



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

Dear Members and Friends,

The winter chill got you down? No worries! Come to a Wednesday build night and get your hands dirty.

You might not be able to wash them as the water feeding the airport from the road has been frozen. It thawed, but the way this winter has been going, it might re-freeze... Still, you can wipe your hands on your jeans and just keep going.

Seriously, it's been a crazy winter so far. The airport's been iced-in and then thawed out a few times since Dec. I went almost an entire month with less than 10 hours in the air due to the snow. Unheard of!

The ice runway at Alton Bay is opened (as of this writing). I heard it's slicker than owl sh**. Be careful!

The Sonex project is moving along. We have torn into the Aerovee engine. We're replacing the nicci cylinders with cast. Yeah, it'll add 9 pounds, but it's a safer option. We'll also go through the rod-cap bolts and replace those in good measure as a few of them turned when we tried to torque them to 28 ft/lbs (target is 30). A properly installed rod cap bolt should be really difficult to turn [without applying heat] if they're thread-locked with red Locktite to spec.

I failed to mention last month ...or am I repeating myself?... that I commissioned Paul Babcock to investigate a possible hangar building that could be donated and moved from the Marlboro airport. The Marlboro airport is going to be closing in the future and they are willing to allow us to take the building(s) gratis. We've been in touch with one of our local members who happens to be a structural engineer. His conclusion is that the buildings do not meet current snow-load code. This fact among some other cost factors make the project unfeasible. We'll have to consider other options if we want to erect a new hangar. Thank you Paul for your legwork. I apologize for not making mention of this in the last newsletter.

Mike

Calendar

Friday Feb 9 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting

Friday Mar 9 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting

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.

Dues are Still Due

Annual chapter dues are due. Don't be the guy responsible for the coffers being empty. Here's an idea; bring them with you to the monthly meeting on 2/9 that you plan on attending.

Minutes of the January 12, 2018 meeting

6 Members Present

Officers present; Mike Lupo - President, Gerry Scampoli - Treasurer, Paul Paquin – Secretary

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

Treasurer's report: A favorable treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Old Business:

- After careful discussion, it was decided to make the vent-less heater the primary when we are not here, leaving the central heater as the secondary except when we are present.
- Regarding the Marlborough hangars, it was determined that they were not designed for snow loads, and so probably not worth moving. Thank you to Mike, Peter, Brian and Paul B for the effort!
- There was a brief discussion about redoing the letters on the front of our cloth hangar. Everyone was in agreement, but no one from our small meeting group had the time to volunteer. Anyone out there interested?
- Chip reported that the UL62 Club has made a donation to our EAA279 Club. (More details once known)
- Chip has volunteered to market our old VW motor. Thank you Chip!

New Business:

- **DUES ARE DUE;** Please send your \$50 dues to Gerry Scampoli, 22 Pierre Vernier Drive

Sandwich, MA 02563-2695.

- Regarding the Young Eagles event, we received notice that Major Yeager has chosen June 9th - 10th , with a rain date of June 16 th as tentative dates for the Young Eagles event. Be aware that all members who will volunteer need to complete a Young Eagles clearance webinar, including ground personnel.
- Charlie will take care of the hinge repair on the cloth hangar. Thank you Charlie!
- Gerry will meet with Mass Save on Monday regarding what they can do to help us save energy/money. Thank you Gerry!
- Regarding the Sonex project, Gerry recommended that we replace various AeroVee engine parts while we have the unit apart. It was decided to table this until our next meeting.
- Paul P put on the table the possibility of a club trip, and to his surprise there was support for the idea of us going to Europe's largest general aviation show, Aero Friedrichshafen, in Germany. Paul volunteered to work out the details for a decision at the next meeting. Check it out.
- [http://www.aero-expo.com/aero- en/](http://www.aero-expo.com/aero-en/) Road trip anyone? (As of this newsletter publishing, a travel agency is offering our group 6 days, 5 nights, quality
- airfare and hotel for \$1490 each. All interested, please come to the meeting or if you cannot please call Paul, 617-201- 1816.)
- A sincere Hello and Thank YOU to EAA279 member David Keith who kindly sent us old photos of Cranland. You can find David at Shady International Airport, 3140 SW 86 th Place, Ocala, FL, 34476. 352-873- 8681 Quality Aerial Photography.

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

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

There was no meeting held for MOGAS on this date.

Google Groups

The new year seems like a good time to make a clean break. I will no longer be sending out monthly emails for the EAA279 newsletter. I will instead be posting notifications to the google group. If you hear someone complaining about not getting the email, please nudge them in the direction of the group.

January Fly-in

Ha! Got you again. But, it's only about 9 weeks until the first fly-in of the season on April 15th. In the interim, your humble editor will fill you in on his recently acquired RV4 project. The engine had a dubious overhaul 2500 hours ago so it was time to come off. Overall looked to be in pretty good shape except for the camshaft. The lobe that drives the #1 and #2 intake valves was pretty well ground off. All

the engine parts are in Oklahoma now having magic performed on them. They should be back in the next week or so. Once we had the engine off it was clear that mount was cracked. It went off to a guy that makes mounts for Vans and should be back next week.

