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Breakfast Fly-in
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month, for that month's issue.

President's Report

Merry Christmas Everyone,

I want to express to all of the members of this chapter, my great appreciation for the cooperation which you have given me as president over the past four years. I enjoyed my years as president and I am grateful for the friends I have made here. I trust you will give my successor (Carl) that same degree of cooperation you have given me. Your support has been active and enthusiastic. Some of you have taken time out from your vocations to render services to this organization at great personal sacrifice and some financial loss.

I will see you all at the Christmas Brunch at B R's Monponsett Inn in Halifax at 10:00 AM on Sunday, December 9, 2007. Merry Christmas.

Jim

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Calendar

Dec 9 10:00AM Monponsett Inn EAA Chapter 279 Christmas Brunch (*This Week*)

Dec 14 7:30 PM Cranland Airport (28M) EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting (*Next week*)
www.eaa279.org

Dec 17 Plymouth Airport Conf. Room EAA UL Chapter 62 Christmas Party, Chapter 279 invited

Clerk/Secretary's Report

President Jim Lane opened our Friday general EAA 279 membership meeting at 7:35 PM.

Upon approval of members present, Chapter business was suspended in order to give ample time for our guest speakers representing the Terrafugia airplane development group time to speak.

The meeting was continued after their presentation.

MIT graduates Carl and Anna Dietrich, co-founders of Terrafugia, a new vision in personal aviation, presented the folding wing TransitionR aircar currently under construction in Bedford,
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Classifieds - For Sale

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\$500
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Clerk/Secretary's Report (cont.)

Mass. Together they made a very informative presentation complete with excellent video displays on our PC workstation courtesy of Tom Boyle's IT hookup. They answered many questions and remarks from the members present. To explain more about the Terrafugia they have a free monthly newsletter subscription, which can be obtained by writing Anna Dietrich at Terrafugia Inc. 5 Cranes Court, Woburn Ma. 01801-5603. Of the many questions asked from the floor concerning the operation of such an aircar was an observation put forth by one of the members concerning the high cost of sport aviation aircraft. Carl Dietrich made a point that in current national marketing surveys there are approximately 60 thousand individuals across the country that are known to have "high roller" type disposable income that could purchase, if they so desired to pilot any of these 80 to 140 thousand dollar sport aircraft. In other words, they feel there is a solid niche for the TransitionR aircar. To date a prototype has not flown, however the construction is nearing completion and hopefully will be ready for sometime next year.

All members agreed the caliber of these speakers' presentation was outstanding and we all wished them and their team the best in the Terrafugia development program. A vote of thanks was also given Jim Lane for making arrangements for these guest speakers. As a small token of our appreciation, the Dietrichs were given two miniature weather stations courtesy of Bill Sweeney.

Club business resumed at 8:30PM. Gerry Scampoli filling in for Al Cavacco gave the Treasurer's report. This report and the Secretary's report as printed in the Newsletter was motioned and seconded to accept with no further discussion.

Jim Lane donated a new door lock. The tumbler style and larger numbers will make it easier to read. However, it was noted that the new lock

could still have operational problems. We will have to wait and see.

Our Chapter 279 Christmas buffet brunch date was set. It will be held at BR's Monponsett restaurant in Halifax at 10:00am Sunday, December 9th.

A Christmas party for EAA/UL62 members and their guests including any of those 279 members interested will be held instead of their regular monthly meeting on December 17th in Plymouth airport's meeting room.

It was decided that our regular January monthly meeting would be a supper meeting. The fare has not yet been announced, but would be served from 6:00 to 7:30pm. There will be a \$5.00-\$8.00 charge for supper, not a donation. Roger Roy is coordinating the event.

On Saturday November 17th a trial breakfast of Jimmy Dean sausage, egg and cheese Mac-muffins was held during lunchtime at the clubhouse. The club has been looking toward reducing the labor and expense required in putting on our seven flying season breakfasts. Members in attendance were evaluating these pre-made and pre-cooked frozen breakfast muffins. The feeling of those present sampling the fare, was that with a little more tweaking, as in possibly a larger microwave oven or even using our gas oven itself, that these pre-made breakfast muffins served with our usual pancakes to our fly-in guests might just be what we're looking for. Another sample taste session is to be held soon. Of course there will be no charge to the tasters, although you may have to fill out a taster's worksheet. This however, has not been decided, mainly because everyone no doubt will be too busy eating and sampling the delicious Jimmy Dean sausage, egg and cheese muffins that are packaged in several styles.

Respectfully submitted in absence of the Club Secretary by John Duffy.

Photo Page

A familiar sight at Cranland Airport left the field last month. Ned Brown left Cranland with his father's Taylorcraft and bird nests in tow, taken away for a much needed restoration.



Photo: John Duffy

Annual Dues

EAA Chapter 279 dues operate on a calendar year schedule. For your convenience in renewing your membership, a membership renewal form is included with this issue of the newsletter. Please return it with your current

information. If you are not a lifetime member of the chapter, please also enclose your dues for 2008.

Thanks in advance!

EAA Chapter 279

Membership Application

Annual Dues

\$30.00

Lifetime Memberships are also available

Please Circle One: New Member Renewal Life Member

Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Initial: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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If not verified, you are a non-voting honorary member

Could you provide any help in the areas of? Specialty Tools: _____

Expertise: _____

Resources: _____

This Information will be used to develop a Chapter Directory of Resources.

Dues are \$30. Please make your check payable to EAA Chapter 279.

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