



# 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 EAA 279 members and friends

Dear Members and Friends of EAA 279.

It's with a heavy heart we say goodbye to 2016. One of the best fly-in seasons that we've witnessed in recent years. Wow, that year flew by.

I'd like to take a few moments to reflect.

2016 brought us a few surprises. The snow stuck on top of the cloth hangar. Thanks to Greg and Phil who exhausted themselves raking it all off while precariously perched on a ladder in knee-deep snow. Thanks to Charlie who responded by adding some supports to prevent it from happening again.

Then we had the unexpected water main break. We can thank Peter for a quick turn-around on that one. We now have a new water main serving the club house. Aside from that, the club house has new siding on the west facing side thanks to Peter and Fred. Roger Roy donated the large air compressor. We had an electrical problem in the ceiling that Bill Sweeny fixed. We lost our food vendor Cara-Donna as they stopped serving the area. We scrambled (yes that's an egg pun) to get our ducks in a row to keep our flap-jack lovin' peeps happy. Thanks Joe Fava and the rest who helped fill the gap. It's all of your collective efforts that make EAA 279 successful. There are many more notable things that people have done and my feeble brain just can't remember them all. Again, as I say in every newsletter that I contribute to, Thank you! I just can't say it enough. We can't do this without your combined efforts. It's because of YOU that EAA 279 exists.

I also want to say thank you again to Charlie who put a great deal of time and effort into the Christmas party at the Monponsett. What a great turn out. The food was excellent.

To the UL-62 crew who showed up at our Christmas party. It was good to finally put names to faces. Steve Blanchard, Steve Donahue, Fred and your significant others. It was our distinct pleasure to host you as guests of our party. I was not a great host by failing to mention you when I stood up to say a few words. So I'm trying to redeem myself here. Ah yes, Paul Babcock who did the complementary wing seminar in May. That was a good lesson. Thank you Paul.

The Sonex project has slowed down a little but we keep plugging away at left wing prepping it to be assembled. The leading edge ribs have all been dimpled. Skins were dimpled the following Wed night. We might have the entire wing skinned riveted together in a few short sessions.

Dues are due! Time to renew. Please do this promptly or Gerry will hunt you down.

Before Greg accuses me of writing a tome, I'll close now.

May you all be richly blessed this holiday season and beyond,  
Mike

### Calendar

Friday Dec 9	7:30 PM Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting
Friday Jan 13	7:30 PM Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting
Friday Feb 10	7:30 PM Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting

EAA Fly-in Breakfast will resume in the Spring

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

[www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm](http://www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm)

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

**Minutes of the November 11, 2016 meeting**

**9 members present, 4 guests**

Officers present; Brian Jones -Vice President, Gerry Scampoli - Treasurer, Paul Paquin -Secretary

**Secretary's report:** Accepted as reported in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's report:** We are in a strong position for making it through the Winter. A favorable treasurer's report was accepted as reported.

**Old Business:**

- Regarding the Aerovee, Gerry will take the lead and call Addison.
- We reviewed our new supplier and supplies for next year's Fly-in and determined that all is well.
- Regarding the Sonex project, it continues to go well, and it was decided to keep all parts in the club house through the Winter.
- Regarding the data cable trench, we await guidance from Mike.
- Regarding the cloth hangar and the problems of snow and rain, a motion was made to purchase wood and improve the structure and therefore probably guard against early damage. However the secretary's notes do not contain what the result was of the motion. Therefore, this motion will have to be reconsidered at the December meeting (sorry).

**New Business:**

- A request was again made by Gerry for membership management software. Gerry and Paul will investigate our need.
- Paul B. alerted us that some of us might qualify for an A&P based on our Sonex website log.
- We were approached to improve our website, but on discussion, it was decided that we find our website fine as is.
- Charlie offered us a combination lock for the cloth hangar.

Following the meeting, MOGAS conducted its meeting.

## Funk

There's a really good chance you will see this around Cranland in the Spring. It's a 1948 Funk. Don't feel bad if you've never heard of a Funk. Only about 400 were built and there are less than 100 still flying. This particular aircraft is unique in that it is the only one type certified for a 100HP Lycoming engine.



