

Member's Wing

by Robert Boyd

Ralph Brandon

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.

- August 16, 2011:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
520 Heath Road, Heath
- September 20, 2011:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
520 Heath Road, Heath
- October 18, 2011:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
520 Heath Road, Heath

Spending a little time each month for the past six months talking with our chapter members has shown me that our chapter is made up of a lot of good people. People who are not only eager to help out fellow members with a project or problem but people who are caring and giving to anyone who is in need. Our fellow member Ralph Brandon, and his wife of 46 years, Carolyn, are a fine example of what I am talking about.

Ralph and Carolyn have one daughter, Marianne, and a son, Mark. They have four grandchildren and love them all.

Ralph has been an EAA member for 34 years and currently has

his private single engine rating. His current aircraft is a Cessna 170B and he stated that he has over 700 hours logged.

Ralph's interest in flying began as a boy. Growing up north of Dayton where the traffic going into Wright Patterson went overhead, Ralph recalled enjoying watching all the

different planes. He also enjoyed watching all the different planes buzzing around during the Dayton Air Shows. Ralph stated that he began lessons and obtained his private rating while in collage.

Ralph once purchased a Junior Ace project from the chapter, but, after actually getting to sit in one up in Centerburg he realized that it just wasn't the airplane for him.

One memory which Ralph shared was the time that he purchased his 170. It was located is St.Louis and had been flown around the south as a demo for Cessna. He had great weather flying the 170 home which helped to make a wonderful memory.

One experience that Ralph shared that wasn't quite so wonderful was a time when he had the 170 parked at Newark. Someone taxied by too closely and clipped the rudder on his 170 causing extensive damage. Ralph had to rent a 172 to transport the repaired rudder to Cadiz for painting. During the return trip home he detoured around a rain shower and ended up finding himself farther north than where he thought that he should be. After studying the ground for a bit he eventually recognized a landmark

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Photos by Larry Arnold

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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).

- August 20 (3rd Saturday) depart VTA at 8:00 a.m. for the Vintage Breakfast Fly-in Delaware (DLZ).
- The 1st Sunday in September is Labor day weekend, so this is going to be an open date. Do your own thing!
- September 17th (3rd Saturday) depart VTA at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast at (I74) Urbana Grimes airport. We had a great turn out a few months back but some people couldn't make it.
- October 2nd (1st Sunday) depart Newark (VTA) @ 10:30 a.m. for the Bluebird Restaurant, Carrolton OH (TSO) for brunch.
- October 15th (3rd Saturday) depart Newark (VTA) @ 8:00 a.m. for US Airforce Museum Dayton OH (I19) Green Co. Airport for lunch. (Have breakfast before you arrive at Newark so we can return at a decent hour.)

Dates of Note

VTA Fly-in/Pancake Breakfast Aug 27
Fly-in Lunch at Hale's Landing Sept 17
Lee Bottom Flying Field Fly-in..... Sept 24

Visit to CMH tower

Tom McFadden

Wednesday, July 20th, twelve members and friends of Chapter 402 were treated to a tour of the radar room and cab of the Port Columbus tower. Attending were Charlie and Cathy Rhoads, Dan and Jane Robins, Will Presley and guest, Larry Arnold and guest Vern David Rausch, Jesse Ours, Barney Kemter, Malcolm and Tom McFadden. Larry, Vern and Jesse flew over in the Piper Archer and parked at Lane Aviation.

Larry coordinated the tour with CMH ATC controller Dean Walter. Dean was our speaker at last December's meeting and was presented with a complementary EAA membership at that time.

Initially Dean addressed the twelve visitors in a conference room and briefed us on the merger of Dayton and southwest Ohio into the Columbus control area. This merger greatly increased the daily activity of the Columbus controllers. Visitors were then split into two groups and Dean conducted one tour and another controller, Tim Barnard, conducted the other. Each group had approximately twenty minutes in the radar room and twenty minutes in the tower cab. We all enjoyed the visit and came away with a greater understanding of the Air Traffic Control System. (Malcolm was thrilled with his visit to the cab and asked "can I live here?")

Larry says: "Dean Walter and Tim Barnard were very informative and did an excellent job. I think everyone enjoyed themselves."



Fly-out Report

Saturday, July 16

Three aircraft departed Newark at 8:00-8:30 a.m. Michael Harris and wife Cheryl in the Cessna 172, Dick Purdue and wife Gay in his Cessna 152, Rollie and his wife Marie, daughter Lacey, and Carl Oblinger in the Cherokee "235". The weather was beautiful and Carl has some pictures to share. We all had some delicious sea food while taking in the sights.



Saturday, August 6

The plan was to fly to Portsmouth for "Roy Rogers Day", but the weather didn't cooperate. Instead Cathy and Charlie Rhoads and Rollie and Carl flew to Coshocton for breakfast. Luckily, Ol' Roy Rogers stopped by VTA for a photo op with the gange!

Blue skies always,
Your # 402 fly-out coordinator

Rollie Bailey



Ralph

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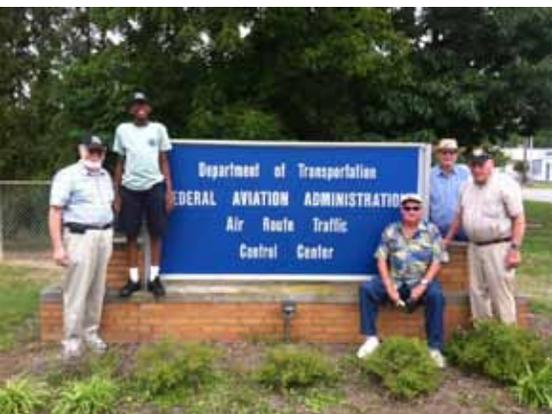
and was able to make it home without spending too much more time in the air than if he had taken the “direct route”. This was one of those “if I just fly to the Appleton VOR I’ll be OK but I wonder where the @#% I am right now” moments.

Something that you may not know about Ralph is that he and Carolyn have been helping people for their whole lives. For the past twelve years they have spent four to six weeks each summer, in two week intervals, as coordinators for forty to sixty volunteers building new homes for people who have lost theirs. Their work is done through their Methodist Church and they are currently working in Frakes, Kentucky.

The next time you are at the monthly meeting or attending an event or fly out, take a moment to talk to one of the members that you may not know so well. You might be surprised.

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

Below: Cleveland Center Tour



Minutes of July 19 2011 EAA 402 Meeting

The meeting was held at George Fackler’s hideaway near Marne, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by President Michael Harris at 7:45 pm after the potluck dinner. George provided superbly cooked pork roast and brats, others brought excellent side dishes and desserts. There were twenty-two members and 10 guests present. Michael welcomed all and congratulated all for weathering the heavy rainfall that had accompanied the meal. George’s shelter house protected us well.

Secretary: The secretary asked for approval of the June minutes as printed in the July newsletter. Motion to accept was made by Jess Ours, seconded by Rollie Bailey and passed by the members.

Treasurer: Treasurer Larry Arnold gave a brief financial report and presented a detailed written report for the record. Starting balance: \$2426.06. Income: \$562.00. Expenses: \$53.24. Ending balance: \$2935.72. Utility Reserves: \$23.90. Young Eagles Reserves: \$270.27. It was noted that approximately \$700 has been committed to the purchase of a new furnace for the clubhouse. Motion to accept the report was made by Bill Corban, seconded by Bob Marriott and passed by the members.

Newsletter Editor: Wendy; Nothing to report. Michael mentioned that he had nominated Wendy to EAA for the annual Newsletter Editor award but was informed by letter from EAA that she was not selected. Michael observed that the competition is extremely strong.

Airport Board: Bill Corban reports that the rebuilding of the runway will be later than August.

Old Business:

- **Airport spruce up:** Larry Arnold reported on the success of the work party held on July 9th and thanked all the volunteers for the wonderful work they did. The windbreak in the entrance to the FBO was replaced. Front entrance trim was repainted. The Ladies restroom was painted and cabinets were installed. Wood work and trim at the rear entrance of the FBO was sanded and stained and/or painted. The landscaping on the South and East sides of the building was totally redone. Larry thanked George Fackler for providing the plan and materials for the landscaping. Repainting of the metal shed under the beacon tower was put off for another day.
- **FAA Tours:** Larry Arnold asked for anyone wanting to go on the CMH tower tour on July 20th or the Cleveland Center tour on August 2nd to please contact him ASAP.
- **Fly-In August 27th:** Michael said the decision has been made that we will do our own cooking instead of hiring a caterer. Larry is taking charge of planning the food and will call a planning meeting soon. Michael will arrange to borrow propane-heated griddles from the Granville Kiwanis. Bill Corban volunteered transport the griddles to and from the airport. [Editor’s note: this plan has changed. See page 4.]

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Fly-in Breakfast August 27

EAA 402's Fly-In/Drive-In pancake breakfast is Aug 27. Heritage Catering will prepare pancakes, eggs and sausage. Our chapter will provide coffee and juice.

Please bring aircraft and projects for display. We have also invited classic cars, Dream Big Flyers, and the Civil Air Patrol.

Our chapter will register Young Eagles (for flights Sept. 10th and 24th), distribute EAA general information, and sell hats, shirts and videos.

We'll need members for set up Friday evening at 5:00 pm and early Saturday so breakfast is ready at 8:00. Individuals are needed to monitor the CTAF and park aircraft. We expect the CAP will help with auto parking and pedestrian traffic, but our members should monitor this as well.

Thanks to those who helped organize this event. If you have ideas on how to improve the Fly-In breakfast please come to the next chapter meeting on August 16 or respond via e-mail. Every input is welcome.

Michael Harris

New Business: None

Fly-Outs Report

- Rollie Bailey reported on the July 16th Fly-Out to Put-n-Bay (3W2). Three planes went and they had a good flight and a good lunch.
- Jack Maki reported that, also on July 16th, five planes flew from Newark-Heath to Parr to attend the pancake breakfast there.
- Rollie reported that the first Sunday Fly-Out of August has been rescheduled to Saturday, August 6th, by request, in order that the participants may attend the 100th anniversary of Roy Rogers in Portsmouth. Departure from VTA will be at 0800. Eat breakfast on the field at PMH and proceed to downtown Portsmouth for the festivities. Rollie will arrange transportation.

Announcements

Michael shared with group an email he had received from Barney Kemter that Barney's wife has been diagnosed with colon cancer and that he, Barney, may need to miss some meetings and activities as he supports his wife.

George Fackler thanked all for coming to his hideaway and also sincerely thanked the chapter for performing the work to spruce up the FBO.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kenny Rauch, seconded by Jack Maki and passed by the members. The meeting was adjourned at 2030. The next meeting is August 16th.

Minutes respectively submitted by Secretary Tom McFadden

Please visit the website to see many more great photos of the fly-outs and picnic! I'm sorry that I wasn't able to include more in this issue! *Wendy*

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Page 2, Roy Rogers, Coshocton Hummingbird, Put-n-Bay amphib: Carl Oblinger

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July 19 Picnic Success Despite Rain!



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