



May 2022

## Heart of Ohio EAA Chapter 402



Note: On Saturday Morning, May 28th the Licking County Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will be using EAA402 clubhouse during cadet orientation flights. Of course chapter members will be able to use the facilities as well.

### Busy Times for 402

In addition to regular meetings/social gatherings on the 3rd Tuesday evening of the month and the 1st Sunday and 3rd Saturday Fly-Outs, the chapter has a number of events planned over the summer as can be seen listed on the sidebar.

First up is the adult first flight program known as **Flying Start/Eagle Flights** on the morning of May 21st. Ken has seven students signed up and a number of pilots are committed to this event. Classroom session will be in the clubhouse in the morning with flights in the afternoon.

Second is **International Young Eagles Day** on the morning of June 11th. Kids 8-17, pilots and ground volunteers all can signup on-line at <https://yeday.org/?3447>.

Third is the **Honor the Service** honoring Vietnam veterans. This event is put on by the Friendship Club of Licking County and 402 will help in any way we can and we will have an information booth dispensing info about our activities and programs.

Fourth is our fall **Young Eagles Rally** on September 10th.

### A Jewel in our Midst

When I received an email on the chapter's Gmail account from a young lady in Tennessee I was reminded that we have something on VTA that is unusual and almost unique. I'm referring to the old Airmail Route Beacon Tower and Big Concrete Arrow. It turns out that there are very few of these still in existence in the country let alone in as good condition as ours. The Young Lady, Ivy Adams, a student at Middle Tennessee State University, is doing her thesis on airmail history and our tower/arrow are the best examples remaining that she could find. She and her dad Clive flew up from Tennessee and met with myself and Barney Kemter at the clubhouse. As you may recall, Barney is an expert on the airmail system of the early 30's and has made numerous presentations about it to our group and others.

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### Chapter 402 Meeting Dates and Locations

- May 17, 2022
- June 21, 2022
- July 19, 2022
- August 16, 2022

Potluck at 6:15pm, meeting at 7:00pm.

Chapter 402 Clubhouse  
520 Heath Road  
Heath, Ohio 43056

### Upcoming Events

Flying Start  
 /Eagle Flights ..... May 21st  
 Young Eagles ..... June 11th  
 Honor the Service  
 /Vietnam .....Aug. 27th  
 Fall YE event .....Sept. 10th  
 Fly-In  
 /Pancake Bkfst ...Aug. 13th

## Minutes of EAA 402 Meeting of April 19, 2022

### EAA 402 Officers

#### President

Bernie Volpe  
614-260-0509

#### Vice President

Roland (Rollie) Bailey  
740-334-2963

#### Treasurer

Scott Kennedy  
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#### Secretary

Tom McFadden  
740-587-2312  
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- Mail Check to:  
EAA402

Attn: Treasurer  
520 Heath Road  
Heath, OH 43056  
or

- Place payment in the drop  
box in the clubhouse.  
(Envelopes provided)  
or

- pay dues on the chapter  
website [https://  
chapters.eaa.org/ea402](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.  
Thank you.

The regular meeting, held in the clubhouse, was called to order by President Bernie Volpe who opened the meeting at 1900 with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Present were Tom McFadden, Ralph Brandon, Dan Glaze, Bernie Volpe, Tom Thompson, Greg Miller, Dave Holsinger, Greg Kays, Dave Clum, Terry Breckenridge (new member), Tony Rowell, Linda Rowell, Kenny Bing, Bill Corban, Ken Hughes, Rollie Bailey, Leota Lane, Scott Kennedy and a guest of Scott's, Kevin Kovmeric of USAI. Lila and Ava Rowell were also present. Bernie welcomed new members and asked them to introduce themselves.

**Secretary Report:** There were no additions or corrections to the minutes and therefore the minutes stand as published.

**Treasurer's Report:** Scott Kennedy, Chapter Treasurer, gave the financial report dated April 18, 2022, for the period March 15, 2022, to April 18, 2022. The starting balance was \$3981.21. Income was \$257.94. Expenses were \$374.91 including the first scholarship payment to Garrett Thomas. Ending balance is \$3727.37. This includes a total of \$1798.85 in reserves leaving \$1928.52 in discretionary funds.

**Airport Board Report:** Bill Corban gave the report from the recent Airport Board meeting.

- The Airport Board's president, Terry Trenoff, met with the County Commissioners, and they have agreed to back the funding for the construction of the new terminal building and the new parking lot and approximately \$300k for construction of an "electrical vault." The board and commissioners considered moving the maintenance operation to the "Dewey" hangar but decided to build a new hangar near the new terminal building. Slagbaugh Construction Company has been awarded the contract to build the new maintenance hangar. The old maintenance hangar will be re-located but it has not been decided where that new location will be.
- The beacon tower and the corporate hangar are being repainted.
- Bill said there is discussion about removing the localizer as it has been out-of-service for at least six months. Some discussion ensued among the pilots and CFI's present; most think it should be repaired and retained if possible.

**Fly Out Report:** Rollie Bailey, fly-out coordinator, reported that the April 2<sup>nd</sup> fly-out to Carroll County-Tolson (TSO) was a great success with seven planes and ten people going. Rollie says busy airport, busy restaurant, great breakfast, and great conversation. Rollie said he has been contacted by the restaurant operator at Waynesburg, PA, airport KWAY, and was told the airport restaurant will reopen sometime soon. Rollie said he will plan a fly out to that destination when the time comes. In the meantime, Rollie would welcome suggestions for fly-out destinations.

### Old Business:

- Ray Aviation Scholarship: Scott said we are now in the selection phase, and he needs names of candidates. He intends to interview candidates in May. Tom will contact the CAP for leads.
- Learn to Fly Day/Eagle Flights: Ken Hughes gave a status report on the planning for this event. He has students and could use more pilots/mentors.
- Young Eagles Rally: Tom reported that he has created the event on the YEday.org website but has not made it public yet. Tom gave the URL, <https://yeday.org/?3447>, for pilots and volunteers to go to sign up for the event prior to the time the event is made public.
- Disposition of the Chapter 443 trailer: Ken reported that the chapter board of directors made the decision to let the trailer go.

### New Business:

- Bill Corban reminded the group of a previous meeting discussion about paint peeling on the soffit over the front door. Bill has checked his records and found that a repair was made on the roof some time ago and, when Fred Maki looked at it, he did not find a problem. Bill said that maybe the soffit just needs to be repainted and that we have the paint in the closet that still may be good. Tony Rowell volunteered to check out the paint and do the painting.

### Announcements:

- Tom Thompson's application to become a Technical Counselor for the chapter has been accepted by the EAA. The members applauded Tom and thanked him for taking this on.
- Rollie showed a promotional flyer about an organization called the American Freedom Lodge, which has been established to help veterans overcome PTSD and Rollie was wondering if they should have a booth at the Honor the Service event at the airport on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Tom volunteered to contact Jan Wilkins of the Friendship Club about this. The Friendship club puts on the Honor the Service events.

The president adjourned the meeting at approximately 2010.

*Minutes respectively submitted by Secretary Tom McFadden*

### 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.

## YPP

**Attention Young Eagles Pilots and Volunteers,** our first YE Rally is June 11th and all pilots and some volunteers need to have completed the Youth Protection Program (YPP) prior to that time. It's easy! Go To <https://www.eaa.org/ea/youth/youth-protection-policy-and-program> and follow the directions there to get it done! We need pilots so please let me know if you will be available. I will have pilot info at the next meeting.

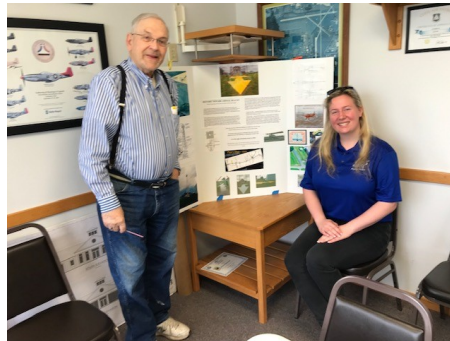
*Tom McFadden, YE  
Coordinator, 740-323-6994*

### *Beacon Tower, continued:*

Barney now lives in Hudson Ohio and drove to Newark early on that Friday morning to meet with Ivy at 9:00am. He went through his entire Power Point presentation for Ivy, Clive and me with much additional content as well. Ivy's dad told Ivy "He just gave you your entire thesis!" Pictures were taken including one Clive took from up on the tower. By the way, at about 20 years of age Ivy is a licensed pilot and has about 250 hours in her log. Her dad is also licensed and is a CFI (and A&P) but lets her do all the flying when they travel.

My observation is that, in the tower, arrow and generator building, we have a jewel here that should be maintained as well as possible and used as an attraction for visitors. In the past we have even had some folks attending our Fly-In just to see it.

*Tom McFadden*



Barney Kemter and Ivy Adams  
Barney is leaving the story board  
for the club.

*Photo by Tom McFadden*



Barney Kemter Ivy Adams Tom McFadden

*Photo by Clive Adams*





Photo courtesy Tom Thompson

Tom Thompson has been approved by EAA as a Technical Counselor! Tom attends most chapter meetings and events and has been participating in fly-outs in his home-designed, home-built TK2. (See May 2020 newsletter.) Tom has been very helpful to many of our members in recent times.

Tony Rowell and his wife Linda are new members since the fall of '21 and have been very active. Here Tony is scrapping and repainting the soffit over the front door of the clubhouse. Thanks Tony!

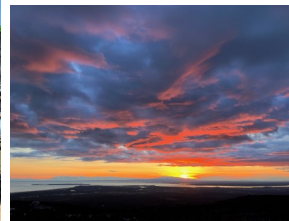
Photo by Linda Rowell



## Where is Leota Now?

**Why, she's in Alaska again, where else would she be!**

Leota Lane, our youngest member and a member of EAA402 board of directors informed us that she would not be at our board meeting 5-6-2022 because she was invited to Alaska to receive a scholarship for maintenance from the Alaska Airmen Association, and also three weeks of flight training in Alaska. In the sidebar at the right is a recent text message I received from Leota, and her photos are below. Leota is also a student at Columbus State University in the Aviation Maintenance program and attends classes on Bolton Field. She aspires to move to Alaska, become a bush pilot and perform her own maintenance.



Photos courtesy Leota Lane

“ Hi Tom! I don't have any pictures from flight yet but on my first approach into Wasilla when I was able to look up the first thing I saw was a moose! The photos I attached are of Chris Palmer and I who donated an online ground school to all of the scholarship recipients. I have been lucky enough to meet him several times and even fly in N2423U! The next picture is all of the scholarship recipients who attended the ceremony at the Great Alaska Aviation gathering. And the last picture is just the beautiful sunset overlooking Anchorage on my first night here.”

## Reminders

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