



January 2023

Heart of Ohio
EAA Chapter 402
Newark-Heath, OH



Welcome to Our New President!



Hello and Happy New Year, Heart of Ohio, EAA Chapter 402! I'm Tony Rowell, and this is my family (going by height). Linda my wife, Lila our first born, and Ava our youngest. I am honored and privileged to greet you all this year and introduce myself as the chapter's newly elected president. I offered to help where I could and was asked if I would be willing to accept a nomination

for chapter secretary. I thought this would be a good opportunity for me to get to know everyone in the chapter and also help with some of the work the board does, so I accepted with almost no hesitation (Tom can attest to the "almost no hesitation" part). I was immediately asked to participate in the nomination committee to help find members willing to take on other roles for the chapter. I agreed to help out as that's kind of what I do. During one of the nomination committee meetings I was asked if I would be willing to accept a nomination for chapter president instead; I was a little taken back and a lot nervous. I know the chapter has a need and I was humbled when asked to fill it. I am both honored and, after a little time for it to sink in, only a little nervous following the previous presidents, who have graciously offered to guide me along the way. A little about me; I am a Software Developer by trade and have led software development teams for 12 years with almost 24 years working in the technology sector. I am passionate about my faith in God and Jesus and like to be involved with my local church. I enjoy teaching and mentoring and try to find ways to encourage and teach young people. I also love aviation, which I hope is kind of a given that I am here, addressing you all. After the initial shock of learning I was elected as president wore off, I began to think of ways I could serve the chapter, and I hope I am able to bring as much value to the chapter as all of you do. I hope my time as chapter president is seen as continuing the long legacy of the servant leaders I see here in the Heart of Ohio, shameless plug... I pray you and your families have a blessed, healthy and happy year and look forward to serving you as your chapter president for 2023.

Sincerely,
Tony Rowell

Chapter 402 Meeting Dates and Locations

- January 17, 2023
- February 21, 2023
- March 21, 2023

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

Chapter 402 Clubhouse
(Unless otherwise indicated)
520 Heath Road
Heath, Ohio 43056
EAA402@gmail.com

Congratulations to EAA on the 75th anniversary of its founding. 402 has been part of it for 50 of those years!

Holiday Banquet-Christmas Party

The Holiday Banquet, i.e. Christmas party, was a success in my humble opinion! We had fifty members and guests in attendance including fourteen guests from the local squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. The food was very good, the guest speaker was informative and entertaining, the carol sing-along went well thanks to Marie Bailey, and the emcee was well lets don't get into that. (Ken, I'm sorry you couldn't make it.) The venue, Pappy's B&G was adequate to our needs, the food was catered by Eric Mason, owner of Pappy's and all I talked to thought it was good. Gary Kurtz provided the audio equipment. Thanks Gary.



Our Guest speaker was Pat Hreachmack, private pilot, US Navy Veteran, and currently a docent from the Champaign Aviation Museum (CAM) at Grimes Field. Pat was very thorough in his presentation about the restoration/building of their B-17G project. At the end of his talk Pat told of their fund raiser to build a new hangar in which to complete and display the bird. EAA402 promised a donation of \$250 from the chapter. (This was voted on at the November meeting.) Individual chapter members are invited to contribute as well and we will have information on how to do that at our January meeting. Pat presented 402 with a small piece of the aluminum skin of the B17-G. See photo below. We presented him with a copy of Wendy Hollinger's book Three-Eight Charlie as a thank you for coming to speak with us. Read about the book on page 4.



Speaker being introduced by Tom



Pat Hreachmack talked about B17-G restoration and presented us with this souvenir, a small piece of aluminum skin taken from the original B-17G S/N 44-85813 with the Champaign Lady decal on it.



An amazing coincidence! During his talk Pat spoke of his early flight training as a young man out on Long Island. He said his flight instructor had been a WASP (Women's Army Service Pilot) during WWII and her last name was Potts. One of the CAP guests Pat met as they arrived was Lt. Brett Potts. Pat's flight instructor was Lt. Potts' grandmother!



#1: Cabin Fever Flight Jan. 5th, 2023

Just a few of us retirees flew over to ZZV for



a cup of coffee last Thursday. Seeing the weather was going to be nasty on the weekend. Dick Purdue, Bob Erhard, Tom Thompson, and myself. My new \$500 battery in the plane worked well.

Rollie



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,

#2: Busy time, but we had a quorum for a flight to Parkersburg WV for breakfast. All had a great flight and conversation. Participants:
Cessna 180. Scott Thompson and son
Cherokee 160. Sam Huff and Bruce Johnson
Cherokee 235. Rollie Bailey



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The meeting, held in conjunction with the annual Holiday Party, was called to order at approximately 7:30 pm by President Bernie Volpe and was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. There were nineteen members present. President Volpe introduced president-elect Tony Rowell to the assembled group. Tony will take office January 1st. Other officers remain the same and no introductions were necessary. All other business was deferred to the first meeting of the new year, January 17, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by Secretary Tom McFadden

Three – Eight Charlie

As mentioned in the report on the holiday party, we presented a copy of the book Three-Eight Charlie to our speaker. This has been our practice for the last few years. The publisher, Wendy Hollinger and her company, Phoenix Graphix, have graciously provided these books at no cost to the chapter. Three-Eight Charlie is the biographical story of the round-the-world solo flight in 1964 by Newark native Jerrie Mock. She was the first woman aviator to accomplish this feat and did so in a 1953 Cessna 180, N1538C. At our Christmas party in December 2009 Mock's sister, Susan Reid, was our guest speaker and the chapter members, including Wendy, were thrilled to learn of Mock's accomplishment. Wendy and her partner Dale Ratcliff took it upon themselves to re-publish Jerrie's book and did a fabulous job with it. The book is now in its 3rd edition and it should be in every local pilot's library! If you are unfamiliar with the Jerrie Mock story you can also visit the Works in Newark and see the displays there, including the aircraft mock-up that Dale built. Contact Wendy at wendy@phoenixgraphix.us or Phone 740-587-3659. The book is also available at the Works, Kick Mix Bookstore and online at <https://38Charlie.com>.

Tom McFadden

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

Login: FirstnameLastnameEAA402,
Password: "mustang" (Read-only except for two officers.) If the login doesn't work for you please contact the Secretary.

2023 Dues are due now!

Ways you can pay your chapter 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: - Mail Check to EAA402 Attn. Treasurer, 520 Heath Road, Heath, OH 43056, or Place payment in the envelope provided and put in the drop box in the clubhouse, or 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, or you can pay the treasurer directly. 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.