



February 2024

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



Old FBO Taken Down!

The little red brick building that housed the FBO of Newark-Heath Airport for approximately the last 40-50 years has been taken down in order to enlarge the ramp area for the new terminal/FBO building which has now been in use for almost a year. The demolition took place on Wednesday, February 7th.



In Progress photos courtesy Rollie Bailey

Update from Ken Hughes Energy Co-op Round Up Grant

At the last Chapter 402 general meeting, we firmed up the plans for a Grant Application to Operation Round-Up, a community service foundation funded by the Energy Cooperative. All funds stay in the community and benefit members and others. Grants are available to eligible parties, including Chapter 402, since we are a 501(3)(c) organization. The guidelines say we need to ask for something specific, and NOT general operating expenses. We discussed and voted on a measure to ask for a \$10,000 Grant to be used in our existing Scholarship Program for aviation-based training. A major point of discussion was who would take the role of Mentor if we won the Grant? I am pleased to report that David Hall has stepped up to the plate for this task.

The Scholarship Committee (Raenel Gibson, Scott Kennedy, and myself, Ken Hughes) will perform its normal role of receiving and grading applications, and selecting the winning applicant according to our established process. The deadline to submit our Grant Application is March 19, 2024 and the meeting date for the selection Board is April 2, 2024.

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Chapter 402 Meeting Dates and Locations

Dates:
February 20, 2024
March 19, 2024
April 16, 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

Up coming events

- Young Eagles Rally (IYED)
June 8, 2024 at VTA
- 99's Air Race Classic stops at
VTA June 18th
- Pancake Breakfast at VTA
Date TBD
- Young Eagles Fall Rally at VTA
Date TBD
- Chapter Holiday Dinner
Date TBD

Minutes of January 16, 2024 Meeting as submitted by Secretary Mike Gibson

Our January meeting was held on the 16th. There were 20 present. The meeting was called to order at 1900hrs by President Tony Rowell.

Secretary's Report

- The December minutes were unanimously accepted.

Airport Board Report

- Rollie and George reported that the AWOS cables on the field had been cut during ongoing work on the field and were being repaired.
- The old terminal was unlikely to be removed until late spring or early summer as the FAA still had to remove equipment.
- The main sign at the entrance is done but electric still needs to be run for lighting.
- The radios in the terminal have been prepped and ready to install in the new radio room.
- All doors were checked in the new terminal and any that were overly tight have been adjusted.
- The Beacon position is still in the works.
- Landscaping and additional fencing has been put on hold due to low outside temps. These projects will continue in the Spring with warmer weather. It was noted that the fencing is already on-site.
- Harold has returned to the FBO and will be working 3 days a week.

Fly Outs

- Rollie reported that the January fly-out had to be moved to another date because of weather conditions. A later fly-out was held Friday January 5th with five flying to Parkersburg WV.
- Rollie stated that he was happy overall with the 2023 Season as it had been a good and safe year for the fly-outs.

Builder's and SITREP Reports

- Dave reported that he was continuing to make corrections to the project as he was able but noted that the temps were too low to work with the T88. He is continuing to fabricate needed parts and stated that overall progress is being made.
- Steve reported that he had a bird strike on one wing. He also reported that he would be "Oshkosh Bound" and that he has space available in the RV for a passenger, first-come first-served.

Treasurer's Report

- Scott gave his monthly report (see attached)
- Scott further reported that our Electric bill had doubled to \$110 (AEP).
- The check for the Christmas Party (\$1000) had been cashed.

Minutes continued

- Scott noted that George has reduced the price of 100LL on the field by \$1.00. He further noted that Dave and Caitlyn were able to update that price on ForeFlight so we should see the updated info when checking prices on the APP.
- Scott reminded the members that Membership Dues for 2024 are now due.
- Tony was reimbursed for the coolers he purchased for the fly-in.
- Report accepted unanimously.

Old Business

- Ken reminded us of the Energy CO-OP Grant Program. He stated that we would be eligible but we needed to decide on an amount to ask for (up to \$10,000) and submit a proposal showing how the funds would be used. We would be able to use our own rules & protocols if we decided to use these funds for a scholarship program. It was noted that a monitor for the recipient and point person for the program would be needed. Upon further discussion it was decided to ask for the full \$10k to be used for the chapter's Aviation Training Scholarship program. A copy of the lease agreement, tax return and 501C3 will be sent to CO-OP along with the proposal. The deadline for this quarter is March 19th. After further discussing the needed manpower for the program, Dave Hall volunteered to be the coordinator for the program. The motion to move forward with the process was made by Tony, seconded by Rollie and had an unanimous vote by the members. It was noted that this new scholarship will NOT be age limited unlike the EAA Ray Scholarship.

New Business

- Eagle Flight 2024 was discussed with a possible date in May. Nothing further.
- International Young Eagles day will be on June 8th 2024. Pilots are asked to consider volunteering for this important part of ensuring the future of General Aviation.
- An additional YE Day in April was proposed but was not supported by the membership.
- Additionally a Young Eagles day was proposed to take place in September. It was noted that many families are busy during the summer months and may miss the June event. Motion tabled.
- It was noted that all three Aviation Works rental Archers were back in service.
- The FAAST WINGS program was discussed briefly. KVTA will be a host site and Rollie will follow up on dates.
- The 99's are back on track for their cross-country race (airraceclassic.org). Tuesday June 18th will see the racers in our area with transient pilots staying overnight in the local area. It was discussed what we could do as a chapter to help support these pilots during their time in the Newark-Heath area. Tom followed up with past activities we have done in a support role.
- Pancake Breakfast 2024. It was noted that we were competing with several other events in the area during 2023. Mike will check with local airports to try to get their schedules in and around the same time period. Membership agreed that advertising needs to be reconsidered with ideas on new avenues welcome. We will start earlier and in as many ways as possible.

Tony made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave Hall seconded, all in favor. Adjourned @ 20:04hrs

Fly-Outs

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).

Report: "First Saturday fly out to Sporty's was just great! We had "Sunshine" for real! Sporty's is always a fun place to go. Especially if you need a case of oil, fuel, logbooks etc., like we did. And the free brats and hotdogs made it better. Had a couple of planes opt out, but the Amigos had an enjoyable time.

Participants: Cessna 150, Bob Erhard; Cessna 152, Dick Perdue; Cherokee 235, Rollie Bailey and Tom Thompson." Rollie



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In turn, our Process calls for an announcement on our Chapter website announcing dates of application to our Committee and an award date. Please be thinking about possible candidates for awardees. Award of the scholarship will not be based on financial need, but the applicant is required to meet the appropriate FAA requirements, if any, for their specific course of study.

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 to join or renew.

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