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

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President's Report

Hello Everyone,

The winter is over and we made it. I am so happy that April is here and the good flying weather is back. In the past two weeks I was able to get comfortable in the Arrow and the Citabria again.

I hope that everyone is up for our April Breakfast. If the weather is good we will need all the volunteers we can get. This is the primary fund raiser that supports our

chapter. Please donate that Sunday morning to your chapter. You will have a good time and your help will be appreciated.

I would like to remind everyone that the Oshkosh fly-in will be here before you know it and we need to think about how many of us are going and how we are going to get there. I have a short nine minute film that will inspire you to go.

Jim

Secretary's Report

The March meeting was brought to order by Jim Lane at 7:30 pm and we welcomed a new member, Richard Williams.

The February meeting was cancelled due to heavy snow, therefore there was no secretary or treasurer's reports to accept. Al

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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:

There will be a very important meeting of the Old Colony Flying Club this month, after the regular Chapter 279 Meeting.

OCFC members (listed below) need to make every attempt to be at this meeting:

- Lindley Bonner
- Tom Boyle
- Al Cavacco
- Ron Houghton
- Bob Jackson
- David Lawless
- Walter Lockhart
- John Meehan
- Mike Draper
- Gerry Scampoli
- Bill Sweeney
- Robert Tonry
- John Duffy

Apr 8	7:30 PM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting www.eaa279.org
Apr 9		Daniel Webster College, Nashua, NH (ASH)	New England Aviation Expo www.faa.gov/region/ane/expo/
Apr 12 - Apr 18		Lakeland, FL (LAL)	SUN-N-FUN www.sun-n-fun.org
Apr 17	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Fly-In Breakfast www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm
May 21 - May 22		Hampton, NH (7B3)	Hampton Fly-Market Info: 603-964-6749
Jun 18 - Jun 19	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Stowe, MA	Collings Foundation Open House www.collingsfoundation.org
Jun 25 *** Date Change		Lawrence, MA (LWM)	RV and Canard Fly-In www.eaa106.org
Jul 6 - Jul 9		Greenland, NH	Fly-In Info: William Wheet 603-868-2341
Jul 25 - Jul 31		Oshkosh, WI (OSH)	2005 AirVenture Oshkosh www.airventure.org
Sep 17 - Sep 18		Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Fly-Market www.eaa279.org

Secretary's Report (cont.)

Cavacco was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but will provide a report next month.

Tonight we welcomed some guests: Fred Kawa, Frankie Kawa, Tom Hurly, and Heather Ducimo, our guest speaker.

Heather talked about her experience as an Alaskan Bush Pilot. The village she lived in had a population of 750 and they all knew each other. This village was 2 miles end to end and almost half of it was the airport. She flew Cessna 206 and 207's with various cargo such as soda, food, mail, supplies, and occasionally transported prisoners. Operations in extreme conditions were a daily routine. After landing she would immediately throw the engine blanket over the cowl, unload as fast as possible and reload with new cargo, and then flip the master and check the CHT. If it was above 80 degrees you could start up and go. If not then you would have to preheat the engine.

VFR in Alaska is 500' and 2 miles visibility and reliable weather forecasts were hard to obtain due to rapid changes and the vast areas. All of her flying was VFR, as she flew to 5 or 6 villages per day. During her time off she often went hunting or fishing with the local people

and the catch was always shared as these people relied on each other to survive. Unfortunately the 9/11 attack brought an early end to Heather's year long contract to fly in Alaska. When asked, would she go back again, she replied, "In a heartbeat, I loved it there."

This was an excellent talk given by Heather and we were really appreciative, as she shared her Alaskan experience.

Upcoming event: Aviation Expo at Nashua N.H. on April 9th to promote aviation safety and there are free exhibits. See flyer for details.

Gerry Scampoli has received his certification for Food Handling and he can train others who will cook and serve at our breakfast meetings.

Kelly Barker has been hospitalized with a bad case of food poisoning and Mike Berry has not been feeling well either. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Hassie for Kelly Barker

Message Board

- Gerry Scampoli asks that anyone who will be volunteering in the kitchen for the Fly-In Breakfasts see him after the April 8 Chapter Meeting.
- Please remember that vehicles will need to be parked in the parking lot and not on the

grass at Cranland Airport. This is mud season and we need to stay off the grass. Please stay off the grass.

- Old Colony Flying Club members, please see the notice of an important meeting in the OCFC sidebar on Page 2 of this newsletter.
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Project Update

This month, Mike Draper provides an update of his RV-8 project, currently under construction.

Like many builders, Mike says he is at the stage where it will take him 3 hours to plan out a task and 10 minutes to complete it. He says he enjoys the planning and measuring tasks as much as the drilling, deburring and riveting tasks. He reports that he has no time table for finishing the project, so don't even ask.

Since Mike took delivery of his kit (reported in the January, 2005 edition of the newsletter), he has mounted and rigged all the control surfaces in the wings, plus installed a conduit for wire runs out to the wing tips for nav lights, landing lights, and strobes. He is now working on the interior of the fuselage (floor, flap linkage, side panels, control linkage, etc.).

"I spent a few days and made a rotating fuselage stand," Mike said recently. "I bought an engine stand from harbor freight and some angle iron from Home Depot. I can now rotate the fuse 360 degrees. If I rotate the fuse 90 degrees I can sit on a small stool and easily work on the interior. A real back saver."

Mike provides the following profile of the finished project. Subject to change of course.

Miss Behavin
RV-8 +6 -3g
200 mph cruise
Lycoming O-360
Electronic Ignition
Hartzell Constant Speed prop
Day/Night VFR panel



Photos: Mike Draper