



Chapter 279 Newsletter



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**Chapter Monthly Meeting: Second Friday of the month at 7:30 PM
Breakfast Fly-in: Third Sunday April through October**

Dear Members and friends,

Here we are staring down the barrel of Fall.

July has been a busy month. As we are a thriving little operation, there is much to cover. I will attempt to be brief. I will not succeed.

Paul Paquin, Chip Diggins and myself attended UL 62's July meeting. The purpose of our attendance was to represent EAA 279 and answering any questions that UL 62's members might have. As we discussed in our June member's meeting, the very well-known UL chapter is considering dissolving and transferring its paid membership roll and donating a few assets to EAA 279 as per EAA National's guidelines, Mass State Law, etc. Though we certainly hate to see an aviation club disband, we at 279, are ready and willing to accept them into the chapter with open arms. (For the sake of our new readers, UL 62 is an EAA chapter that specializes in ultralight aircraft.)

Many of us received the email invitations in June and mid-July from EAA national for our local event that was held on Saturday July 22 nd . The event was an outreach breakfast for past members. The goal was to reacquaint them with general aviation. It was also to serve the purpose of reaching potential members for MOGAS as EAA National is really pushing to get flying clubs going. Three organizations were represented at the breakfast. EAA 279, Cranland's flying club (Mostly Old Guys Aviation Society), and the Skydive folks on the field. Those who attended the breakfast came with expectation and joined 279. Our new members are Bill Dyer, Ray Holman and Christopher Ranney. Welcome to EAA 279. We're happy to have you on board. I can't close this paragraph without recognizing Tom Hassie for arriving early, setting up the grille, coffee and then cooking/cleaning up. Thank you Tom! Thanks also to Bob Rice who also came and kept the coffee flowing.

Thank you! Without guys like you, our chapter could not succeed.

EAA 279 also enjoyed a busy July fly-in breakfast as the weather was excellent. We served nearly 300 breakfasts. We could have served more but we ran out of food. Thanks again to the many EAA participants who labor to make our fly-in breakfasts so successful. You are the heart and soul of EAA 279. Thanks to the guys from Taunton and our resident motley crew of pilots from here at Cranland. The formation flight over the field was very cool... it's not something that we get to see very often.

The Sonex project:

We've dimpled the ribs of the wing's leading edge. The landing light hole has been cut and the wiring for the lights has been run and anchored. We've begun the arduous task of deburring the skins. Remaining punch-list items are, dimpling the leading edge to match the dimpled ribs, assembling the flaps and ailerons. Pitot/static plumbing, flight surface controls, and final assembly. The project has slowed somewhat due to some good flying weather coinciding with build-nights, but we are still making some solid progress on the right wing.

As I'm also a member MOGAS, I've begun receiving some formal tail-dragger instruction from John Manchester. Flying the Funk is a real treat. If you're looking to get some excellent tail- wheel flying in, please consider joining MOGAS. Thanks Greg Lutz for all you do for EAA 279, and especially our little flying club.

Mike

Calendar

Friday Aug 11 7:30 PM Cranland Airport ([28M](#))
Sunday Aug 20 8:00 AM Cranland Airport ([28M](#))
Friday Sept 8 7:30 PM Cranland Airport ([28M](#))
Sunday Sept 17 8:00 AM Cranland Airport ([28M](#))

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Every Wednesday evening is Sonex night. Stop by and help us put it together.

www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm

Check out the Sonex project at <http://www.mykitlog.com/EAA279> .

Minutes of the July 14, 2017 meeting

12 Members Present, 2 Guests

Officers present: Mike Lupo - President, Gerry Scampoli - Treasurer, Paul Paquin – Secretary

Secretary's report: Accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report: A favorable treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Old Business:

- Cloth hangar upgrade materials have not yet been purchased.
- The new underground Ethernet cable has been installed greatly increasing our online speed. Thanks to all who made this happen, especially Greg! And Phil too!
- Gerry reported that we have cancelled the DSL Internet Service, and it was moved that we would share the cost for the new service with our provider.

New Business:

- It was reported that we are ready for our next fly-in. Special thanks go out to Joe F, Gerry S, Charlie C, and Tom Hassie. Please forgive and let me know if I overlooked anyone.
- Paul B reported on the status of his PA11 project; wings on, level position, prepared to rig. Paul B is inviting anyone who wishes to get experience in fabric covering, please contact him after Oshkosh. Thank you Paul for the opportunity!
- Paul B also reported that he knows someone who is willing to lend a Cub fuselage to make a jig from it.
- It was noted that we did start the SkyDive raffle at the last fly-in and will probably continue it at the August one.
- John R volunteered to cover Jim Lane's Fly-in duties for the upcoming Fly-in. Thank you John for stepping to the plate for us!
- A reminder was brought up that we have the "official" EAA Open House, Saturday July 22nd, and that we currently only have 2 RSVPs. We all hope to pick up members or maybe even a MOGAS member.
- A preliminary discussion was had about the possibility of UL62 "merging" with EAA279. It was agreed to send EAA279 members to the UL62 meeting, and report back to the membership. Following the meeting the following happened; a MOGAS meeting.

Google Groups

If you've been receiving the monthly newsletter notification by email it's because you humble editor has your email address on a contact list. Trying to move our organization into the 2010s, we are moving away from the email contact list to Google Groups. If you are not already a member of the EAA279 Google group, please request to join it. All are welcome. You should be able to make that request at this address: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/eaa279/join>. The email notifications will go out for a few more months and will then be replaced by notifications to the group.

July Fly-in (Epic!)

The weather gods must have felt bad about the June gloom. The weather on the day of the July fly-in was near perfect. Lots of planes, cars, and people. The Taunton crew gave us a nice classic plane fly-over.





