

**Chapter Monthly  
Meeting Second  
Friday 7:30 PM.  
Breakfast Fly-in  
Third Sunday,  
Starting in April.**

# EAA279 Newsletter

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## **President's Report**

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to one and all!

I hope everyone has had a very happy holiday season and that Santa brought you everything you asked for.

This has again been a very busy time for me. Winter is always the busy season at work. I did manage to spend an hour airborn in the Cub, a week or so ago, got rid of most of the cobwebs out of my skull. That is one sweet airplane!

As requested at our last meeting, I have invited Paul Babcock to our next meeting to give us a talk. He has agreed to give us a short lesson on Cub rib repair methods. If anyone has

been harboring a little nagging question about a particular Piper product, or why a Cub was configured such and such a way, now is the time to speak up.

Unfortunately, I will be traveling on business most of the second week of January. I'll have to break the land speed record just to get from T.F.Green to the meeting on time. I don't think that I'll be able to put on a dinner for the January meeting, my schedule won't allow it. Any volunteers? Just give me a call... we'll figure something out.

See you at the meeting. Gerry

## **Secretary's Report**

Below are the **November** meeting minutes not included in the December 2002 Newsletter.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 sharp by Gerry Scampoli, President. The

October Secretary's report was accepted Unanimously. The Treasurer's report was also accepted Unanimously.

Old Business: The Wright Bros. Committee .reported that the Flight Simulator

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## Old Colony Flying Club

The Old Colony Flying Club meets directly after the regular Chapter 279 monthly meeting on the second Friday of each month.

## Flying Club News

# Secretary's Report (cont.)

Computer is partially loaded. It will be installed in a 5 ft. rack. There is a problem as to where it will be set up during the breakfast.

Mike Draper moved to increase the budget of the Committee to \$1,365.00. Seconded. Passed Unanimously.

The Christmas Breakfast buffet will be on December 8th between 9-12 AM. Bob Wilkie moved we purchase the \$8.95 breakfast. Seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Announcement: Fun Day at Plymouth will happen in 2003.

Bob Wilkie moved we adjourn. Seconded. Passed Unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Below are the **December** meeting minutes:

The Meeting was brought to order at 7:38 PM by President Gerry Scampoli. The acceptance of the November Secretary's report was tabled to the next monthly meeting. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted Unanimously.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Paul Babcock will be invited to the January meeting to give a demonstration on how to repair wing ribs. Gerry received from EAA Headquarters Certificates and Pins of Appreciation . He distributed them to the following Al Cavacco Treasurer, Gerry Scampoli President, Tom Hassie Tech Advisor, John Duffy, Newsletter Editor, and George Fortin Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Congratulations went to all. Other discussions related to completing paperwork for annual reports to EAA and the State of Massachusetts. and the naming of a new Board of Directors. No motions were made regarding any New Business. Moved to Adjourn at 8:39. Seconded and accepted Unanimously . Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

## Prop Wash

## *Happy New Year 2003*

Congratulations to all! We have made it to see the start of another year. Wow! Ain't that terrific!! The World is in great shape!! Yeh well, we'll see about that as each new years day dawn's across the globe. Let us at least hope for the best. I think that is all we can do in light of the current state of World affairs.

Anyhow, I've been handed a few lines to ponder. One of our older members took the time to write them down and asked that I write them here. Before I list them lets read the truism below. It reminds me of the old baseball joke about "Who is on First". Does this fit our membership at EAA279? Is there something here we can all identify with and if so, maybe make a change for the better in 2003. Sort of a New Years resolution. It's is entitled **NOBODY DID IT.**

# Prop Wash (cont.)

This a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

I can think of painting the Club House this year. Anybody else!

## **Two Guesses:**

A young and foolish pilot wanted to sound cool on the aviation frequencies.

So, on his first approach to a field at night, instead of making any official request to the tower, he said: "Guess who?"

At which, the controller switched the field lights off and replied: "Guess where!"

## **Some rules of the air for fly boys:**

Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory. When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky. The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating. The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire. Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might just be another airplane traveling in the opposite direction. You start out with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before emptying the bag of luck. There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.

## **WRIGHT BROS AIRPLANE CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN!**

I thought this would get your attention.

Al Cavacco has a great set of plans for a kitty Wright Flyer powered by an hydraulic piston. Our needed water pressure to power it has already been calculated as more than adequate by member, mechanical engineer emirates, Al Sherman. Al C. would like to get the flyer started with a group of guys on Friday and Saturday days at the Clubhouse. We've all talked about it for months. It's a doable project. The flyer will climb from ground takeoff level to three feet in the air. It will roll, dive and climb under joystick control and make engine noise by the young pilot.

This can be part of a great theme celebrating 100 years of aviation during our seven 2003 breakfasts starting in April. This action project will of course reinforce our 279 Mission statement to introduce and further aviation science among all those who visit our meetings and breakfast fly-In's. Come and talk to Al about the kitty Flyer. He already has the hardware, we just need to cut out the parts, assemble and paint.

Happy flying,  
John Duffy

## **FOR SALE**

**For Sale:** John Duffy has for sale a Light Miniature Aircraft LMA1. It is a  $\frac{3}{4}$  scale Ultralight type single place (does not fit the weight limit) of a Piper Cub J3. It is in excellent condition. It has a Rotex 503 but will need a prop. The wheels and tires are tundra type (large). The wheel brakes are set-up but not installed. \$7500.00 firm. Call 508-378-3411.

**For Sale:** Bob Wilkie informs me he is putting up his Kolb for sale. His asking price is \$8500.00. Bob can be reached at 781-878-4215.

These pictures are for member Kelly Barker. I found this Stinson 108 over at Murry Randalls Myrex airport this summer. Kelly has had a serious Alaska malady lately for one of these. The owner told me he had 62K into this aircraft. I can believe it was all of that and more!

