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Friday 7:30 PM.
Breakfast Fly-in
Third Sunday,
April thru Oct.

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President's Report

Happy New Year Everyone,

I hope you all have a wonderful year. I need ideas for speakers this year. Please think about this and let me know. Our meeting will be on Friday the 13th at 1930 this month.

Jim

Secretary's Report

The December meeting was cancelled because of the weather. There is no Secretary's Report for December.

Airport Conditions

Some recent warm spells have created soft turf on the airport. As a result, cars have created some pretty bad ruts, deep enough to keep airplanes from taxiing. Thanks for limiting your driving on the airport when the weather is above freezing or the ground is soft.

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Calendar

Jan 13	7:30 PM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting
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Apr 4 - Apr 10	Lakeland, FL (LAL)	Sun 'n Fun www.sun-n-fun.org
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Chapter Happenings

Dues Due for 2006

Thanks to all who have already sent in your dues for 2006. If you have forgotten to do so, dues are payable at the beginning of the calendar year. Your dues help keep the building open and the club active.

New Airplane on the Field

Robie Robichaud recently moved his new (to him) Aeronca Chief to Cranland from Taunton. Robie's airplane is one of many to winter over inside the large hangar. Here's a picture of the proud owner before the plane went inside for the winter.



Bob Jackson Checks In

EAA Chapter 279 member and former Vice President Bob Jackson sends greeting from his new home in Pennsylvania. Bob says, "Please feel free to publish my contact info in the 279 newsletter and our willingness to put up and pick up anyone who flies in."

Bob Jackson
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- For Sale -

Paraplane PM-1 Powered Parachute in excellent condition with twin Solo 210 engines, manual, new carbs, new props and comes with trailer. \$2500/BO. Fred Kawa: 781-447-3202 Email me for pictures. Frederick.Kawa@us.army.mil

Winter at Cranland



Winter at Cranland means gray skies and snow on the ground. It also means some adjustments in the clubhouse. If you've been to the airport lately, you've noticed that Bill Sweeney and Ron Houghton set the props under the patio roof to prepare for the snow load. Bill also weatherproofed the outside water supply again this year. If you use the building or you're the last one to leave, there are two important items to check on your way out. The door to the new bathroom needs to be left open when it is not in use to keep the pipes from freezing in that room. And if you're the last one to leave the building, make sure the heat is turned down but not off. Enjoy the winter!

Project Update

Mike Draper's RV-8

December 26, 2005 saw a half-dozen members of EAA Chapter 279 gathered at Mike Draper's house for a work party to "hang the wings" on Mike's RV-8 project.

It took a group to lift the wings into position and to set temporary pins into the root fittings for the front spars. Mike was then ready to start aligning washout, sweepback and incidence before drilling through for the rear spar bolts.

Enjoy some pictures from that session.



Sometimes you need a bigger hammer to get the job done.
Photo: Tom Boyle



Temporary alignment pins hold the front spar in place.
Photo: Tom Boyle



Mike hung the tail section on the airplane, by popular request.
Photo: Tom Boyle



Chapter 279 members (L-R) Tom Boyle, Bill Sweeney, Roger Roy, John Duffy, Gerry Scampoli and Bob Wilkie pose for a group picture.
Photo: Mike Draper