



Photo of N1538C by Greg Hitchens

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 18, 2014:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
520 Heath Road, Heath
- March 18, 2014:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
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- April 15, 2014:
EAA Chapter 402 Clubhouse,
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Editor's Apologies

I'm surprised again by a postal holiday the day before our meeting, even though there was one last month too! I apologize that you're receiving another late and brief newsletter, and apologize particularly to those of you who will receive it after our Tuesday, Feb 18th meeting. *Wendy Hollinger*

Will the Real "Stealth" Please Fly By

After owning a single engine Comanche for two years, I decided I had way too much money and should purchase a twin Comanche. After all, I am rated in a twin; it was only money; and **nothing flies like a Comanche!!!** Plus, my 'ole buddy Rollie (of "Baby Stealth" fame) had been teasing me about how slow my single was. I looked high and low in *Trade-a-Plane*, *Barnstormer* and *The Controller* to find the plane of my dreams. After weeks of searching vigorously and calling all over the country to obtain important facts about a possible purchase, I stumbled across N7433Y in *Barnstormer*. The great part—it was located in Akron, Ohio.

Quick trip in Larry Arnold's Archer, accompanied by ace instructor Arnie Hartman, and we were there. Recently overhauled and with new props, the 200 hour power plants were a no-brainer. It even had a Garman 430 and auto-pilot; fresh paing was gleaming. Climbing back into the Archer, I assumed I had the deal sewn up. I'd go back to Akron in three days to fly it, and close the deal within five days. On day three, I received a call from the broker who told me the plane had a depost on it and it was sold!!! "How can that be?!" I asked. "I thought we had a deal!" "Too little too late," he said.

Back to the computer I went. Nothing even came close to N7433Y. I was not a happy camper. Then several weeks went by and I received an email informing me the deal had fallen through! Long story short... back to Akron, flew N7433Y (only bouncing the slippery little thing twice), and bought it five days later. Was it fate? meant to be? Who knows!

Over Christmas, I flew to Butler PA to visit an old friend (err... a young long term friend; sorry!) The next morning I went to Butler Airport to leave, only to find the left engine starter would not engage. It was cold and the wind was a brisk 20 knots, plus the plane was covered with snow. This wasn't for me, and I drove home to Pickerington. Several days later the fearless trio of Hartman, Arnold and I returned to the scene of the crime. After trying unsuccessfully to start the left engine, I resorted to hand propping it. After pulling it through four times, everything was set; a mighty pull on the prop and the engine sprang to life—momentarily—and then died. Ace Instructor Hartman later admitted he forgot to push the mixture in! One flooding and twenty-five pulls later, the left engine finally cooperated and belched to life. Since then, a new Sky-TEC was installed.

Rollie should now know that I will be the one setting at the gas pumps waiting for him, not the other way around. The real "stealth" has arrived!

And by the way ... can anyone spare me a dime?

by Carl Braddock



The Editor regrets that at press time she was not in possession of a photo of Carl's new Twin, and has instead placed this photo of Rollie's Cherokee.

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).

- February 21, special fly-out to Celina (KCQA) for buffet lunch and “Branson on the Road” at Bearcreek Memories Dinner Theater. For information contact Charlie Rhoads.
- March 2 (1st Sunday) depart (VTA) @ 10:30 a.m. to Port Clinton (PCW) for brunch at The Tin Goose.
- March 15 (3rd Saturday) depart (VTA) @ 8:30 a.m. to Zanesville OH (ZZV) for breakfast at Denny’s.
- April 6 (1st Sunday) details to come, or contact Rollie.
- April 19 (3rd Saturday) details to come, or contact Rollie.

Notice: Fly-outs from December to April will be short due to the possibility of inclement weather.

Tell us about YOUR fly-out! Whether a special trip or just a great day of flying, share your story with others!

Dates of Note

Lunch & Show, Celina.....Feb 21
Women in Aviation Conference,
Orlando FL..... March 6–9
Sun ‘n Fun,
Lakeland FL..... April 1–6
Jerrie Mock Statue Unveiling &
50th Anniversary, CMH.... April 17
Lunch & Show, Celina..... June 27
EAA Airventure,
Oshkosh WI July 28–August 3

Jerrie Mock: 50th Anniversary Update

Sculpture Unveiling at CMH

Another bronze statue of Jerrie Mock is being created, and will be unveiled at Port Columbus International Airport on April 17, 2014. This statue will hold a globe detailing Jerrie’s route, with a star for Columbus. The Press Conference is by invitation only; if you’d like to receive an invitation let Wendy know and she’ll forward your address to organizers.

The unveiling will occur in the central area on the ticketing level, which will be the temporary location for the statue; it will be moved periodically during the terminal renovation. Eventually there will be an area dedicated to Legacies, where the statue will be permanently located, along with other Ohio and Aviation Legacies.

Donations are still being accepted through the Columbus Foundation.

Fly-Out Report

Weather still hasn’t been cooperating for fly-outs. If any have been made successfully, I’ve missed hearing about them. So here are some to look forward to!

February 21 & June 27: Fly-out for buffet and a show!

Members, I will be presenting Rollie with two choice fly-outs that I hope you’ll consider. Both are to Celina by the Lake, where we all had a great Italian meal on our last trip there. Bearcreek Memories Dinner Theater will be taking over the shows that were shown at Bearcreek Farms until last year. So, on Friday Feb 21st, Branson on the Road is performing and on June 27th, the Van-Dells (a 50’s group) will perform. Doors open at 11:30, buffet begins at 12:30 and the show is at 2 pm. This venue is only 6 miles North of the Celina airport, so we can fly up there and enjoy the festivities and fly back in daylight. For the Van-Dells (buffet and show with priority gold seat)

Call for News and Video Reels

Dale received a referral from Continental personnel at Oshkosh to the Producer of The Aviators, a fabulous documentary series that airs on Public Television. Wendy and Dale recently spoke with the producer about Jerrie’s story, to confirm and stimulate her interest.

The producer stressed that archival footage is critical to the documentary style, and if we can provide any, it will increase the likelihood that the story will be pursued. So they’re asking for your help locating ANY footage of Jerrie, whether news reel, home movies, etc., related to her around the world trip or any other flying or record setting experience. Please help by reaching out, asking others, and notifying Wendy if you have any leads.

Please visit www.38Charlie.com for details about upcoming events.

tickets are \$39. Celina is a good flight for tail-draggers, and if you don’t want to fly but would like to join us, it’s only a 2 hour drive from Newark.

I hope you’ll put these events on your calendar and plan to join me. For more information give me a call at (740) 641-6361.

Charlie Rhoads

Ernest Tubb (in this photo of a poster at the Country Music Hall of Fame) says “THANKS for letting Charlie be your Chapter president for 2014!”



Dues are Due

Annual chapter membership dues are \$12 per person or \$18 per family. If you haven't paid, mail to: Kenneth E. Hughes
75 Habersac Ave.
Pataskala, OH 43062

Minutes of January 21, EAA 402 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by new President Charlie Rhoads at 7:00 PM. There were 21 members and 1 visitor present. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Rhoads welcomed the members and visitor.

Secretary's Report: Several errors in the December minutes were pointed out and the secretary said he would correct them in the record. A motion to accept the minutes of the December 17th meeting was made by Bill Corban and seconded by Carl Braddock. The minutes were approved by the members.

Treasurer's Report: New treasurer Ken Hughes gave the financial report. The starting balance was \$2062.99. Income from dues paid: \$56.00. Income from donations: \$7.00. Paid for Christmas Dinners: \$120.00. Expenses paid: \$1401.95. Ending balance: \$842.12. Utility reserves: \$181.87. Young Eagles Reserves: \$64.93. Ending balance less reserves was \$595.32. Motion was made by Rollie Bailey, seconded by Jess Ours and passed by the members present.

Fly-Out Report: Rollie Bailey reported that the Saturday, January 18th Fly-out to Richard-Downey (I40) did not occur because of the weather. The 1st Sunday fly-out February 2nd is scheduled to depart VTA at 10:30AM for Salem (38D) for brunch.

Newsletter Editor: Wendy mentioned two items. One about Jim Baldwin and an article in the Fairfield newspaper submitted to her by Chuck Snook and the other about a statue of Jerrie Mock to be dedicated at Port Columbus on April 17th. Watch for more information in the newsletter on the dedication and on Wendy's future activities promoting Jerrie and the book *Three-Eight Charlie*. Wendy will speak at the Smithsonian Institution's Udvar-Hazey annex March 15th.

Website Editor: Gary Kurtz reminded the members that they can check the calendar on the chapter's website (www.EAA402.org/calendar) for Fly-Out schedules and other activities.

Airport Board: Bill Corban reported that there are two new members on the Airport Board, Brent Dewey and our own Rollie Bailey. Bill also informed us that the board has been informed that the FAA intends to begin to enforce their rule about notification of non-aviation events on airports. Bill will attempt to get more information on this for us.

General: Charlie Rhoads mentioned that dues are due for 2014 and observed that the utility fund is low. Please see the treasurer and get dues paid and all donations are welcome for the utility fund. Put donations in the jar or see the treasurer.

Someone mentioned that there is no hot water in the clubhouse and the problem has been traced to failure of the hot water heater. Bill Corban said he would get a plumber in to check it out.

Old Business: None

Builders' News

Builders:

We want to hear from you. Share your knowledge and progress, or frustrations and questions. Send articles and photos to the newsletter editor at wendy@phoenixgraphix.us or the web master at info@e-Kurtz.com, and present updates at our next chapter meeting.

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New Business:

- Larry Arnold took the floor and mentioned the poor state of affairs of the chapter's treasury and made suggestions for raising money. Larry's number 1 suggestion is that we collect and recycle aluminum cans and number 2 is a scrap metal drive. A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Dick Perdue that we all bring in aluminum cans and scrap metal to sell to a recycler. The motion was passed by the members. Cans and metal can be stored in the clubhouse until there is enough to take to the recycler which will probably be Crispin's scrap yard. Tom McFadden suggested we have a yard sale this spring but there seemed to be no interest in doing so and the matter was dropped.
- Larry brought up the subject of sleep apnea which has been in the aviation news recently. (FAA has announced that AMEs should determine from a pilot's body-mass-index (BMI) and neck circumference measurement if the pilot's BMI is over 40 and neck over 17" he/she must be tested for sleep-apnea. Sec.) Larry suggested that we all could probably afford to lose a few pounds we should have a weight loss program. Some interest was shown by the members and Larry produced a scales and recorded the weights of all those who wished to participate in the program.

Visitor: Rollie Bailey introduced our visitor, Steve Brown. Steve said he was a long time member of EAA Chapter 582 in the Cleveland Area but has moved to the Newark area. When asked if he has a plane Steve said yes, a few, but didn't elaborate except to say that he is building an RV14. Steve joined the chapter as the meeting concluded at 1930.

Minutes Submitted by Secretary Tom McFadden

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Visit the EAA 402 website for more fly-out photos and dates of note. Post a comment, or send information to:
Gary Kurtz, webmaster, at
info@e-Kurtz.com

2013 Awards

The 2013 award certificates and pins were handed out at the January meeting. Unclaimed items will remain in the clubhouse for member pickup.

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