



# Chapter 279 Newsletter



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**Chapter Monthly Meeting: Second Friday of the month at 7:30 PM**

**Breakfast Fly-in: Third Sunday April through October**

## President's Message

**Dear Members and Guests,**

Happy New Year Everyone,

Well, my first year as president is on the books now and it appears that the club has survived but that's mostly due to the efforts of so many of our members. It would have been "mission impossible" for me without the help of our present and former chapter officers as well as the dedicated members who have consistently pitched in when needed. A big thanks to you all.

Hopefully, we will continue to enjoy success at our fly-ins in 2015 as we did in 2014. I think we get a little bit better at it each year. This year we are planning to add the "fly-in rules" to each table, provide "Do not touch" signs to all attending aircraft, and a more professional introductory sign at the entrance. If you have any suggestions for our fly-ins please let us know at the meetings or E-mail or Sonex night.

Cranland airport has seen a lot of improvements in 2014 with many upgrades thanks to the efforts of the owner, Peter Oakley, who has supported us in every possible way. It's sure nice to be able to park right behind the clubhouse instead of dealing with the mountain that used to be there. I think the airport is one of the south shore's best kept little secrets that gets better every year.

Progress on the Sonex has been a little slow due to the holidays but we have the vertical fin and the tail wheel mounting bracket temporarily mounted so a few more rivets and we're on to the next thing. You can be a part of it, come on down, Wednesdays about 6:30PM.

See you on our next meeting night, Friday 1/9/15 when Tom will tell us about his trip to Oshkosh 2014. The EAA chapter video magazine this month includes Alaska bush flying, floats and skis, hints for homebuilders – differential cylinder compression testing, and news from HQ. The magazine lasts about 20-25 minutes (and I have a fast forward button if necessary).

As you know January is when we like to collect the chapter dues so, if possible, well you know.

**Thanks, Charlie**

## Calendar

Friday Jan 9 7:30 PM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting
Friday Feb 13 7:30 PM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting
Fly-in breakfasts start up again next spring		

Every Wednesday evening is Sonex night. Stop by and help us put it together.

[www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm](http://www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm)

## Minutes of the December 12, 2014 meeting

8 members present

Officers present; Charles Cottuli, Gerry Scampoli, Paul Paquin

**Secretary's report:** Not available

**Treasurer's report:** Prop was sold for \$200. Christmas Party overall cost was \$400.

### Old Business:

- The backup heat is operational.
- No development on selling the Pitts.
- Cloth hanger patches have been installed. Thank you Chuck!

### New Business:

- State of Mass Annual Report has been completed thanks to Gerry.
- There was a discussion regarding insurance renewal for the club house.
- REMINDER that it is time to renew our EAA 279 Membership.
- Tom praised our fly-in notice from this past year, and recommended that each table should have a copy so that it could be reviewed by everyone dining. Chuck volunteered to make the table signs and the "Don't Touch" airplane signs.
- Tom volunteered to make a nice large "Welcome to Cranland" sign.

- Tom volunteered to be a guest speaker and review his Oshkosh 2014 trip with us.
- Chuck reminded us of all the free online webinars, new books and Homebuilders Hints.
- We had a discussion on the 100L Fuel problem.
- A decision was made to get rid of some of our liquid containers which are worn and leaking.
- Jim stated a request from Chip that a new wind sock be installed for better view when landing from the South. The suggestion will be passed to Peter.
- Notice was given that Plymouth will be building a new terminal building further away from the runway.

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

### **Update to the club Windows computer**

There are now searchable PDF files on the club computer which are the parts lists for the Sonex project. They are not perfect but still useful.

Four DVD videos came with the Sonex workshop.

- The Sonex Story
- The Right Seat with Tony Spicer
- Flying the SubSonex JSX-1
- AeroVee Engine Assembly

They and other videos are now mounted onto the hard drive of the club computer so that they run without the use of their DVDs. Just select them from the desktop.

Our club house computer does not have a DVD drive in it, only a CD drive. If anyone has a spare R/W DVD drive, please speak up. This would allow our members to make copies of the DVDs for their use at home. Meanwhile if you want copies of these DVDs, please see Paul.