



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 Friends and Members,

It's no secret that our coffers are running a tad lean. You good folk are asking how we came to this point. We came to this point firstly by having a number of breakfast events being weathered out. More than half. In fact, only three out of the seven we hold were significantly positive. That coupled with our regular expenses plus an increase in the cost of our annual Christmas party helped move us towards trouble. There are a number of smaller things that contributed as well.

On behalf of all of the members of EAA 279, I want to thank the folks who stepped up and donated funds to help us stay in the black till the fly-in seasons begin. I'm deeply touched at the number of people who feel invested in what we do. The good news is that our fly-in season begins soon.

The Sonex project is coming along. We've made significant progress on the baffling as well as the oil cooler. Once this is all fitted we can begin our work on the cowlings.

The cold air is sinking in and as I pen this, the Alton Bay Ice Runway is currently open. It's my hope that it's still open at the time this is published.

Thank you all again for your continued support and belief in EAA 279. It's really all about YOU!

Mike

Calendar

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

EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting

Friday Mar 8 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.

Minutes of the January 11 2019 meeting

12 members present

Officers present - Mike Lupo, Andy Baker, and Gerry Scampoli

The Secretary's report was accepted as reported in the newsletter with no changes.

Gerry Scampoli presented the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was a rather somber affair. Because of some miss postings during the summer by Gerry (he admitted that he was very busy with his plane project) we do not have as much money as we had predicted. If we paid all our outstanding obligations then we would be out of cash. We are still owed dues and rents so it will be incumbent on all of us to pay up on any of these items. Various members of the group have offered to extend the club some cash to cover any future obligations until fly-in season begins. No definitive solution was resolved. The treasurer's report was then accepted as reported by Gerry.

Old business:

None discussed.

New business:

There was a discussion about how the poor weather on the mornings of the 2018 fly-ins had impacted our club profits. The idea of having rain dates was discussed. It was not clear how the change to a rain date could be communicated in a timely manner though as many local people just count on the date. Also the rain date decision may be made as late as Saturday afternoon and that does not leave much time for people to be notified. This will require further investigation.

The passing of our friend Bob Yaeger was discussed. Mike L., Mike T., Charles L. and Andy B. are going to reach out to the CAP so that we can insure a smooth transition in our relationship as Bob was the only person that the chapter had contact with. The four will plan to attend a CAP meeting on a Tuesday night this month at PYM.

Mike T. Charles L. and Andy B. are moving ahead with the Ray Scholarship application process. They will be meeting to discuss some aspects of the application process.

Meeting was adjourned about 8:10 PM.

New developments since meeting:

Mike Lupo has set up a spreadsheet keeping track of member's donations and or loans to the club to help cover our obligations. If you would like to contribute you can use PayPal to send money directly to Mike for the account or I am sure cash or checks to Gerry or Mike will be fine also. Thanks everyone.

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

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

That time of year again. The ground is frequently soft from the rains. Please avoid creating ruts. If it's really soggy Pete may issue a NOTAM to keep planes on the taxiway so be sure to check.



Build Night

We are still fitting the engine baffling. Since it seals against the cowl, it was time to pull the cowl out of the box and start looking at fitting it. Perhaps we can have the Sonex flying this Summer if we can keep up momentum. If you have not stopped by on a Wednesday eve, you really should.

