



October 2020

**Heart of Ohio**  
EAA Chapter 402  
Newark-Heath, OH

### **Chapter 402 Meeting Dates and Locations**

### **EAA402's Youngest, Newest PPL by Barney Kemter**

**12 October 2020** As most of you know I have been a strong supporter of our chapter and the Young Eagles program. Two years ago I read that the EAA was offering flight scholarships. I thought that our chapter could benefit from having one even though we didn't have a candidate at that time. I submitted an application and waited for the EAA's decision. When I was informed that our chapter was not selected I was also told to submit an application next year. When the time arrived to submit our application, I did so with a very detailed and highly embellished narrative which I had Tom McFadden review before submitting our application. Five weeks elapsed with no decision from the Ray Scholarship committee at the EAA. I opened my email one morning and there was a letter from the EAA saying that Chapter 402 would be receiving one of the coveted scholarships to administer.

We now had a scholarship and no candidate lined up. When I first applied for the scholarship, I had envisioned having the local newspaper do an article about the scholarship and soliciting applications. All that changed one evening when a young high school girl showed up at our meeting. Jessica Postle had plans to become a commercial pilot. I worked with Jessica to complete her application to the EAA. Several phone conversations with the EAA took place to insure that Jessica's

Chapter 402 will meet outside in the picnic shelter to allow for distancing due to COVID. Potluck at 6:15 pm, meet at 7:00.

- October 20, 2020
- November 17, 2020

Chapter 402 Clubhouse  
520 Heath Road  
Heath, Ohio 43056



## EAA 402 Officers

### President

Bernie Volpe  
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### Vice President

Roland (Rollie) Bailey  
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### Treasurer

Melissa Quitter  
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### Secretary

Tom McFadden  
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application was being processed and that there were no complications. Several weeks past and one morning I received word that Jessica was approved and that the chapter was being wired \$4,000 to start funding her lessons.

Tom and I tracked her progress and met with her

instructor. We wanted her to succeed. Tom was at the airport the evening that she soloed. The EAA provided a special shirt to commemorate this event. Jessica also received a special shirt when she passed her written FAA examination. On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of October I tracked her check ride in N12860. At 12:36 PM I received a photo of a very happy young aviatrix with the words "I'm officially a Private Pilot!"

For me this has been a most rewarding and personally satisfying experience. It has been a long 20 months, but it was worth it. From my first failure of not getting a scholarship and then getting one for the club, following Jessica's training and progress to her passing her written examination and finally to her becoming the youngest pilot in Chapter 402. I have one remaining report to submit to the EAA to close out my role as administrator of the Ray Aviation Scholarship. Thank you for your trust and the confidence you placed in me by allowing me to do this.

One of the items that was asked on the application was how we would support and encourage the recipient. To those club members who did so, please accept my admiration and sincere thanks. To the rest of the members, please join with me now in the celebration of Jessica's accomplishment and success.

*Barney Kemter*

***Congratulations Jessica Postal on  
Earning Your Private Pilot Certificate!***

## Update on Member Chuck Snook

Chuck Snook is recovering well from his surgery and is now in rehab at the Pickerington Care Center Rehab, Room112. He is expected to be released and go home next week so it is probably too late to send cards there. Chuck's and Katie's home address is 13265 Ivy Road NE, Thornville, OH 43076. Kathy and Chuck are very grateful for the donations made for their welfare by our chapter members.

## Minutes of EAA 402 Meeting of September 2020

The regular meeting, held at the shelter house next to the corporate hangar, was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bernie Volpe who opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were fifteen members present including new member, David Williams. Bernie introduced our new member. David has had to postpone flight training for medical reasons but has passed the medical exam and is anxious to start lessons and get involved in local activities.

**Secretary Report:** The secretary asked for approval of the August meeting minute as printed in the September newsletter. Motion to accept by Barney Kemter, seconded by Charlie Rhoads and passed by the members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ken Hughes presented the detailed report dated September 15, 2020 in the excused absence of the treasurer. A summary of the treasurer's report follows: The starting balance was \$2972.73. Donations of \$91.00 were received to the Utility Fund. Miscellaneous receipts of \$2000.00 were received from EAA for Ray Aviation Scholarship. Expenses paid for Utilities: \$82.39. Fees and charges \$11.64 (website hosting). Other costs: \$1836.75 paid to Aviation Works for Ray Aviation Scholarship disbursement and \$50.00 for Kenny Rauch memorial contributions. Ending balance was \$3,082.95 including \$2786.69 in YE and other reserves. Outstanding dues: \$0.00. Discretionary funds: \$296.26 - \$370.00 (YE credits) = (\$73.74). Motion to accept the report was made by Barney Kemter, seconded by Charlie Rhoads, and passed by the members.

**Airport Board Report:** Reported by Rollie Bailey.

- The board has presented the plans for building the new FBO and associated activities have been presented to the FAA and the FAA has approved the application for loans.
- George Fackler is trying to buy another airplane to augment the rental fleet.
- The board is still waiting on Philips 66 to install self-serve fuel pumps.

**Fly-Outs:** Reported by Rollie Bailey

- Rollie reported on a fly-out to Richard-Downey, Coshocton on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. Eight airplanes and twelve people flew over to I40 to eat at the last grill-out of the year there and, according to Rollie, all had a great time.
- The next fly-out will be September 19<sup>th</sup> to Port Clinton (PCW) and the Tin Goose Diner.

**Old Business:**

- Jessica Postle, with input from Barney Kemter, gave a progress report on her flying lessons. She has passed her FAA written test, has done all

### 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. (740-334-2963)

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Visit the EAA 402 website for fly-out photos and dates of note. Send photos and information to: Gary Kurtz at [info@e-kurtz.co](mailto:info@e-kurtz.co)

her solo flights, including cross-country solo and is ready to take her PPL check ride which is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>. Barney reported that all Ray Aviation Scholarship reports have been made to the EAA and all money has been received and spent.

- The secretary reported that the drop box has been installed in the clubhouse.
- Purchase of A/V equipment has been put on hold as the chapter does not have sufficient funds.
- Maintenance items mentioned at last meeting have been done. Jessica Postle, assisted by her father, trimmed the shrubs at the front of the clubhouse and sprayed weed killer on the weeds in the clubhouse parking lot and around the big yellow arrow as part of her commitment of service to the chapter for the Ray Aviation Scholarship.
- Christmas/Holiday Banquet: The secretary suggested that, in view of the virus and the fact that the chapter is low on funds, we do not have a holiday banquet this year. A motion was made by Charlie Rhoads and seconded by Rollie Bailey that we do not have a holiday dinner this year. After a short discussion a vote was taken, and the motion passed.
- The secretary reminded the members that nominations will be taken at the October meeting for officers for next year.
- Rollie Bailey said he has been asked if we are still collecting aluminum cans for the Snooks for recycling. The secretary answered that we are. Just leave them in the chapter's T-Hangar.

### **New Business:**

- The secretary reported on the illness and hospitalization of member Chuck Snook. Tom suggested that we take up a collection to help Chuck and Katie with incidental expenses. The members opened their wallets and contributed very generously. Tom passed a card around for the members to sign which will be mailed to Chuck when the donations are sent.
- The secretary reported on the passing of member, Kenny Rauch which has already been published in the newsletter. The chapter board of directors has voted to send memorial contributions to St. Francis de Sales and Blessed Sacrament Schools as requested by the family and Tom asked the members to make donations into the utility fund to cover this since the money had been taken from the general fund.

## **Announcements:**

Ralph Brandon told the members about storm damage that occurred at Wynkoop Airport a few weeks ago. Several buildings including hangars were destroyed along with several airplanes.

## **Projects:**

Ken Hughes reported on the success he and his partners had with the cylinder replacement on their RV-9A. Ken said he had the great experience of flying off the break-in time. He credits Tom Thompson's assistance and the assistance of a CFI/mechanic at the Fairfield County Airport (LHQ) with being able to complete the project.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Marriott and seconded by Charlie Rhoads. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2030 pm.

*Minutes respectively submitted by Secretary Tom McFadden*

## **EAA 402 Special Board Meeting 9-30-2020**

Board Members Present: President Bernie Volpe, Vice President Rollie Bailey, Treasurer Melissa Quitter, Secretary Tom McFadden, Board Members: Robert Marriott, Ken Hughes, and Barney Kemter.

The special meeting was called to discuss the chapter's financial status.

### **Item 1:**

The secretary reported that the actual discretionary funds were only \$296.26, we should anticipate utility bills of about \$300 over the next three months and chapter dues to EAA of about \$600 would be due in December. Although discretionary funds are low, we still have \$2649.24 in our various reserve funds. Tom said we can anticipate taking in dues in 2021 of about \$600.00.

The board members discussed the original sources of these reserves and motions were made to transfer portions of the reserve funds to the general fund.

Barney made a motion to transfer the \$100 from the beacon fund to the general fund. (Barney originally received this \$100 donation to the chapter from the 99's when he made a presentation about the Airmail Beacon System to them.) Treasurer Melissa Quitter then suggested we transfer \$340.00 from the Jack Maki fund and \$694.24 from the YE fund to the general fund. Barney's motion was then amended to include these transfers for a total of \$1134.24 into the general fund. The motion was seconded by Rollie Bailey. After considerable discussion, a vote was taken which passed unanimously.

**Item 2:**

Discussion of other possibilities to improve the general operating funds:

- Melissa suggested we apply for a grant from the Energy Co-Op and she read a flyer from the Energy Co-op explaining what they sometimes award grants for, one of them being youth activities.
- Ken and Melissa suggested that we watch for local events where we can set up a table and sell merchandise. In the meantime, Tom will set up some merchandise for sale such as hats, shirts, and toys in the clubhouse. (We have a merchandise inventory valued at \$880.75.)
- Bernie suggested we raise our annual dues to \$15 for individual and \$25 for family. Dues have been \$12 and \$18 respectively for as long as anyone can remember but expenses have increased slowly over the years including approximately 50% increase in chapter dues to EAA. Melissa made a motion to raise the dues and her motion was seconded by Barney and passed by the members. The motion included that members already paid ahead be grandfathered for the years they are paid up.
- Tom asked for discussion on how we should spend our YE credits of \$370 from 2019 that must be spent by the end of the year and can only be spend on something that will enhance our YE operation. Tom asked for opinions as to the applicability of using the credits to buy the flat screen display which we have previously discussed for chapter and youth education. All agreed that would be acceptable. Tom will pursue this purchase and talk with Gary Kurtz about the best solution.
- Tom suggested reluctantly that we reconsider going to the free website offered by EAA to save the \$140 per year we pay in fees to keep our present beautiful website. Tom will investigate this and discuss it with Gary Kurtz.

**Item 3:**

November and December Meetings.

- Rollie Bailey arranged with Brent Dewey to use his (ex MPW) hangar to hold our November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ken Hughes volunteered to check into a speaker for the November meeting. He has an interesting one in mind. This will take place of our holiday banquet so think big when planning potluck food contributions.
- After some discussion, Ken Hughes made a motion, seconded by Bob Marriott, that we do not hold a December meeting. The board members agreed by majority vote.



## Fly-out Report

### Saturday, September 18: Breakfast at Tin Goose

Perfect weather, nippy but ya could see literally 40-50 miles! Many people drove to restaurant (busy) but steady aircraft coming and going.

Participants:

Cessna 152. Chris Anderson

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Arrow. Jim Lemley and son Michael

Cherokee 160. Earl Gossett and daughter Nicole

Cessna 337 - Ted Quinn and Bob Erhard (withdrew) mechanical problems

Cherokee 235 Rollie Bailey

### Saturday, October 3: Flight to Sporty's

The Sunday fly-out was moved to Saturday due to the forecast. Saturday was just beautiful fall weather for a flight near Cincinnati. Conversation always great, and so were the "free" hotdogs and brats. Six pilots and four aircraft.

Cessna 337: Ted Quinn, and Bob Erhard

Cessna 152: Dick Purdue

Piper 180: Jim and Michael Lemley

Piper 235: Rollie Bailey

### Saturday, Oct. 10: Breakfast at TSO

Carrollton has one of the best breakfast in 75 mile radius of Newark/Heath. Three of the four Amigos made the trip.

Blue skies always,

# 402 Fly-out Coordinator

*Rollie*

*Top to bottom: Sporty's, Carrollton, Tin Goose*



