



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

Hello everyone,

Hello Everyone,

Feb is here already. The days are notably longer. And the Sonex project is back in full-swing from the holidays. Greg and Gerry have been toiling vehemently to get the landing lights in the leading edge of the wing, cut, fit, mounted and wired so we can rivet up the leading edge. The work looks great! As of last Wednesday, Ron (one of our newer members), John, and myself stitched up the rivets in the left Aileron. It still needs to be balanced. On to the left flap. Once that's done, all that's left is to finalize the wing-tip fiberglass, strobes and running lights...then it's on to the next wing.

And now a shameful plug for build-night.

If you want to get away from all the political news and bickering, the clubhouse is a good place to be on Wednesday nights. We talk about flying. And unfortunately, there has been some discussion about boats. The horrors! But hey...even that's better than watching the news! So come on out.

In last month's newsletter, I reported that Alton bay was just days away from opening. Alton Bay's ice runway officially opened on Sunday, 29 January. By the time you read this, I/we hope to have a good story to tell with pictures to share. Punxsutawney Phil says 6 more weeks of winter. Follow the Alton Bay runway news on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/AltonBaySeaplaneBaseandIceRunway/>

I visited Dr. James Ross, MD, AME on 20 January for my annual Aeromedical examination. Aside from our usual discussion, the 800-pound gorilla in the room (of course!) was the new Third-class FAA medical legislation enacted called Basic Med. It's the thing we've all been

waiting for. Dr. Ross is an outspoken critic of Basic Med. That aside, he’s offered to come speak to us at one of our meeting nights later in the spring. He was thinking April/May time frame. We should discuss further at one of our upcoming meetings. Just a few short months till spring and our inaugural fly-in of 2017! Warmer days await!

See ya around 28M!

Regards,

Calendar

Friday Feb 10 7:30 PM Cranland Airport (28M)
Friday Mar 10 7:30 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

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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

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

Minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting

16 members present, 1 guest

Officers present;

Mike Lupo - President, Brian Jones - Vice President,
Gerry Scampoli - Treasurer, Paul Paquin – Secretary

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

Treasurer’s report:

- We have cashed in all our investments in order to repay the investors who funded the Aerovee motor; now the property of EAA279 along with the Sonex.

Old Business:

- Although there were good intentions to improve the cloth hangar asap, with Winter solidly here, it was decided that we would wait until warmer weather arrives. Chuck got a quote for a new rear panel; it is very expensive!
- Regarding the Aerovee parts, we are very thankful to John R for having acquired the remaining parts thereby completing our purchase. Thank you John!
- Regarding the Sonex, the Wednesday night crew is finishing up the left wing, and adding a landing light.

New Business:

- Our pancake batter mixer is dead. Tom will shop for the club and get a new one.
- Through Mike we have been gifted a new FBO radio. It needs a 10amp 12v power supply. Does anyone have one laying around to donate? You must know that the wife wants it out of the basement.
- A discussion was had regarding whether the used Aerovee prop should be repaired or replaced. It was decided that we would get it to Sensenich and ask their opinion.

* DUES ARE DUE. Please save us from having to remind anyone. Thank you.

Following the meeting the following happened; There was a MOGAS meeting.

Just a friendly reminder that this time of year when it gets above freezing, some areas of Cranland get extra soggy and driving vehicles on them can leave deep ruts. Please try not to drive vehicles on the grass unnecessarily.



Winter Fun

Downwind for Alton Bay on 2/5/17. If you haven't been there, you really should consider heading up. Don't be intimidated by landing on the ice. It really is a non-event. I am always more worried about making a fool of myself by falling down on the ice getting out of the plane



The Funk has Arrived

As you are probably aware, MOGAS now owns 2 airplanes, a Grumman AA1A and a (the actually) 1949 Funk B. After MOGAS purchased the Funk we left it up in Bangor for some radio work which for various reasons did not happen. The plane is now in the big hangar.



Funks are fairly rare aircraft. I've read there are between 50 and 100 flying. This is the only 1949 Funk and the only one certified with a Lycoming O-235