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Meeting Second
Friday 7:30 PM.
Breakfast Fly-in
Third Sunday,
Starting in April.

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President's Report

I'll include in my Presidents column this month some very important notes taken by Walter Lockhart.

On Friday evening, March 28, our Chapter President- Gerry Scampoli, Treasurer- Al Cavacco, and Secretary- George Fortin met with Paul Paquin and myself (members of the by-laws committee) to review the proposed update of the rules & regulations for an organization the size of EAA Chapter 279.

The meeting was quite successful. The latest version will encompass recommended guidelines (EAA) and specific controls for our niche in the world of aviation. The consensus was to mostly accept the guidelines submitted by EAA and add specific controls that have been part of the former Chapter elements (maintaining a minimum treasury balance, sustaining a rotating BOD, etc.)

You would all be proud to have observed the cross questioning, the answers to unexpected questions and the overall demeanor of the participants in this long-winded affair. It took about 3 hours to claw our way through, word-by-word, the future of Chapter 279. The results offer an opportunity for our unit to prosper.

Shortly, all members will have a copy of

the revised by-laws for their perusal and review. The proceedings will be discussed at the next Chapter Meeting (April 11, 2003), and barring any unusual complications, will be accepted by a majority vote at the May 9, meeting, whether attended or by written proxy.

The first breakfast this season falls on Easter Sunday, April 20th. This Holiday always draws a festive crowd. Come & join us! Your participation is always welcome, especially during this 100th year of powered flight.

We look forward to seeing all of you!
Walter L.

On a different note, I have contacted Joe Buckley (**Wings over Cape Cod**) about presenting his program at an upcoming meeting of Chapter 279. He is available for April, May or June. He charges \$50.00 "to cover...expenses." As it turns out we will be splitting expenses for his presentation with the EAAU/L 62 group. The presentation will feature a lecture and slide presentation of WW I aircraft. It should be extremely interesting and something you don't want to miss. Please take note of the date, time and place below.

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Old Colony Flying Club

The Old Colony Flying Club meets directly after the regular Chapter 279 monthly meeting on the second Friday of each month.

Flying Club News

“Wings Over Cape Cod”

Local historian Joe Buckley will be guest speaker along with his slide presentation of W.W.I aircraft at the Plymouth Airport meeting room

Monday April 21st.

7:30PM. If your interested in the history of airplanes, and I'm sure you are,

don't miss it!

Presidents Report (cont)

Hi Gerry, I have just booked historian and author **Joseph Buckley to be a guest speaker at our Chapter meeting. The date is Monday April 21st, 1930 hours at Plymouth airport.** All of chapter 279 members are invited to attend. If we can put this info in the next newsletter and mention it at the April 11th meeting, that would be great. Thanks, CHIP

As I did last year, I am again considering putting on a real "Italian" spaghetti &

meatball dinner for the April or May meeting. Probably will include salad, Italian Sausages, bread, etc. I have the necessary equipment to boil enough water to cook 6 or 7 pounds of pasta and a nice sauce recipe that I can put together without too much effort. What I need for this is a couple of LP gas tanks. Any ideas short of buying them? This type of feed can actually bring in some \$\$ for the treasury, shouldn't cost more than \$2.50 per head. Gerry

Secretary's Report

The meeting was called to order by President Gerry Scampoli at 7:38, March 14, 2003. The Secretary's report was accepted as presented. Unanimously. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted Unanimously.

Old Business: Moved by Bob Wilkie that the Board of Directors deal with the by-laws and do what needs to be done for non-profit organization filing. Seconded by John Duffy. Passed Unanimously. It was decided that we would use our own VCR and TV for the first Breakfast. Bob Wilkie moved that we put a full page ad for the Labor Day Fun Day at Plymouth Airport. Seconded. The motion Failed. Mike Draper moved we place a half page ad. Seconded.

Passed Moved by Chip Diggins that Chapter 279 will sponsor the May Air Fair and apply for the insurance from the EAA. Tom Hassie second. Motion failed. Moved by Chip Diggins that we apply for Insurance for the Chapter meeting at Plymouth Air Fun Fair. Seconded by Bob Wilkie. Motion Passed Unanimously. Bob Wilkie moved we insure the clubhouse with contents. Seconded by Tom Hassie. Passed. Gerry Scampoli announced that the Board of Directors meeting will be March 28th and 7:30 PM at the Club House. Bob Wilkie moved we adjourn at 9:38. Seconded. Passed.

Respectfully George A. Fortin

Prop Wash

A thumbs up To: **Civil Air Cadet Thomas Melucci.**

This Local Halifax teen has done good. After reading this article, courtesy of the Brockton Enterprise, you might agree with me to invite Mr. Melucci back to speak about his experience. If I remember correctly it was the **Civil Air Patrol Cadets** that participated in our flag dedication two years ago this July. Sorter makes you think about the caliber of our young people.

Thomas Melucci helped rescue plane crash victims from a remote site in southwestern Massachusetts. Melucci, 18, a senior at Silver Lake Regional High School, was team leader of the Pilgrim Composite

Prop Wash (cont.)

Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, based at Plymouth Airport, which joined other rescue crews after the Ferris family's aircraft crashed 1,700 feet up Mount Wilcox in Beartown State Forest on a March Sunday. Melucci received an alert about the missing plane early Monday morning, quickly pulled together his team of four young men and a young woman and headed to Westover Air Force Base. They joined with a Civil Air Patrol team from Connecticut before heading into the woods, where they crawled over and through deep snow to reach the downed aircraft and rescue the three children who survived the crash. Two-year-old Ryan Ferris, his mouth frozen shut after hours of exposure, was passed to Melucci, who put the boy inside his coat and breathed warm air onto his face. Melucci passed his EMT training at age 17 and will take his state test next month. He faced a test in courage and leadership that week and passed with flying colors.

Cape Cod Airport to close next month.

Cape Cod Airport a fixture for almost 70 years, and the only grass strip airport on the Cape will close next month.

Laurel Kornhiser, owner of the Cape Cod Flying service confirmed that the owner of the 100 acre airport will not renew her lease when it expires April 30. A representative of Danforth Farms, a trust that owns the land, telephoned her to inform her that the lease will not be renewed.

Dan Lyons, airport manager, and others associated with the airfield said they were taking the news hard. It's really been a labor of love for a lot of us. Closing the airport would mean the loss of seven to 10 jobs, unless of course the town of Barnstable intervened. Many pilots fly here and at one time John Kennedy Jr. flew in there a couple of times in an Ultralight. In the early 1930's it was an Army Air Corps base. The airport manager remarked, it's more the idea of it not being an airport that upsets me. It's almost like a living museum. It's basically unchanged since 1934, not paved, no lights, no instrument flying. It's just a grass field where people who love to fly, fly.

So be it, another piece of Americana open space gone, falling prey to the high bank-roll developers and conglomerates, what a shame. Some say it will be used for yet another golf course and not for housing with their cute but densely arranged culdesacs, bringing a real drain and demand for expensive town services they don't have. I guess all we can do is wait and see, but by then it will be too late.

Happier flying, John Duffy

Breakfast flight by member Jim Lane.

I had great time last Sunday. I was invited, to go on a breakfast flight. I had reserved a seat in a 1953 Beechcraft C-45-H Expeditor.

This (150 HP Pratt & Whitney) twin engine plane, which was used to transport VIP's, is stationed at Plymouth Airport and is painted in pre W.W.II colors (blue & yellow) with army insignias on it. The owner, Bob Trinke, is a retired Delta pilot and has been doing these breakfast trips for over five years. Dennis Kuba was also on the trip. Dennis brought along one of his employees, a helicopter flight instructor.

We took off from Plymouth at 0830 on an IFR flight plan for Nantucket. I got to fly IFR (copilot) for about ten minutes. Nantucket was 100 feet and ¼ mile in fog so no attempt was made to land. We canceled IFR and proceeded to New Bedford for breakfast. I would highly recommend this breakfast trip to anyone. I would even go again with any of you. It only cost \$40.00 and that included the breakfast. As we all agreed, it is the best deal out there. Jim

For Sale

For Sale: John Duffy has for sale a Light type single place (does not fit the weight
Miniature Aircraft LMA1. It is a ¾ scale Ultralight limit) of a Piper Cub J3. It is in excellent con-

For Sale (cont)

dition. It has a Rotex 503 but will need a prop. The wheels and tires are tundra type (large). The wheel brakes are set-up but not installed. \$7500.00 firm. Call 508-378-3411.

For Sale: Bob Wilkie informs me he his putting up for sale his Kolb. His asking price is \$8500.00. Bob can be reached at 781-878-4215.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN
Happy Easter