



*Paul Fincato*

## 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.

- February 15, 2011:  
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,  
520 Heath Road, Heath
- March 15, 2011:  
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,  
520 Heath Road, Heath
- April 19, 2011:  
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,  
520 Heath Road, Heath

*Chris Andersson*



## Member's Wing

*by Robert Boyd*

**Project Gemini**—is alive and well in Newark. This month we have a double header. Chapter members Chris Anderson and Paul Fincato have teamed up to form “Project Gemini”. I had a great time getting to know these two guys and talking about their projects.

Chris and Paul have been friends since they were kids. One day Paul looked at Chris and said, “I want to build an airplane”. Chris, a pilot with experience home building, who had owned several planes over the years, gave the only logical response, “OK”. So Project Gemini was formed.

Chris and Paul are each scratch building KR Super 2's from plans using mostly composite construction. Their decision to build together stemmed from the philosophy that together, they could work through the challenges and keep each other motivated. They really seem to have it together—they are very organized, from the composite work down to the project documentation. They have

about two years in the projects and are around 60% complete.

When it comes time for the power plants, Chris is leaning towards the Continental O-200 while Paul is

considering the Jabiru 3300. Now this is just my opinion and I may be wrong, but, as Paul was saying Jabiru, I could have sworn his eyes were saying, 12-cylinder Rolls.

Chris has been married to his wife, Debbie, for seven years and they have three children, Alex, Austin and Ashley. Chris holds a Private Pilot rating and has owned several aircraft over the years.

He also has experience with home building.

Paul and his wife Toni have been married for five years and have two children, Crystal and Trisha. Paul is currently a student working toward his Private Pilot rating.

Both Chris and Paul developed an interest in flying at an early age. Chris's father and grandfather loved flying and building and flying models. Paul also grew up building and flying models and enjoyed being around flyers.

Chris was flying his Cessna 150 with Paul over a field where his

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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).

- Feb. 6th (first Sunday), was to be Urbana, but weather didn't cooperate.
- Feb. 19th (3rd Saturday), depart (VTA) at 10:30 a.m. for The Warehouse Restaurant, Roscoe Village, Richard Downing (I40).
- Mar 6th (1st Sunday) depart (VTA) @ 10:30 for Marion Municipal Airport.
- Mar 19th (3rd Saturday), depart (VTA) at 9:00 a.m. for Urbana Grimes Field (I74) for lunch, maybe a peek at their B-24?

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***Come Fly With Chapter 402!***

father and others were flying models. Chris's father pointed to the sky and with fatherly pride announced, "That's my son up there. He's a pilot and owns his own airplane." At that moment a roll of toilet paper came streaming out a window of the 150. His father just lowered and shook his head.

One of Paul's most exciting memories was his first solo. He recalls thinking, WOW, I'm the only person who can bring this thing down and land it in one piece. And he did, and very well. Paul also talked about an event that raised his heart rate while flying with a friend. The friend aborted a take off and screamed off the end of the runway. No injuries or damage occurred but the thought of what could have happened was enough to raise anyone's heart rate.

Chris described one of his best memories and one of his heart racing ones. Once with an instructor flying during low cover, the instructor climbed and broke through the clouds into blue sky and bright sunlight. Chris said it was a breathtaking experience for him. He went on to describe an event that happened to him in one of his planes, kept at Mt Vernon. Right after take off he noticed the

lack of a server control. He was forced to circle using only rudder and landed using only trim. He discovered that a wire feeding the intercom had come loose and tangled around a bolt on the controls, causing the control loss.

Chris loves flying and working on the project. He also loves photography. He used to do wedding photography and still travels with a camera.

Paul is a jack of all trades but is an expert with electronics and computers. He also loves flying and working on the project.

Paul and Chris invite us to check out their web site and watch the progress of "Project Gemini" at [www.krsuper2builders.com](http://www.krsuper2builders.com).

If you get a chance drop in and check them out. For all of you home builders, let them know who you are and what you are working on. They would love to know our chapter's builders and projects.

I wish I could have spent more time talking with these guys—I could learn a lot about aviation and home building. One thing's for sure; just hanging out with these two would be a lot of fun.

—Bob Boyd



## **We Want Your Input!**

**It is a short month and our meeting is on the 15th. It is not too early to start coming up with ideas for our fly-in. We'll be picking a date soon so we can get our notification out in advance. If you have ideas for the fly-in please plan to attend or share via e-mail.**

## **International Learn to Fly Day—May 21**

**Last May, EAA members, chapters, and other aviation enthusiasts introduced the wonder of flight to more than 40,000 people at 450 local events during the first International Learn to Fly Day. Mark your calendars and start making plans for the second annual event, Saturday, May 21, 2011.**

## **Dues are Due**

**Annual Chapter dues (\$12.00 year individual and \$18.00 family) are now due. Mail a check to EAA402, 520 Heath Rd, Heath, Ohio 43056.**

## **Minutes of January 18, 2011 EAA 402 Meeting**

The meeting, held at the clubhouse, was called to order by President Michael Harris at 7:00pm. There were fourteen members present. The meeting was opened, as always, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Secretary:** Minutes of the December meeting were accepted as printed in the January newsletter on motion by Larry Arnold, second by Charlie Rhoads and vote of the members present.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Larry Arnold gave his report. Starting balance: \$2372.22. Donations to Utility Fund: \$18.00. Dues paid for 2011: \$36.00. Key Deposit: \$2.00. Money collected for Christmas Dinners: \$210.00. Expenses paid\*: \$531.41. Ending balance: \$2234.43. Utility Reserves: \$225.56. Young Eagles reserves \$0.00. \*Includes \$321 for National EAA dues and insurance. Treasurer's report was accepted on motion by Rollie Bailey, second by Bob Marriott and vote of the members present.

The treasurer said his books for 2010 are open to anyone who would care to audit them and, in fact, encouraged us to have someone do so. Bob Boyd volunteered himself and his wife Terri, who is also a chapter member, to do the audit.

Larry reported that 28 members from last year's roster have not paid dues for 2011 and he will be "sending them an invoice."

**Newsletter:** Bob Boyd reported that he has interviewed Chris Anderson and Paul Fincato for an article in a future issue of the newsletter. Chris and Paul are both building Super KR-2S's.

**Website:** Our webmaster, Gary Kurtz, reports he is investigating the National's offer of free web hosting. He wants to make sure we can put up all our photos. The Peter Bergher challenge would make the free web hosting possible.

**Membership:** No report.

**Airport board:** No report.

### **Old Business**

Michael passed out copies and explained the chapter renewal agreement which he recently completed and returned to National headquarters.

### **New Business**

Calendar for the year was discussed:

- EAA 402 Fly-In, date TBD  
(Date for the Fly-In and decision as to whether we should or should not have YE flights at the fly-in should be set at next meeting.)
- EAA 402 Yard Sale, date TBD  
(Jack Maki volunteered to contact Roy Hurt to see if he would manage a chapter yard sale this year.)
- IYED (International Young Eagles Day), June 11
- Additional YE rally date TBD



## Clubhouse Utilities

**Our modest club dues do not cover annual utilities. Donations to the utility fund are always welcome. Donate at a meeting or mail to Treasurer Larry Arnold.**

- EAA AirVenture, July 25-31
- MERFI (Mid-Eastern Regional Fly-In), Sept. 10/11 at Grimes

**Chapter Ball Caps:** Secretary reported that our inventory of red hats is very low, two to be exact. Tom volunteered to get estimates for new caps by next meeting.

### Fly-Out Report

Rollie Bailey reports fly-out January 2nd to Grand Lake (CQA) – 8 aircraft and 21 souls made this trip. Rollie reports a great meal and great camaraderie at Bella's Restaurant in Celina, right on the lake. A full report is in the January newsletter.

Fly-out January 15th was scheduled to go to Portsmouth (PMH) for breakfast but weather caused the mission to be scrubbed. Several members gathered at the local Bob Evans as an alternative.

Fly-out February 6th is scheduled to Urbana-Grimes (I74) and February 17th to Coshocton (I40) for lunch at the Warehouse restaurant in Roscoe Village. Watch for details in the newsletter and by email announcements.

Rollie asked if there might be any interest in an overnight fly out. The subject will be discussed further at a future meeting.

**50/50 drawing** was won by Rollie Bailey. Rollie donated his winnings to the treasury.

*Minutes respectively submitted by  
Secretary Tom McFadden*



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