



June 2024

Heart of Ohio  
EAA Chapter 402  
Newark-Heath, OH



C-P — “Columbus-Philadelphia #2” on the roof of the generator shed of the Airmail Beacon installation at Newark-Heath Airport (VTA). Airport board president Terry Treneff recently saw to the lettering and numbering which is the final touch to getting the beacon tower restored. As you may have read in the minutes, the board has been in the process of getting the beacon site registered as an Ohio Historical Site. TMc

Young Eagles Report—The YE Rally last Saturday, June 8th, was a great success thanks to the participation of the volunteer pilots and the ground crew volunteers. We had seven pilots flying and, of course, seven airplanes. We had a mix of pilots with YE experience, three having flown numerous events before, two having flown several events before and two flying kids for the first time in a Young Eagles event. However all pilots caught on to the procedures very quickly and all did a bang-up job. Thanks to all of you, and thanks to Dave Hall for recruiting the new YE pilots, Kevin Wheeler and Elijah Snow.

Here is the breakdown of the flight activity by the pilots:

	Kids	Plane	# Seats
Craig Bigrigg	7	C172	3 seats
Bill Corban	11	Cirrus	3 seats
David Hall	10	Bonanza	3 seats
Everett Moore	4	C150	1 seat
Elijah Snow	6	Piper Arrow	2 seats
Bernie Volpe	8	Piper Archer	3 seats
Kevin Wheeler	7	Piper Cherokee 140	3 seats

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### Chapter 402 Meeting Dates and Locations

Dates:

June 18, 2024

July 16, 2024

August 20, 2024

**Potluck at 6:15pm  
Meeting at 7:00pm.**

Location:

Chapter 402 Clubhouse  
(Unless otherwise announced)  
520 Heath Road  
Heath, Ohio 43056

Email: [EAA402@gmail.com](mailto:EAA402@gmail.com)

### Up coming events

**99's Air Race Classic stops at VTA June 18th-19th contact Wendy to help. 740-587-1659**

Pancake Breakfast—Canceled

**August 24th—Wings and Wheels of Yesterday celebrating the completion of the new FBO et al.**

Young Eagles Fall Rally at VTA  
September 14th

Chapter Holiday Dinner  
Date and Venue TBD

Meeting called to order at 1900hrs by Vice President Rollie Bailey.

- **ERRATA** – The April minutes showed “Tom and Tom” representing the Chapter at the CAP Annual Meeting. It should have shown Tom McFadden and Ken Hughes as our representatives. Thank you both!

**Airport Board Report**

- Bill Corban brought the Airport Board Report.
- The new ramp project is progressing with an ETA of 30 days.
- The Master Airport Plan (on FBO Bulletin Board) is continuing to evolve and develop. The current engineering firm will continue to head the project (s), to include off-field improvements, runway extension and new signs for each building.
- The old maintenance hanger has the overhead door frame installed and only needs the aluminum skins installed.
- A sinkhole developed under one of the hangers after a drain line collapsed. Repairs have begun.
- A request has been made to the state to list the restored airmail tower & beacon on the Ohio Historical Registry.

**Fly-Out Report**

- Weather continues to be an issue for the fly-outs.
- Rollie has requested that you notify him of desired fly-out destinations.
- The Tin Goose Diner is now open and a likely destination for a fly-out.

**Projects**

- Kenny Bing drove out to Montana to pick up the 150 only to find out that the needed paperwork still had not been finished.

**Treasurer’s Report**

- Scott Kennedy reports the following:

Starting balance \$3,478.43  
Income \$130.00  
Expenses \$120.23  
Ending balance \$3,488.20

- Scott also noted an ongoing balance of \$422.75 in PayPal

**Old Business**

- Eagle Flight was cancelled due to lack of students and pilots. A possibility exists for the event to be rescheduled later in the year.

## *Minutes continued*

- The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Annual Meeting was April 20<sup>th</sup>. Tom McFadden and Ken Hughes attended representing the Chapter. \*
- Young Eagle Rally, June 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 – **PILOTS NEEDED**. Tom reminded us that volunteers are still needed for this important event. He is requesting that interested Pilots (and Ground Crew) go to YEDay.org and sign up AT LEAST a month before the event for accountability. We need 5-6 Pilots (minimum) to step up and volunteer. We also need 12 Ground Crew (minimum). In the March meeting he had shared that this year's event has been limited to sixty kids.

### New Business

- Wendy Hollinger put out a call for volunteers to help with hospitality during the Air Race Classic (99's). Newark-Heath is one of the overnight stops and the pilots may need rides to restaurants, hotels, etc. Air Marshals were also requested, The dates are Tuesday, June 18 – Thursday June 20, 2024. It was suggested that we bring extra food Tuesday night to the scheduled meeting and invite the race pilots to join us.
- Tom McFadden made the suggestion that we cancel the Pancake Dinner this year as it follows the FBO Grand Opening by only a week. Bill Corban made the motion, Tom seconded. Motion passed with two "nays".
- The FBO Grand Opening will be Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The chapter will have a booth at the event and will be selling merchandise.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rollie Bailey at 1950hrs, Seconded by Greg Kays.

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With the 18 seats we had plenty of capacity but a number of pre-registered kids didn't show up. Ralph Brandon was making seat assignments and observed that it was difficult to always assign 3 kids to those planes able to take 3 kids because there seemed to be a lot of heavy kids!

In general the e-signature and check-in went well thanks to Betsy Kays and Raenel Gibson but, as usual, we had some difficulty with the hot-spot WiFi dropping out occasionally causing loss of sync with iPad and the 3 laptops. I have arranged for a WiFi extender for next time to hopefully resolve the issue. Kim Volpe and Melissa Anderson filled out logbooks and handed out the certificates; Wendy Hollinger called the flights; CAP cadets escorted kids to the planes; Greg Kays, Terry Breckinridge and Malcolm McFadden performed marshalling and ramp safety. Dan Garbe greeted the arriving parents and kids and kept the line organized. Mike Gibson kept order in the parking lot.

Ken Hughes and his wife Marie assisted by Hannelore McFadden sold Tee shirts and little airplanes and sales went well according to Ken. Tony and Linda Rowell along with Lila and Ava provided hot dogs, chips, pop and water for the kids after their flight.

*Tom McFadden, YE Coordinator*

## Heart of Ohio Fly-Outs

Fly-outs are the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, and usually depart from Newark/Heath Airport (VTA) at 8:30 am. Contact Rollie Bailey, Fly Out coordinator, for more information, at (740-334-2963).



From Rollie: “The WX finally cooperated on the first Saturday fly out in June. Just a perfect day for flying. The Tin Goose finally opened for the summer up at Port Clinton. We had 7 planes and 12 pilots and passengers:

Tri Pacer - Mike Gibson and Miles Hitchens  
Cessna 152— Dick Perdue  
Cherokee 180—Bruce Johnson and Sam Huff  
Cirrus SR22—Terry Camble and Elijah Snow  
Cessna 182—Jeff Cox  
Bonanza— Dave Hall and Bob Marriott  
Cherokee 235— Rollie Bailey and Tom Finkle”

Blue Skies Always,  
Rollie, your #402 fly out coordinator



**Roster Access:** <https://eachapters.org>.

**Note:** All members have read access to the chapter roster.

Login: FirstnameLastnameEAA402, Password: “mustang” If the login doesn’t work for you please contact the Secretary. Please note, the roster is read-only except for two officers who have write permission.

### Call for Dues

Chapter dues are \$15 per year for individual and \$25 per year for family membership; the dues-year is January 1st to December 31st. There are multiple ways to pay dues: 1) Mail Check to EAA402 Attn. Treasurer, 520 Heath Road, Heath, OH 43056; 2) Place payment in the envelope provided and put in the drop box in the clubhouse; 3) pay dues on the chapter website <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea402>, Join-Renew page, select the proper option and Buy Now. If using this option please consider adding 3.5% to cover credit card charges; 4) pay the treasurer directly at a meeting or event. If you are unsure of your dues status contact the treasurer or the secretary. Thank you.

*Note: All chapter members must be members of the national EAA. Go to [EAA.org](http://EAA.org) to join or renew.*

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