



Larry Arnold

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.

- March 15, 2011:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
520 Heath Road, Heath
- April 19, 2011:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
520 Heath Road, Heath
- May 17, 2011:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
520 Heath Road, Heath

Photos on this page by Bob Boyd.

Member's Wing

by Robert Boyd

Larry Arnold, AKA: Super Trooper, AKA: Attorney at Large, AKA: Maxwell Smart, currently impersonating a retired guy.

Larry currently holds his private pilot rating and was last seen flying reporter Bob to Parkersburg in his 1979 Piper Archer for breakfast. His theory, feed the reporter and he will say nice things.

In all honesty, Larry is one of the nicest guys I have ever come across. Everyone that I have spoken with agrees. His friendship and dedication to Chapter 402 are greatly appreciated by all.

recently flew us to Parkersburg for breakfast and back and we only clipped one tree. I was feeling pretty sad for that poor squirrel but Larry figured that the hair on its tail would grow back in a few weeks. Boy that was one P'D off critter. I didn't know that squirrels could flip a person off. It was some sight.

Larry's piloting skills are superb. He always errs on the side of caution and I felt extremely comfortable flying with him on the controls. He loves spending time flying and shared one of his most memorable flights. It was his first long distance cross-country and he was accompanied by his wife, Valinda. They flew from Newark to Spirit of St. Louis to visit their daughter. Larry stated that this was his first trip into class B airspace and communication with a controller. On the return trip they ran into marginal VFR conditions due to rain. Larry stated that it was a little exciting and that it was a real confidence booster. He was grateful for having shared this trip with his wife.

Larry considers himself to be the luckiest man on the face of

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Larry and his wife, Valinda, have been married for twenty three years. They have four children that Larry and Valinda are very proud of. Larry said all four kids turned out great.

Larry has wanted to fly since he was sixteen years old, but, like many of us, had the time but not the

money. Not long ago he realized that he now had the money but is running out of time. He now holds his private pilot rating and does a fantastic job at the controls. He

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Feb 19th Fly-out—Roscoe Village

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).

- Mar 5th (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-17?
- April 3th (1st Sunday) depart (VTA) — details TBD.
- April 16th (3rd Saturday), depart (VTA) — details TBD.

The photos below were taken by Charlie Rhoades during his last trip to Urbana, and show the progress on the B-17 as of that time.



Carl Oblinger took these photos during the February third Saturday fly-out to Historic Roscoe Village. (Is Bob.... shopping?)

Two aircraft carrying eight people departed VTA: a Cessna 182 and Cherokee “235” for Richard Downing Airport (I40) at 10:30 a.m. for brunch.

I secured transportation down to Roscoe Village to eat at the Warehouse Restaurant. Food was delicious and the company was even better.

Charlie Rhoades and his wife Cathy, guest Joe Furbee and fiancée Chris. Rollie, Bob Marriot, Carl Oblinger, and Bob Bennet. Carl has some nice pics! *Rollie Bailey*



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the earth. He lives in a great country, has the most wonderful wife and four fantastic kids. He is also thankful for having good health. Larry said if he were to die tomorrow, he would have no complaints.

Thanks for a great ride my friend and for the privilege of calling you my friend. I think that I can speak for all of our chapter members when I say thanks for your dedication to our chapter and being such a great guy.

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



Close Calls: Lessons Learned

Wed. March 16, 7:00 PM

**Courtyard West
2350 Westbelt Drive
Columbus, OH 43228**

All of us have made mistakes, some more serious than others. The key is learning from those mistakes. Close Calls: Lessons Learned is a new seminar from the Air Safety Institute featuring real pilots telling their real stories. You'll see a CFI and his student tell the story of losing a prop in flight. A Bonanza pilot talks of surviving a crash in Oregon. Plus a few other harrowing stories. You will not want to miss this seminar.

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.

Minutes of February 15, 2011 EAA 402 Meeting

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

Secretary: Minutes of the January, 2011 meeting were accepted as printed in the February, 2011 newsletter on motion by Rollie Bailey, seconded by Larry Arnold and passed by the members present.

Treasurer: Treasurer Larry Arnold apologized for not having a detailed report ready for the meeting but said the balance in the treasury is about \$2200.00. Larry reports that there are only seven members that have not paid their dues for 2011. Barney Kemter motioned to accept Larry's abbreviated report. Bob Marriott seconded the motion and the members passed it.

Newsletter: No report as the editor was unable to make the meeting due to business. Michael Harris commented that the January issue was well done as usual.

Website: Our webmaster, Gary Kurtz, reports he has been working to make the pictures open a bit more reliably after hearing that a few members have had minor difficulties opening some of them.

Membership: Dale suggests we could start contacting new pilots as they finish their primary training and their pictures go up on the bulletin board in the FBO.

Airport Board: Bill Corban reported several items:

- 1) Boeing, the contractor at COATC, is planning to rent the vacant Koch building at the West end of the field. Boeing will require security at the building and therefore it will not be available to the airport for parking snowplows and other vehicles and equipment.
- 2) Rebuilding of the runway is still in the plan and will require the airport to be closed for some time.
- 3) No decision has been made about lengthening the runway. The 3 degree glide slope problem exists on the east end and the road is in the way on the west end. There also has been no action about getting the trees trimmed on the approach end of runway 9.
- 4) Bill also reported that someone else wants to build a private hangar on the airport. Under the terms of the lease, the hangar will belong to the airport after twenty years.

Old Business

- Fly-In planning: Secretary suggested August 27th for the date and, after some discussion, it was agreed this would be the date. It was agreed that we would not fly Young Eagles at the event but would invite the public to come out for breakfast and we would take registrations for YE fights on other dates. There was some discussion about what we might do at the fl-in such as aircraft display, projects on display or some sort of ground school but no decisions were made. Secretary will put the event on the EAA and AOPA calendars and file the event with

Editor Attends WAI Spirit of Columbus Charter Meeting

I had the pleasure of attending the first meeting of a new central Ohio chapter of Women in Aviation International. The meeting was held at Don Scott Airport, and was attended by 12 women with impressive and diverse resumes. Commercial pilots, CFIs, and a classical pianist with a tail-dragger endorsement will serve as charter members of the *Spirit of Columbus Chapter of Women in Aviation*. Susan Reid will be delighted to learn that the group was unanimous in selecting the chapter name that honors her sister Jerry Mock's accomplishment.

Please encourage anyone interested in Women in Aviation to contact me for more information. *Wendy*

Carl Oblinger took this photo while turning base at Newark/Heath Airport.



EAA for insurance coverage at the appropriate time. Secretary will also place the Young Eagles Rally scheduled for June 11th on the EAA calendar.

- Chapter Ball Caps: The secretary is in charge of getting quotes for new ball caps with the embroidered logo. Tom has done considerable research and sent inquiries but has not yet received a quote. Tom will have the information at the next meeting.
- Yard Sale: Jack Maki has talked to Roy Hurt and Roy agreed to head up a yard sale this spring. Roy suggests that we begin to collect good, sellable items and store them in the chapter's T-hangar. He will try to schedule the yard sale to coincide with the neighborhood yard sale.

New Business

- Michael announced that May 21st is International Learn to Fly Day.
- Rollie suggested that we try to bring some of the older, inactive chapter members to a meeting for a visit and some recognition. Rollie will try to contact Ropy McGrew and bring him to a future meeting.

Fly-Outs

Rollie Bailey reports: The last Fly-out was cancelled due to weather.

The Fly-Out Saturday morning, February 19th is to Coshocton (I40) where the flyers will take the courtesy car and drive to Roscoe Village and have lunch at the Warehouse Restaurant. Depart VTA at 10:30 AM.

The Fly-Out Sunday morning, March 6th is planned for Marion, Ohio (MNN). Depart VTA at 10:30AM.

The Fly-Out Saturday morning, March 19th is planned for Urbana-Grimes (I74) for breakfast and maybe a chance to look at the B-17 WWII bomber that is being restored there. Depart VTA at 9:00AM.

Announcements

Barney Kemter announced that his grandson, in Texas, has just had his first logged flight lesson. The boy is only eight years old and took the lesson with a CFI in the boy's father's Piper Cherokee. The father is away in Iraq.

50/50 drawing was won by Gary Kurtz. Gary donated his winnings to the utility fund. A total of \$31 went into the treasury.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Minutes respectively submitted by Secretary Tom McFadden

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