



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

President's Message

Dear Members and Guests,

Greetings Everyone,

After a relatively mild December, did someone pray for snow in 2015? Okay, it's time to stop now, enough is enough. There's at least three feet of the stuff at my house that just won't go away. Now I'm really looking forward to spring and our first Breakfast Fly-in this April and that really isn't so far away. On the other hand maybe we should put the wheels back on the clubhouse and haul it to a nice little airstrip in Florida. Naa, we'd have to leave the tool room and bathroom behind.

But now is a good time to think about improvements to our operation for this year's Fly-ins and I think we should dedicate a little time at each of our next few meetings to toss around what needs to be done. A couple of things come to mind such as not only protecting people from the attending aircraft but we also need to try to strongly suggest that our fly-in guests adopt a "look but don't touch" attitude toward the aircraft. I think our menu is still a winner but there is always room for improvement so suggestions are encouraged.

Progress on the Sonex has been really slow due to the weather but we had the entire tail temporarily mounted to the fuselage last time for a photo op and it looks really good.

See you on our next meeting night, this Friday 2/13/15 but watch for an E-mail in case the weather forces us to cancel. The EAA chapter video magazine this month includes ballooning in New Mexico's Red Rock State Park, hints for homebuilders – diagnosing low cylinder compression, and news from HQ.

Thanks, Charlie

Calendar

Friday Feb 13 7:30 PM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting
Friday Mar 13 7:30 PM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting
Fly-in breakfasts start up again next spring		

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

www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm

Minutes of the January 9, 2015 meeting

**10 members present
1 guest; Paul Babcock**

Officers present; Charles Cottuli, Gerry Scampoli, Paul Paquin

Secretary's report: Minutes of December's meeting approved.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer's report approved as presented.

Old Business:

- Where is Bob Letourneau? Has anyone heard from him? Is he ok? Does he get this newsletter by postal or via a friend?
- It was agreed that the Pitts would be listed for sale for \$3000 and that we would take \$2500 minimum for it; Paul volunteered.
- A discussion was had about renting space in the cloth hangar to Paul Babcock for assembly of a Piper Cub.
- Check out the Sonex project at <http://www.mykitlog.com/EAA279> .

New Business:

- Gerry and Peter spoke regarding the jumpers using our bathroom facilities. A vote passed to allow the use of our bathroom and shower in exchange for \$500 for the season.
- All members are encouraged to be vigilant regarding our resources; let's save money wherever we can.
- A question was posed as to our heating expenses; they are very low.
- A request for another wind sock was not received with interest.
- The EAA 279 Chapter forms have been submitted by Chuck for the 2015 year.
- A discussion was had about recovering the hangar, or maybe replacing it with a metal one.

Speaker – Tom Hassie

Tom gave a candid talk about his 2014 trip to Air Venture and the adventures which spun from this; wonderful entertainment. Tom and Paul Babcock volunteered at the seaplane base and slept at a nearby rented home. Tom reviewed the workings of the seaplane base and the pleasure found in towing planes to the moorings, and helping them arrive and get underway.

Thank you Tom!

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