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Friday 7:30 PM.
Breakfast Fly-in
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the hands of the
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the first of the month,
for that month's issue.

President's Report

Fellow EAA'ers I have Great News! For me at least - I have joined the ranks of that group of dreamers and schemers. Yes, I have bought an airplane which will be coming soon to our very own Cranland Airport. It is an LSA Slipstream Revelation with a Vernier Engine to be delivered in March. I look forward to sharing the experience with you all and I will keep you all posted as to its arrival.

Thinking beyond this a bit, this is why we come together; to share and support such experiences among ourselves. I like to think that we all get renewed a little bit each time such things happen. I look forward to your help and guidance which is also why we come together. I know we are currently in a low period with all this talk about expenses and such but we also need to be optimistic about our future. Yes, we may have to make adjustments, but we will still be around in the future. We simply have to decide what we need to do in order to have a future. Here's to our future, yours, mine and ours.

Thank you.

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Calendar

Feb 8	7:30 PM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting www.eaa279.org
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Secretary's Report

January 11, 2008, Meeting Minutes

Preceding the meeting, a delightful Italian repast was prepared and presented by Roger Roy. Thanks & WELL DONE to Roger.

Those members present and enjoying the opportunity to partake were as follows: Dan Simmons, Paul Paquin, Ron Houghton, Maurice Fitzgerald, President Carl Paturelli, Bob Whittier, Bob Wilkie, Al Cavacco, Tom Hassie, John Meehan, Tom Boyle, Bill Sweeney, Ben Booy, Treasurer Gerry Scampoli, Roger Roy and yours truly, Secretary Walter Lockhart. Vice President Tom Constantine arrived too late to fully enjoy the feast.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Carl Paturelli @ 1925 hrs with a good heavy hitting gavel strike or two. I have done my best to have notes

reflect the Order of Business. Not the time they were discussed. Some new business occurred during the Old Biz section and vice versa!

1) Old business opened with a request to accept the December meeting's Secretary's Report submitted by John Duffy. Motion to accept and with more seconds than needed - unanimous

2) The Treasurer's Report was addressed by Gerry Scampoli, submitted by his predecessor Al Cavacco. Lots of our revenue went for propane! Recent dues collection has somewhat replenished the coffers to date. More \$ to come. We have been made aware that the EAA Insurance will be a much larger expense than it has been in the past! This year's expenses exceeded our income by a substantial amount!!!! Gerry wasn't sure of this interpretation of Al's notes & Al assisted in the presentation. R.

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Classifieds - For Sale

Tilt Trailer - 8' x 12'
trailer, tilt bed with
new 2,000 lb. axle
and new wheels.
\$500
Call Lee Pearson at
508-224-3052



Kolb For Sale,
\$9500 **N279JD**
Certified under the
new sport aircraft
rules, low time on
airframe and 503
engine.

Call John Duffy 508-378-3411.



Brand new Tire and Tube - 500x5 Goodyear tire with
new Michelin tube. Best Offer.

Call Brian - 781-293-0366

Secretary's Report (cont.)

Wilkie - Motion to accept and again, more seconds than needed - unanimous.

3) Pres. Carl Patturelli presented Al Cavacco with a plaque expressing the Chapter's appreciation of his efforts as long-time Treasurer and his efforts to support and maintain EAA Chapter 279. Walter Lockhart received Certificates for serving as Secretary & Chapter "Young Eagles (Y-E)" rep. Y-E activities limited to contact with nearby chapters with cautious response.

4) Roger Roy inquired about the progress of the 501(c)(3) effort? This program has a lot of issues that may require some professional assistance. The membership is not totally aware of the implications and complications involved in this process. The Chapter should consider involving a qualified individual to open the doors that can guide us. Perchance, one that will, for a reasonable fee, advise us just how we can best address this quandary. As of this period there have been some genuine efforts by members to get our foot in the door. Al Cavacco, Paul Paquin, John Meade, Tom Constantine and too many others to remember have spent a significant amount of time researching the elements of this complicated program. Their end agreement suggests that there is a need for further guidance or a consultant to hold our hand through and during our involvement. This means that this consultant will/could participate in a percentage of the results. This would be negotiable. Just look @ how complicated this can be! Where to from here? A huge discussion prevailed and followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Houghton presented an opinion regarding the current rate of rental for the former Al Sherman hangar. \$100.00 is too much! Well, guess what, with today's expenses any amount of hangar rental is exorbitant. Where can any aviator find a better residence for their aircraft at this offering? Ya can't imagine the rhetoric and bull residue that followed.

Tom Constantine inquired about the New EAA insurance policy. This is another can of worms! Yes, we have a breakfast that is of major concern to EAA National. Our breakfast contents are offered for a donation. The suggested donation fee is reflected in just over what the cost of fuel and food materials present

to us. All help is voluntary including the time required to purchase, transport and prepare for serving. There is no parking charge or other fees extended to any visitors during these events. The new expenses for insurance are not warranted. My opinion, nobody asked. Walter L

At sometime during the gathering there was a promotion to raise new members. Paul Paquin advised by questioning & intimating (I hope I got this right), these are not his exact words, "We may be more vulnerable and have less than expected or caring members. We need to be careful to prevent discourse or whatever!" When we get into these types of dialogues I personally/emotionally get involved and I need to stay out!

Gerry Scampoli recommended that at the next Board of Directors meeting we can address the questions about our need for an accountant to address the 501(c)(3) attempt.

Paul Paquin again advised the members of the potential and success of applying for grants and other diversities.

Al Cavacco stressed the importance of remaining current with the Chapter status and other MA State requirements.

There was a discussion of the use of tax exemption status of the Chapter as a non-profit org. to raise cash for COL to obtain State of MA Grants. This would be another option and need for a qualified accountant.

John Meehan's inquiry about establishing the monies accepted for rental of the hangar for its maintenance, repairs, and up-grades was substantiated by Roger Roy.

A motion to allow funding in the amount of \$3000.00 to properly rebuild the tool room attachment to our facilities was proposed by Bill Sweeney & seconded by Paul Paquin. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Respectfully confused and submitted,
Walter L. Lockhart

Photo Page

Dan Simmons stole the show recently when he showed up with his new Vari-Prop.



Dan Simmons poses proudly with the new propeller installed on his SeaRey for a trial fit.



Mike Berry, Roger Roy and Dan (L-R) take stock of the new assembly.



Roger helps Dan assemble the hub.