



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

Hello everyone,

Happy New Year.

We got our first real snow of the winter recently. That's not the real big news, the real big news is that the FAA has announced the Third Class Medical Reform "go-live" date. Beginning May 1, 2017 the new law goes into effect. The FAA calls it BasicMed, but by now this is old news to most of us. It is, however, worthy of cheer as I myself fly on a special issuance medical. My medical is a 2 year medical with a one year limitation. In order to use my medical beyond the limitation, I have to submit to yet another medical, have all the supporting medical facts in place (echocardiogram, labs, electrocardiogram, letters, etc). It's been a painful process. Since my medical expires 31 January, I must go for at least one more. Let's hope the FAA does not hold any surprises. Especially for us special issuance holders.

The Sonex project has slowed down over the holiday period. We are still working on the left wing. Hopefully before the end of the month we can finish up the wing but end of Feb is probably more realistic. We have some landing lights ordered which will cause a need to make a modification to the wing's leading edge and that will take some time. Ailerons are in the process of being built and will need balancing before permanently affixing to the wing. The flaps are next and I figure will go fast since there are no compound angles like the Ailerons. The wing tip fiberglass work should be wrapping up. Lastly, a big thing was that the spars were put together and mounting holes reamed to size.

I'm looking forward to Alton Bay's ice runway opening. As of January 8 th , they reported the ice 8-9 inches thick. Another few inches to go. You can follow their news on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/AltonBaySeaplaneBaseandIceRunway/>

Thanks again to everyone for a successful 2016. I look forward to another year as your president. If you have any ideas for club growth, please share them at one of our monthly meetings.

See ya around 28M!

Regards,
Mike

Calendar

Friday Dec 9	7:30 PM Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting
Friday Jan 13	7:30 PM Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting
Friday Feb 10	7:30 PM Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting

EAA Fly-in Breakfast will resume in the Spring

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> .

Minutes of the December 9, 2016 meeting 15 members present, 3 guests

Officers present; Mike Lupo - President, Brian Jones -Vice President, Gerry Scampoli - Treasurer, Paul Paquin - Secretary

Secretary’s report: Accepted as reported in the newsletter with the exception reported to be taken up in Old Business.

Treasurer’s report: We received a thank you letter from the CAP for our donation. A “Good Condition” treasurer’s report was accepted as read.

Old Business:

- We returned to the issue of repairing the cloth hangar from last month’s meeting. It was decided to continue upgrading the hangar as motioned at the last meeting, by allocating \$250 for front upper repairs. There was also a discussion of how to improve the skirt.

- Regarding the AeroVee, nothing yet but John will go get the parts tomorrow in person.
- Sonex status; we are in final preassembly of the left wing before rivets.
- Regarding the data cable trench; wait until Spring.

- It was moved to cash out the remaining mutual fund to pay off the members who purchased the AeroVee.
- The cloth hangar has a combination lock; please call an officer or member for the combination.
- Our President presented certificates of recognition and award pins to the officers from EAA National.

* Please note: DUES ARE DUE, and continue to be \$50 annually.

Please send to Gerry Scampoli, 22 Pierre Vernier Drive, Sandwich, MA 02563-2695.

Following the meeting, the MOGAS Flying Club held a meeting.

Just a friendly reminder that this time of year when it gets above freezing, some areas of Cranland get extra soggy and driving vehicles on them can leave deep ruts. Please try not to drive vehicles on the grass unnecessarily.



Winter Fun

We got a good dusting (about 14 inches at my house) of snow on 1/7 but Cranland was open for business the next day. The following shots were taken by Chip from his Kitfox.





