

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

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## **President's Report**

Happy New Year Everyone,

I hope you had as wonderful a Christmas as I had. I wish you all the very best New Year. I started the New Year off with a ride from Tom Constantine in an Ercoupe rented at Marshfield Airport. I must say it was neat flying out of Marshfield after being away for 33 years. I was impressed with Toms landing in the 18-20 knot quartering crosswind. The Ercoupe seem like a safe and easy to fly airplane. Marshfield will do well renting to Sport Pilots.

Gail and I took our movie passes and saw the "Aviator". It was a great movie and I think you would enjoy it. The first half has more airplane action than the last half.

Our January meeting will have a 45 min. VHS movie on WW1 aviation. Ken Walsh received this movie for Christmas and will share it with us.

See you at the meeting.

Jim

## **Secretary's Report**

EAA 279 Chapter meeting Friday 12/10/04

Meeting was called to order by

Jim Lane at 7:30 pm . Further report will be included in the next newsletter.

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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:

Work continues on the repair of the CGS Hawk that sustained damaged langing gear last summer. See the picture at right.



Volunteers Carl Patturelli, Tom Hassie (under the fuselage) and Bob Jackson (in the far background) work on the CGS Hawk repair. Ron Houghton, Bill Sweeney, Lindley Bonner and John Meehan had worked earlier and are not pictured. Photo: Tom Boyle

## Ice Landing

The 16th annual regional Ice-Port Fly-In, open to everyone, sponsored by Aviation Association of NH (AANH). Land on the only FAA certified ice runway, Alton Bay (B12), on beautiful Lake Winnepaukee, New Hampshire. Last year the ice was over 30" thick, the runway was plowed over 3,000' x 100', with a parallel taxiway and a parking area. We had everything from helicopters and twins to Cubs and experimentals. The event coincides with the Town of Alton's Winter Festival, featuring snowmobile racing, children's games, vendors, DJ and music, and the traditional Bed Race. Local shops and lakeside restaurants. The fly-in is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the winter festival activities are Noon to 3:30 p.m. \$5 donations for 'I landed on the ice' trophy buttons. Check their website [www.aanh.org](http://www.aanh.org) or their group site <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AANH-unicom/> for updates. Bad weather date February 26, 2005.

# Mike's Dream

EAA Chapter 279 member Mike Draper took delivery of the quick-build components for his RV-8 project November 6.

Other chapter members volunteered to help unpack the fuselage and wings, which Mike had picked up from the shipping depot with Bill Sweeney the previous night. Mike supplied coffee and donuts for the work party, which thoroughly enjoyed seeing the pre-built fuselage and wings, and the fine work Mike has done so far on his project.

The fantastic kit has the fuel tanks installed and pressure tested. The necessary plumbing and wiring is already under the wing skin which is fully riveted in place.

Within two hours the received components were in their custom cradles (Mike's own design). Mike has a long but enjoyable road ahead. Good Luck & tail winds for Mike!

Photos: John Duffy





Recent addition to the cloth hangar, compliments of John Duffy & Bill Sweeney.

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