hollinger/Dale Ratcliff.

Rollie Bailey



Thanks!

Thanks to the membership and their families and friends, Chapter 402 ended another year of aviation fellowship with a very nice dinner at the Buckingham House in Newark. With seventy five in attendance, we enjoyed the pictures and stories presented by Dean Walther, pilot and controller at CMH. Dean was presented with a first edition, presentation copy, autographed by Max Conrad, of the book "Into the wind, the story of Max Conrad"; a year's membership in EAA 402; and an EAA 402 ball cap (which Dean said he will wear at Oshkosh next year). The list is long of all of the people who made this and other activities of Chapter 402 a success and I'd say it includes the 75 who attended on December 21 and many others who could not make it.

I joined the EAA in 2003 two years after joining the AOPA as another source of information, learning and resources pertinent to general aviation. The experiences in Chapter 402 have topped the list of resources. The practical recurrent training by participating in fly-outs helps to maintain skill. The stories of fellow members are helpful in considering our own actions. How interesting it is to hear about the experiences of our members and about earlier times in aviation. It is encouraging to see so many members attend Air Safety seminars. It is also impressive to consider the Chapter 402 members that are so skilled in aircraft design and maintenance. It is a real privilege to be a part of this group!

PS: Thanks for the nice plaque which now hangs on my office wall!

Michael Harris

Save Stamps!

Annual Chapter dues (\$12.00 year individual and \$18.00 family) are now due. Save the chapter postage and pay before a statement is mailed. Dues can be paid at the January meeting or mail a check, payable to EAA402, to EAA402, 520 Heath Road, Heath, Ohio 43056.



Clubhouse Utilities

Donations to the utility fund are always welcome (pay to Treasurer Larry Arnold) since our modest club dues do not cover annual utilities.



Minutes of December 21, 2010 EAA 402 Meeting

This meeting was held at the Buckingham House in Newark, Ohio in conjunction with the annual Christmas dinner. The dinner, catered by Doug's Far Side Catering, began at approximately 6:15 P.M. There were thirty-three members and thirty-three guests present including nine cadets and officers from the Civil Air Patrol.

After dinner the meeting was called to order by President Michael Harris at 7:10 P.M. and was begun with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The pledge was led jointly by WWII Carrier Pilot, Jack Maki, and Civil Air Patrol Cadet Commander, Lieutenant Amber Cox.

Secretary: Minutes of the November meeting were accepted on motion by Rollie Bailey, seconded by Larry Arnold and vote of the members.

Treasurer: Treasurer Larry Arnold gave his report. Starting balance: \$3,022.55. Donations to Utility Fund: \$28.00. Key Deposit \$1.00. Dues paid for 2011: \$234.00. Money collected for Christmas Dinners: \$615.00. Expenses paid: \$1454.34. Ending balance: \$2372.22. Utility Reserves: \$283.60. Young Eagles reserves \$0.00

Newsletter: Editor Wendy Hollinger thanked those who contributed to the newsletter over the year including Kenny Rauch for several articles especially the recent one titled "One Man's Confession." Wendy also introduced Bob Boyd as a contributing editor who will write a column called "The Member's Wing."

Website: No report.

Membership: Dale Ratcliff made a few entertaining comments, pointing out that membership recruiting must be successful, judging from the crowded dining room.

Airport board: No report.

Tom McFadden made a motion that all business be suspended until the January meeting. The motion was seconded by Rollie Bailey and passed by the members.

Program:

Plaque for Michael—The secretary surprised Michael Harris by presenting him with a plaque acknowledging his five years as President of the chapter. During the presentation the secretary mentioned that Michael has served four years and will begin his fifth year in January. Michael has led the chapter in many accomplishments, has overseen a significant increase in chapter membership and has greatly increased community involvement.

Christmas Carols—The attendees were treated to singing of Christmas carols led by Michael and Cheryl Harris, Bob Marriott, Rollie and Marie Bailey and Charlie and Cathy Rhoads. Charlie Rhoads accompanied on the piano.

Guest Speaker—Larry Arnold introduced the guest speaker Dean Walther, an Air Traffic Controller from Port Columbus (CMH). Dean

George Fackler hosted another stellar Open House at the FBO!



gave a very interesting talk on the operation of the Columbus ATC and tower and also talked about his experiences as a controller at EAA AirVenture. After the talk Larry presented the speaker with several gifts; 1) a first edition, presentation copy, autographed by Max Conrad of the book "Into the Wind, the story of Max Conrad; 2) a year's membership in EAA Chapter 402; 3) and an EAA402 ball cap. Dean said he would wear the cap at Oshkosh next year.

Awards Presentation—Michael, assisted by Rollie, Wendy and Dale passed out many certificates and pins to all those who held office and/or helped out with chapter activities in 2010. This included certificates and pins for all the Civil Air Patrol cadets and officers that worked with the chapter in 2010.

Door Prizes—Tom McFadden, assisted by Malcolm, played Santa and passed out approximately 30 door prizes that were donated by members.

Minutes respectively submitted by Secretary Tom McFadden



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experienced a broken throttle cable. With one engine completely dead and the other reduced to only idle RPM, Sam was able to spiral down and land it. He was able to walk away and the Navajo was later repaired and back in the air.

The one thing that Sam would like for everyone to know about him is that he is a heck of a nice guy, and boy do I agree. He would also like you to know that he's a member of the Deathwind Long Rifle Club whose members include several world champions. He loves to compete in the Black Powder Shoots but also enjoys shooting in the Cowboy Single Action Competition.

Sam has discovered that he has a talent for designing Hydro

Turbines for generating power. He will be involved in taking two turbines to India in February for installation.

I would like to wrap up by saying if you have never met Sam, do so. You're missing out if you don't. For those of you who do know Sam, give him a shout and chat for a few. You won't be sorry. Sam is such a great and easy person to talk with. He truly enjoys sharing his knowledge and experiences with others and helping fellow aviators. His knowledge is so broad, from fabric covering to designing turbines; he is a true asset to all of us and our chapter.

Thanks for reading and remember, "Every day is a good day, some are just better than others".

—Bob Boyd



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