



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.

- May 17, 2011:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
520 Heath Road, Heath
- June 21, 2011:
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- July 19, 2011:
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The Clubhouse is at the Newark/Heath Airport (VTA) South of the Indian Mound Mall. Heath Road is off State Route 79, which can be accessed from I70 or Route 16.

ABOVE: En route to Brunswick, BELOW: N2591R in front of Brunswicks Civilian FBO



From Navy Base to a Great New Place . . .

by Guest Contributor Charlie Rhoads

After serving 4 years at Groton, CT on my first submarine, USS SEA ROBIN (SS407), I received orders for my first shore duty assignment. I was transferred to Naval Air Station, Brunswick, ME, in August of 1958.

Growing up in Newark, OH during WWII, I often watched Army aircraft fly over my grandfathers home, which was located on a hill. I came to know all of the planes, bombers, fighters and the lot. I built models and since metal was scarce, assembled cardboard B-17's and P-40's. So I was assigned shift supervisor in the communications center building located right next to the 8000 ft runways at Brunswick. You couldn't miss the engine noise from the P-2V Neptune anti-sub aircraft as they roared down the runways heading out on patrol during the cold war. My time there ended 2 years later (1960) when I was transferred to Radioman B school.

I continued to maintain contacts with the many friends that I made, and was surprised to hear that the Navy was closing the base in 2005. The redevelopment authority worked with the Navy to transition the base to civilian use. The turnover came to fruition on April 2nd, 2011 when, at 1pm, Brunswick Executive Airport (BXM) opened for civilian aircraft.

I had planned for this weekend for over a year. Cathy and I flew to Groton, CT on May 29th to visit my son and grandson. On May 30th, I flew my Grandson, Branden, for his first flight as a Young Eagle. Then on April 2nd my son, Scott, Joe Furbee and I flew from Groton to Wiscasset, ME (KIWI) until it was time to fly to BXM. (It was a 2 hour flight from GON). Brunswick had a 6" snowfall the night before and the staff worked all night to clear one 8000 ft runway and the ramp.

The comm circuit was very busy with initially about 10 aircraft maneuvering to land at BXM. We were the 3rd to land, behind the redevelopment director, then the FBO Manager, and old N2591R. A total of 18 aircraft did land and participate in the ceremonies.

Numerous dignitaries spoke during the opening ceremonies, a ribbon cutting was completed, and then a reception with cake and coffee was held.

The Navy had built this huge, new hanger one year before closing the base.

After about 2 ½ hours on the ground, we again were airborne for GON. (Flying time only 2 hours.) Very windy conditions, a direct crosswind made for an interesting

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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).

- May 21st (3rd Saturday) is Learn to Fly Day! Bring a friend and depart VTA @ 8:00 am for Wheels and Wings Festival VNW Van Wert, OH. There will be food at the show all day, 9-5.
- June 5th (1st Sunday) depart VTA @ 10:30 am for Franklin PA (FKL) for brunch.
- June 18th (3rd Saturday) depart VTA @ 8:00 a.m. for Delaware Oh. (DLZ) for breakfast. Comon' Tail Draggers—This is one of your favorites!

HAS Open House—May 14

Chuck and Katie Snook shared this news.... The HSA Open House is May 14 at the Fairfield County Airport. The rain date is May 15. Mark your calendars!

Dates of Note

HSA Open House
Fairfield County Airport..... May 14
International
Learn to Fly Day May 21
Hale's Fly-in and
Lunch (2WV3) June 4
International
Young Eagles Day..... June 11
Airventure (Oshkosh).... July 25–31
VTA Fly-in/Pancake
Breakfast Aug 27
Lee Bottom Flying Field
Fly-in..... Sept 24



Fly-out Report

April AND May Showers . . .

Both the April 16th and May 1st fly-outs were cancelled due to bad weather. A few sunny days were sprinkled in over the last month and hopefully some of you got up in the air!

Remember the 21st is fly a friend (adult) day across the country. We are planing on the trip to Van Wert. Let us know if you can join us, and bring a friend!

Blue skies always,
Your # 402 fly-out coordinator
Rollie Bailey

Photos by Carl Oblinger remind us that sunny days for fly-outs are just around the corner!
ABOVE: Jan 2, 2011, **BELOW:** May 15, 2010



Crew Chief's Corner

How are your innertubes?

We all know to check our tires prior to flight, right? However, they're only as good as your hard working innertubes. Considering they keep tires round for every type of landing experience, they are the hidden insurance policy that take a lot of abuse. Don't know when they were last replaced? Pay a premium now and know for sure.

Dale Ratcliff, A&P

International Learn to Fly Day May 21, 2011

Mark your calendar for the second annual International Learn To Fly Day. The goal is to involve the entire aviation community and bring aviators together with those who have the dream of flight to show and encourage them to take that next step toward becoming a pilot.

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takeoff and we dodged snow filled clouds on the return trip. Brunswick's first fly-in is June 4th and their first Great State of Maine Airshow is scheduled for August 26th–28th, 2011.

It was a great trip and mission accomplished. God is Great!!

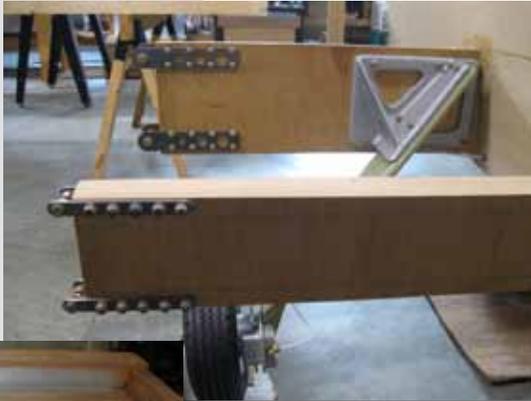
RIGHT: Maine Senator Olympia Snowe speaking at opening of Brunswick Executive Airport

Photos by Charlie Rhoads.



Member's Wing

by Robert Boyd



Bob Bennett



I made a new friend today. That is, as long as chapter member Bob Bennett doesn't mind my calling him my friend. Bob is the type of person that makes you feel like you have been friends for a while even though you just met for the first time.

Bob and his late wife, Vivienne, were married for a wonderful forty five years. His two daughters, Charlene and Elizebeth and son Terrence have provided him with several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Bob is extremely proud of his entire family.

Bob's interest in flying began when he was just a boy. He said that he loved to watch biplanes. He recalled a time when he and one of his buddies built a biplane using old barn lumber. Building model airplanes using balsa and powering them with rubber bands kept Bob busy as a boy.

Bob is a veteran of WWII and Korea. At the age of seventeen he joined the air force as a cadet and was eventually sent to college in Michigan in the ASTRP program. At the age of eighteen he was inducted into the air force and sent to Mississippi. Later on he was sent to Germany where he was

stationed at a BMW plant. During the Korean War he was stationed in Japan.

Bob received his Private Pilot rating at the age of seventy two and has logged over two hundred hours. His current project is a KR2S that he is scratch building from plans and is using mostly wood and some composite. The fuselage is well under way and is sitting on the landing gear. Boy, the quality of craftsmanship really shows in this bird. Every joint and detail displays Bob's skills as a builder. His engine choice is going to be a VW based engine.

Bob's most memorable experiences are the ones taking family or friends up for a ride. He recalled a time when his brother-in-law and wife were visiting and he took them up for a ride during the 9/11 incident, unaware that all private and commercial aircraft were grounded!

One experience that Bob shared that was a little nerve racking was on a trip to Grand Rapids. He got socked in due to weather and had to stay the night. After taking off the next day he found himself heading straight into a sky that kept

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Photos by Bob Boyd.

getting darker and darker. He opted to do the safe thing and find a nearby place to set down for a while. His GPS provided him with several choices. He landed at a nearby airport just before the weather let loose. On the ground he met several other pilots who had made the same decision.

If you would like to see a fine example of craftsmanship and a KR2S in the building stage, give Bob a call. I am sure that he would welcome a chance to show his project and to share some of his building experiences.

I would like to thank Bob for his time and for giving me a fresh shot of inspiration and energizing

my passion to build. Since my time with Bob I have been really pumped up and can't wait to get started on a project of my own.

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



Minutes of April 19, 2011 EAA 402 Meeting

The meeting, held at the clubhouse, was called to order by President Michael Harris at 7:00pm. There were eighteen members present. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Michael welcomed all, especially new members Dick Perdue and Malcolm McFadden.

Secretary: Minutes of the March 2011 meeting were accepted as printed in the April 2011 newsletter on motion by Rollie Bailey, seconded by Dan Glaze and passed by the members present.

Treasurer: Treasurer Larry Arnold gave the financial report. Starting balance: \$2,036.57. Donations to Utility Fund: \$263. Dues paid for 2011: \$36. Expenses paid: \$494.23. Ending balance: \$1841.34. **Utility Reserves:** \$182.15. Young Eagles reserves \$0.00. Motion to accept the report was made by Bill Corban, seconded by Jesse Ours and passed by the members. The treasurer also reported that the chapter has received a \$500 donation from VFW Post 1060 for use in our YE program. The secretary will write a thank you letter.

Newsletter Editor: Wendy thanked Bob Boyd for his contributions to the newsletter in the Member's Wing column. The members said they enjoy the column and applauded Bob for his efforts.

Web Editor: Gary was not present at the meeting but Rollie spoke about the effectiveness of the chapter's website. Rollie mentioned that he has been contacted by pilots from other areas that check our website to see where we are flying to on our fly-outs so they can meet us there.

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For Sale: DARING FLIGHT, a video about Louis Bleriot's first flight across the English Channel. \$10 each. Proceeds go to the chapter treasury. Thanks to George Schweighofer for donation of the videos.

New caps are in and are available at meetings for \$12.00.



Thanks! Send More!

Thanks to everyone who contributes material to the 402 newsletter!

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Visit our site at www.EAA402.org

Wendy and Dale invite you to join them at the Hale's Landing Fly-in...

June 4 • Hale's Landing Fly-in • 2WV3



June 4, 2011

Hale's Landing Airpark (2WV3) • Elizabeth, WV
Fly-in • Lunch is at noon

Friday night camping and Saturday morning breakfast is available—
contact us for details.

For information contact Ed Delancey at 304-275-2090 or delanceyed@aol.com, or Steve Radabaugh at 304-488-8408. If you're driving please bring a folding or lawn chair. An RSVP would be appreciated if you plan to camp or attend breakfast.



Driving Instructions: Parkersburg, WV, I-77 to Exit 174, East on Route 47 for 13 miles, turn RIGHT at Newark Road and go 2 miles, turn LEFT at Hale's Landing (the 2nd and 3rd driveways after Fought's General Store)

Antique Aircraft on field and encouraged to attend.
Hanger tours available on request.

Airport Board: Bill Corban reported that the last board meeting was rescheduled for April 28th. Bill also said the runway rebuild is still going forward and the engineering firm is working on the plan. He acknowledged that the taxiway to 27 is “thumping” but nothing is likely to be done soon as the taxiway will be relocated when the runway is rebuilt. Some users are back-taxiing from the ramp to 27 to avoid the roughness of the taxiway.

Old Business

June 11th Young Eagles Rally:

- Secretary asked for approval of the event posters and passed them out for the members to copy and post in the communities.
- Secretary reported that the EAA event insurance has been secured.
- Michael asked for volunteer pilots and will be in touch with others that were not in attendance.

Ball Caps:

- The secretary reported having received the new black ball caps and showed them off. A price of \$12 was set on the caps.

Yard Sale:

- No date set. Jack will check with Roy. Dick Perdue, Bob Boyd and others reported having “stuff” for the sale. Members should take their items to the T-Hangar. Contact the Secretary to get into the T-Hangar.
- Dan Glaze is giving a nice radio control plane and engine to the chapter for the yard sale. Dan says the plane is a Hangar 9 Cub with approximately 103” wingspan and a 23cc engine and it is IMAA legal. Dan says we can sell at the yard sale or find a buyer otherwise but the plane should bring a good price.

Young Eagles Credits:

- Michael reported that the CAP has not responded to our offer to use our Young Eagle pilot credits for sending a cadet to the EAA Air Academy. Michael will contact the CAP again.
- There was a lengthy discussion concerning our up-coming Fly-In breakfast and many good ideas were put forth. We will not fly young eagles at this event therefore all members will be able to fully participate in the fly-in and meet and greet visiting pilots and the public. It was suggested that we put on display as many planes and projects as possible. Dan will have on display the Corvair engine and other parts of his CH-750 project. It was agreed that we need good local publicity and enticing activities to bring the public in since there will not be the draw of YE flights.

New Business

None

Fly-Outs

Rollie Bailey reports:

- The Fly-Out April 17th to Franklyn PA was cancelled due to rain.

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President's Note

Ten years ago I began my flying lessons to fulfill a childhood dream. Like many pilots, I thirsted for sources of information to learn by and enhance my learning and experience. I joined AOPA and EAA for the resources both provided to general aviation pilots. Each organization contributes to my knowledge and provides opportunities for me to be a better pilot.

Then I discovered the EAA Chapter. It's here you find others with similar afflictions; a drive to tempt fate and gravity to master the multi dimensions of the sky, to be in control of an air ship, to commute at great speed or just lumber and take in the bird's eye view. Some want to build their own ships. Some are content to fly the time proven factory models. Whatever your taste, it is a great camaraderie and atmosphere for continued learning and fun.

A special note of thanks to Rollie for taking care of the grill and clean up following the severe weather in Heath and to Carl for providing the meat and his skills on the grill at our meetings. Much appreciated!!

Michael Harris

- The Fly-Out Sunday, May 1st will be to OKK in Indiana and a visit to the Kokomo Auto Museum. There is a \$5.00 charge for entrance to the museum. Depart VTA at 10:00A.M.
- The Fly-Out scheduled for May 21st will be to Van Wert, Ohio (VNW) and the "Wings and Wheels" fly-in. Depart VTA at 8:00 A.M. Rollie reminds us that this is the date of the International Learn to Fly Day and this is an opportunity to take a friend or acquaintance on a long introductory flight.
- Rollie mentioned that he is planning a fly-out to the USAF Museum this year. Dick Perdue suggested landing at Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport (MGY) and using their courtesy car.

Project Reports

Dan Glaze reported on the progress he has made in building his Zenith CH-750. He has the Corvaire engine heads back and, in fact, brought one head to the meeting for all to see. The heads were rebuilt by an expert. They have inconel valves and valve rotators. Dan says there are many Corvaire engines powering homebuilt aircraft and, to date, there have been no in-the-air failures.

Announcements

- Michael reminded the members of International Learn to Fly Day, May 21st. The intent of this program is to introduce someone to flight who is interested in aviation but has not had, or taken, the opportunity to fly in a small plane.
- Dan related his experience at Sun-n-Fun this year. He and his wife arrived by auto just as the tornado hit the grounds. They were unable to get into Sun-n-Fun until a couple of days later.
- Larry passed along information about gunnery activity at Camp Perry and posted on the bulletin board.
- Larry also mentioned Operation LAMB (leave-a- magazine-behind) and encourages us all to leave copies of aviation magazines in places like barber shops and libraries, etc, as a means of recruiting.

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Drawing was won by Bernie Volpe. Bernie donated his winnings to the utility fund. A total of \$26 goes into the treasury.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2030.

The next meeting is May 17th .

Minutes respectively submitted by Secretary Tom McFadden

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