

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

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Information must be in the hands of the Newsletter Editor by the first of the month, for that month's issue.

President's Report

Hello everyone,
I hope you all enjoyed Joe Buckley's presentation on "Wings over Cape Cod" and the good food that we had at our March meeting. Gerry did a great job of feeding us again. Our next meeting on April 9th should be even better. Chip Diggins will instruct us with hands on demonstration on how to cover a rudder. Bob Jackson will bring chili for supper so come early and enjoy the night. I hope you all enjoyed the excellent article in the Boston Globe on March 11th. I think we should all consider

making Ron Houghton our public relation manager.

April is going to be a busy month for our chapter. I hope everyone can volunteer time to wash the club house on April 10th and 11th, and to paint the club house on April 24th and 25th. In addition we have our first fly-in breakfast on April 18th. Please come to the breakfast and give the chapter a few hours of your time.

Jim

Secretary's Report

Meeting opened at 1930 hrs following a Lazy Mans Lasagna Dinner prepared by Gerry Scampoli & Co! Neat feast! Thanks to all involved! Following opening, Mr. Joseph Buckley was introduced & he of-

fered an outstanding program describing with slides and a verbal dialogue that told of the original Chatham Naval Air Station and its eventual progress & closing. Exciting! Fascinating!

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Prop Wash see Page 2

Interesting Article see Page 3,4

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:

Following the presentation, M Kelly Barker to postpone the business meeting until the next Chapter meeting. 2nd W. Lockhart. Voice vote of membership approved.

Secretary's report was approved as published in the newsletter. M to approve by G. Fortin, 2nd by J. Duffy, and approved by voice vote of the membership.

Al Cavacco offered a treasurers report. M Bob. Wilkie to approve. 2nd Ron Houghton. Carried by voice vote of membership.

Member Dick Murphy generously offered his Cessna 150 as a donation to Chapter 279 for the use of the general membership of Chapter 279! Dick volunteered to sign ownership to the Chapter. A concerned & elated discussion ensued! G. Fortin M to accept generous offer. J Meehan 2nd. Further discussion continued. The basic resolution was to have a committee to determine process, protocol & eventual ownership of aircraft due to limitations presented by EAA. The membership agreed that a committee should be created to organize the program that would encompass ownership and control of this gift. The committee as

developed at this meeting will be comprised of Gerry Scampoli, Chairman; Dick Murphy, member; Jim Lane, member; Tom Hassie, member & Chip Diggins, member. Their responsibility is expected to determine ownership, transition protocol, financial arrangements, to develop a schedule of events to conclusion and eventual use.

Jim Lane proposed that the Chapter provide an, "Old, Bald, Eagles Flight Day," for Chapter members that are capable of flight but are medically or otherwise unable. Dick Seggelin, John Duffy & Mike Draper were challenged to provide aircraft & licensed skills to participate. No refusals were noted. The dates were held open due to aircraft & pilot availability. Bob Jackson M to pay for the fuel for this event out of Chapter general fund. 2nd Ron Houghton. Accepted by voice vote of membership.

Meeting adjourned by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted
Kelly Barker

Secretary's Report (cont.)

Wing Tips

This month's topic is cleaning and polishing transparent plastic.

Plastics have lots of advantages over glass for aircraft use, mostly in the weight department. But they don't have the surface hardness of glass and you have to be careful while servicing the plane to avoid

scratching or otherwise damaging clear plastic surfaces.

Clean your acrylic windshield and windows by washing them with plenty of running water and mild liquid soap. Use a clean, soft, grit-free cloth, a sponge, or even your bare hands. Don't use gasoline, alcohol,

Wing Tips (cont.)

benzene, acetone, or anything like that. They'll soften plastic and can cause crazing--those teeny tiny mosaic-like cracks that look so ugly.

Once the surface is clean, you can remove scratches, within certain limitations, from acrylic plastic. You remove small scratches by sanding the problem area. Start with 320- or 400-grit abrasive paper that is wrapped around a felt or rubber pad. Use circular rubbing motions, light pressure, and a mild liquid soap solution as a lubricant. After this sanding is complete, rinse the surface thoroughly with running water. Then, using a 500-grit paper, continue to sand lightly. Keep moving to higher grit paper and sand and rinse until you've removed all of the sanding or repair marks. Finally, after using the finest abrasive paper, use rubbing compound and buff in a circular motion to remove all traces of the sanding.

But be careful: no sanding that could adversely affect the plastic's optical properties and distort

the pilot's vision should be done on any portion of a windshield.

When you're ready, finish the plastic with a good grade of commercial wax. A thin coating of wax will fill any minute scratches that may be present and will cause rain to form droplets that are easily blown away by the wind. Once again, spread the wax evenly to avoid optical distortion.

After all, what's the point of being able to fly if you can't enjoy the scenery?

For a complete treatment of this topic, see FAA's Advisory Circular AC 43.13-1B "Acceptable Methods, Techniques, and Practices - Aircraft Inspection and Repair," Chapter 3, Sections 3 and 4.

Tom Boyle

Chatham Airport History



Joe Buckley stresses a point.

Our Hero



**Congratulations to Ron Houghton for his
Recognition in the Boston Globe & EAA Experimenter for his
completion of
His scratch built Neiuport 11!**

COMING EVENTS

- O CLUB HOUSE wash & scrape 0900 04/10/2004
 - O CLUB HOUSE paint! 0900 04/17/2004
 - O Breakfast 0600 04/18/2004
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