

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

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## President's Report

Is it December already? The time just flies by and I seem to get nothing of value done. Once again I've been unable to attend the (November) monthly meeting. Thanks to Bob Jackson for stepping in and running that meeting. There was a time when I was afraid to miss a meeting....the expensive projects seemed to get voted on only when I wasn't there.

The Saturday work crew is doing a bang-up job on the new doors for the cloth hangar. I'm amazed at how well these things come together under the direction of Al and Bill. Once again, especially when I think that they've

undertaken something more than they can handle, they surprise me with their talent and perseverance. Great work, guys.

The December meeting will be Friday, December 12, 2003 at 7:30 PM at the clubhouse. The incoming slate of officers will take over at that meeting.

Reminder: The Christmas Breakfast will be at The Casa Loma on the 14th.

We have committed to fifty people so come on down, bring the whole family and enjoy the morning with us. See you at the meeting, Gerry



## Secretary's Report

November the 14th minutes. The meeting was called to order by our vice president Bob Jackson at 7:40 PM. The secretary's reports

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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:

Work has progressed on the Club Hanger doors, albeit slowly due to weather and personal commitment's. Some basic steel sheeting has been attached by Al Cavacco and Bill Sweeney. The rest will need to be cut and fitted. This will most likely happen during a warm weather spell on a "Club Work" Saturday or in the early spring.

# Secretary's Report (cont.)

for October and September were not available for publication. The treasure's report for October was not available.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Roger Roy reminded all of us that our Christmas party that will be held at the Casa Loma Resturant on Robbins Street in East Bridgewater on Sunday morning December 14th between the hours of 9:00 and 12:00. A suggestion was made to try to enhance the Christmas party experience with other possible activities at the party. A few suggestions were made (exotic dancer, food on the wing, drawing for a GPS) but none were voted on and consequently none were accepted. If anyone wants to provide entertainment to enhance the fun at the party please feel free to go for it. Roger also reminded us that the Christmas party is going to be set up for a minimum of fifty people so please come and bring a guest or two or more. Members of Chapter 62 are also invited to the party. Donations will be accepted. It was decided that it would be a good idea to e-mail everyone as a reminder of the party. Chip Diggins asked if the flying club

should have their (FLYING CLUB NEWS) in the Chapter 279 news letter. A suggestion was made to have the Flying Club News sent out at the same time on its own page with its own heading. Bob Jackson reminded us of the requirement and the benefits of having a national membership to EAA.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Roger Roy suggests, and it seemed that all in attendance agreed, that we need to work hard on building membership. Kelly Barker made a motion and it was seconded by Jim Lane that we check the status of (non-profit 501C Club organization).

There was much talk of long range plans to become non-profit, start educational training for scouts and school children, and petition for corporate sponsorship. Looking forward and with the use of corporate money, we could build the future home (BIG HANGER) of Chapter 279.

Chip Diggins volunteered to hold a fabric covering seminar and suggested that we have other seminars to keep interest in the Club. Chip also suggested that we schedule out the whole year. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Respectfully submitted, Jim Lane



# Prop Wash

## Great Aviation Quotes.

As we approach 100 years since the Wright brothers first flew under their own power, here are some new-to-me predictions by 'experts' on the future of aviation. Then some thoughts on flying.

The machine may even carry mail in special cases. But the useful load will be very small. The machines will eventually be fast, they will be used in sport, but they are not to be thought of as commercial carriers.

-- Octave Chanute, 1904

A popular fallacy is to expect enormous speed to be obtained . . . . There is no hope of competing for racing speed with either our locomotives or our automobiles.

-- William Pickering, Harvard astronomer, 'Aeronautics,' 1908.

I do not think that a flight across the Atlantic will be made in our time, and in our time I include the youngest readers.

-- Charles Stewart Rolls, co-founder of Rolls-Royce Ltd., 1908.

Aviation is fine as a sport. But as an instrument of war, it is worthless.

-- General Ferdinand Foch, Professor of Strategy, Ecole Superiure de Guere, 1911.

Recently a man asked whether the business of flying ever could be regulated by rules and statutes. I doubt it. Not that flying men are lawless. No one realizes better than they the need for discipline. But they have learned discipline through constant contact with two of the oldest statutes in the universe - the law of gravity and the law of self-preservation. Ten feet off the ground these two laws supersede all others and there is little hope of their repeal.

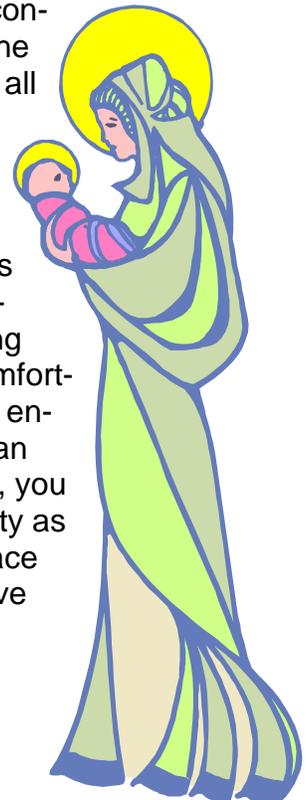
-- Walter Hinton, 24 July 1926, in an adventure article on flying in 'Liberty' magazine.

Feeling weightless . . . it's together. A feeling of pride, of dignified freedom that's dirty, sticky. You feel able . . . and you feel you're able to do things. And you think well, without sweat, and in sorrow no longer experienced born again.

-- Wally Schirra



so many things of healthy solitude, of dignified freedom that's dirty, sticky. You feel able . . . and you feel you're able to do things. And you think well, without sweat, and in sorrow no longer experienced born again.





# Seasons Greetings to All

Happy Flying, John Duffy

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