



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 EAA #279 members:

We've had an eventful month.

We experienced another underground water leak. As most of you who get my emails know, Peter hired an excavator to dig up the old line and replace it anew. We now have a new underground water line and shutoff valve. Thank you Peter and Dick Murphy. Dick tied the new water line into the existing plumbing in the clubhouse. This problem is solved. Phil Nickerson did a lot of the grunt work. Thank you guys!!

Peter offered to replace the siding on the west side of the clubhouse with vinyl. His proposal was accepted at the last meeting. The materials have been purchased but the siding has not been installed yet.

The above cost us a fair amount of money. Our club budget has taken a hit. We'll depend on the future fly-in breakfasts to make our winter budget.

At the May monthly meeting Paul Babcock presented his Piper Cub wing repair seminar. He had just presented the same at Sun 'N Fun. It was a great learning experience for all of us. Even Patrick Leroy, who's built his fair share of cloth covered wings, learned a thing or two. Thank you Paul and thanks for all who attended.

I mentioned last month about needing to dig a trench between the utility pole and trailer to get faster internet. Before we can do that we need to have the conduit to bury so that we trench, bury and backfill as we go. With the club budget taking the hit it might be some time before we can purchase the materials. We were thinking of using 1" PEX for conduit.

Calendar

Friday June 10 7:30 PM Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting
Sunday June 19 8:00 AM Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Fly-in Breakfast
Friday July 8 7:30 PM Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting
Sunday July 17 8:00 AM Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Fly-in Breakfast

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

www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm

Anyway, this is sort of put on hold for the moment.

The Sonex is still progressing. We started the preassembly of the wing spars as the structural components and sub-assemblies have been constructed. The next step will be drilling the rivet holes and doing a large amount of countersinking for flush riveting. I am hopefully optimistic to start rib preassembly by next month's newsletter.

Side project. We have a Pacer wing that needs some clean up and repair. If you like fixing wings, please show up on Wednesday nights and lend a hand.

The missing ratcheting wrenches mentioned in the last newsletter have been found safe and sound.

Looking forward to June. Get out and fly.

Mike

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

Minutes May 13, 2016 meeting

11 members present, 1 guest

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

The meeting was opened with a presentation by member Paul Babcock on the method of repair of Piper Cub Wings. Besides Mr. Babcock's well known expertise in the subject, our member Brian Jones presented an actual wing requiring attention.

Secretary's report: Accepted as reported in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report:

A favorable treasurer's report was accepted as reported.

Old Business: No old business was brought to mind.

New Business:

- It was brought to our attention that member and airport owner Peter Oakley would like to finish off the far end of the club house with new siding, and has offered to do the work. The members present unanimously approved the funding of materials, and expressed appreciation.

- The meeting was made aware that there are a number of members who have not paid their dues.

A discussion was had regarding what should be done. It was recommended that we create a "Friends List" to whom we would continue to send our newsletter via email. It was also recommended that they be called and encouraged to participate, especially since the club is healthy and well. No decision was made at this time.

- Notice was given that we will begin the meeting dinners in June, starting at 1800, with our meeting starting at 1900.

- Concern was brought up that maybe some tools have been vanishing. It was decided that nothing should be done at this time.

- Our president moved to increase our Internet speed by trenching a cable from the nearest fast Internet connection. This was unanimously approved with many volunteering to be diggers.

Be aware that our Flying Club, the Mostly Old Guys Aviation Society (MOGAS), is up and running and members are currently taking lessons and flying our Piper Colt. It flies really well, and it is very cheap to fly too! MOGAS typically holds its meetings after the EAA 279

meetings have adjourned.

Paul Paquin – Secretary

May Fly-in

Weather looked good but a nasty wind was gusting which kept us from seeing too many planes fly in. The turnout for breakfast was pretty good however and there were the usual cars and motorcycles.





