



Chapter 279 Newsletter



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Chapter Monthly Meeting: Second Friday of the month at 7:00 PM
Breakfast Fly-in: Third Sunday April through October

Hello Friends and Members,

This will be our last newsletter of 2017. It seems like it just began!

I don't have a great deal to say, except that we've had a fun and interesting year. We finished building and fitting the wings for the Sonex. We've moved on to working in the cockpit. We'll likely split up into teams and start parallel streams of work. Greg Lutz, your humble editor, has in large-part been leading the build effort with confidence for the last several months. Thanks Greg! It's great to have your experience and leadership on the Sonex build.

I am very thankful to be a part of a thriving chapter of pilots and builders. The volunteers we have at our fly-in breakfasts are a huge part of that. Thank you all!

I look forward to what 2018 brings to our chapter.

Lastly, I hope to see you all at our Annual Christmas party at the Monponsett Inn on Dec 10th.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

Mike

Calendar

Friday Dec 8 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

Sunday Dec 10 5:30 PM Monponsett Inn

Friday Jan 12 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting

Annual Christmas Party

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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>.

The Kitlog site is now up to date. And if you have photos to share, please send them to paul.paquin@umb.edu.

The EAA279 Sonex Project

Oct 2013 – First builders meeting

Nov 2013 – Clean up of the old Nieuport project and clubhouse.

Dec 2013 – Received the Sonex kit delivery, took inventory, and built the construction table.

Jan 2014 – Begin assembly of the horizontal stabilizer. (A lot of fun, hard work, and some blood and tears.)

Dec 2017 – We have 663 hours in build time, and about a dozen builders.

Jan 2018 – We will begin our fifth year. Congratulations Everyone!

Minutes of the November 10, 2017 meeting

14 Members Present, 3 Guests

Tonight's event; Major Yeager addressed the membership with a proposal to host a Young Eagles Event.

Officers present; Mike Lupo - President, Brian Jones -Vice President, Paul Paquin – Secretary

Out of consideration for Major Yeager's time, Mike presented Major Yeager ahead of our business meeting. The Major presented the membership with a request that EAA 279 might consider hosting a Young Eagles Event at Plymouth Airport. It was stated that Tom Hurley from Plymouth Airport was in support, that the liability to EAA279 was the same as our monthly fly- ins, that there were many organizations in support and would participate (The 99s, CAP, UL62, Plymouth Aero Club, etc.), and that Major Yeager would take charge of the event. After discussion, and after twelve members volunteered to work the event, it was moved and passed unanimously that EAA279 under the Major's command, will host a Young Eagle Event sometime in the late Spring.

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

Treasurer's report: Due to Gerry not being present it was passed to table to reading until next month.

Old Business:

- There is no known change in status with UL62.
- There was concern regarding repairs to the cloth hangar. The membership was ready to help once leadership was ready.

New Business:

- It was brought up for discussion that a used hangar might be available from the defunct Marlboro airport. Chip and Mike L said they would investigate.
- One of our guest briefly spoke about Post Mills Museum of Hot Air Ballooning, Vermont. It was brought up that we might consider doing a road or flying trip to visit someday. Road trips were often done in the early years of EAA279.
- Sonex status; It was reported that we are almost finished with connecting the wings. It sure looks like a plane now!
- Charlie very kindly agreed to take the leadership of our Christmas Party again this year, and it was decided that it would be on December 10th, at 5:30pm. Please note the early start. As in past years, the cost is \$15 per person, and the club will pick up the remainder, except for adult beverages. We had a great time last year, so let's make this year even better! Charlie will send the details to everyone. And it was enthusiastically supported to invite the members of UL62, and our friends for Cranland and other airports. Let's get the word out to everyone.

Following the meeting the following happened; There was no MOGAS meeting this month.

Our new google members group. <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ea279/join>

Google Groups

This same paragraph has been posted in the newsletter for many months now. It's getting near time to get off the pot. That means, within a few months, newsletter notices will no longer go out by email. They will go to the EAA279 Google group. Of course, if you belong to the group you get an email anytime someone posts to it. Here's where you can sign up: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ea279/join>. Remember, if you stop receiving EAA279 emails in the near future and have not joined the group, you have nobody to blame but yourself.