



Chapter 279 Newsletter



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Chapter Monthly Meeting: Second Friday of the month at 7:00 PM
Breakfast Fly-in: Third Sunday April through October

Dear Friends and Members,

FINALLY, some weather worth talking about. May's fly-in breakfast attracted about 200 people. I won't gloat on the nicer weather because I don't want to jinx us!

The June (Father's day) fly-in breakfast is set for, Sunday the 16th. If the weather cooperates we can expect a great turnout.

Many of you know Jim Lane. Incase you don't...Jim is a former chapter president and he's most recently known for painting the crowd-control lines along the runway just before each fly-in breakfast. His son, Andrew passed away unexpectedly on Monday, June 3rd. His obituary is published, <https://keohane.com/services/> We send Jim our condolences. We are very sorry for your loss.

I promised Dave Dinneen, the airport manager at Marshfield, that I would publish a correction to my erroneous mention of landing fees in the May 2019 Newsletter. I'm reiterating here what David himself stated to me in an email. "Shoreline charges a \$20.00 facility when parking your aircraft for more than 30 minutes. By charging a fee, we are able to provide crew cars, coffee, water, and other services to the pilot community. We greet every Aircraft with a professionally trained line person, chock and cone each aircraft. Our facilities are clean and airport grounds well maintained. We encourage pilots to stop by and utilize our beautiful facilities, modern runway, and our services." Thank you again Dave for the correction I apologize again for spreading mis-information. I do love the electric shoe buffer in the men's restroom. Pretty darn cool!

The Sonex project has slowed. We're in the phase where the last 20% of the work is 80% of the effort. We're considering the electrical system and

the placement of switches and instruments. Charlie Lohmiller and Greg Lutz have been spearheading this.

The following few paragraphs are going to be a difficult to write because much of it is based on some known fact, my own observation, and much my own opinion. Consider it an op-ed. A hand full of us attended the Taunton Airport Commission meeting on Wednesday, May 29th to show our support for our friends in the Taunton Pilot's Association (TPA). Many of whom attend our monthly fly-in quite regularly. It appears that the majority of the Taunton airport's commission, and especially the airport manager, behave as though to have a vendetta against the very people who use the airport. Especially against those who call KTAN their home. In fairness, it's important to note that there are few of the commissioners that are indeed aviators, pro-aviation and generally want good things for the airport. They seem to be undermined. Their voices squashed. I heard it from the airport manager's mouth, that how they get around the majority vote is by the formation of sub-committees. Seems he's (very?) experienced at getting around due-process.

One of the main topics discussed was the fact that the airport management has closed the turf runway and refuses to give a clear indication as to why or when it will be reopened. They state that this was done with FAA advisement, yet people in the FAA when contacted by the TPA, are unaware of said advisement. The airport manager was asked by one of the TPA members in the audience to give the name of the person in the FAA. He blatantly ignored the question as though it was never asked. I was reminded about another event concerning this runway from a few years back. The twisted bully airport management forced the TPA to come up with a large sum of money to have trees cut in order to keep the runway open. The TPA did and the trees were cut. The runway remained opened. For a time.

Another topic that was discussed was in regards to the TPA's scheduled fly-in breakfast which was to be held, generously, at the American Aero hangar. This is an event that, to my knowledge, has occurred for many years. The airport management knew of this event months in advance. On the Friday afternoon before the event was to take place, the airport manager disallowed the event stating insurance reasons. That the TPA isn't properly covered. Having known well in advance he could have informed the TPA that they needed added insurance far enough in advance to rectify. By waiting till the Friday just prior, he knew that they could not get a binder effective for the event and so it had to be canceled. It's my opinion that the tactics used by the airport manager are militant and subversive.

Seems this guy is good at being a bully. It is becoming apparent to me that he is placed there by design. It begs the question, "What do the principalities and powers in the high places of Taunton really have in mind"? There is a general consensus among the people I spoke to. That someone wants to close the airport and further develop the land for other purposes.

You can't help but think that someone stands to make a lot of money.
...for the love of money is the root of all evil. (1 Timothy 6:10)

Regards,
Mike

Calendar

Friday June 14 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)
Sunday June 16 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)
Friday July 12 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)
Sunday July 21 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting
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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>.

The Kitlog site is now up to date. And if you have photos to share, please send them to paul.paquin@umb.edu.

EAA 279 meeting May 10, 2019 at Cranland Airport

Members present – 13

Guests – 1

Officers present - Mike Lupo, Andy Baker, and Gerry Scampoli

The Secretary's report was accepted as reported in the newsletter with no changes.

Gerry Scampoli presented the treasurer's report. Had poor fly-in receipts due to the weather. Joe Fava donated the supplies. Thank you very much Joe. Gerry loaned the \$200 for the change kiddy for the fly-in. We have \$504 in the account currently. We used \$25 to open a checking account for the Ray Fund

Scholarship money. The Treasurers' report was accepted as read.

Old business:

None discussed.

New business:

We had two guests from the Massachusetts DOT:

Chris is their UAV specialist and Drew is their airport safety and security person. Both are pilots. Drew talked briefly about his role in helping public and private airports upgrade their facilities. The state provides matching funds at various levels and project management assistance. Chris talked about his role in helping integrate UAV technology into the

Massachusetts airspace to support all sorts of state activities including public service, emergency management, search and rescue and police to name a few. We then all went outside and Chris demonstrated a couple of UAVs that he brought along. The technology is extremely impressive. The stability and automatic flight control and camera control systems are amazing. The industry is working to integrate UAVs into the ADS-B environment and that will be very cool.

Shannon Daly our Ray Scholarship person has completed her application and we then need to review it and then submit it to the EAA. Mike Lupo, Mike Tirone and Charlie Lohmiller opened a checking account to receive the scholarship funds.

We discussed cooking duties at the fly-in and agreed that we had it covered.

Paul Babcock talked about bringing in the FAA to provide safety presentations to the group maybe on a regular basis. It was agreed that the Friday night club meetings would be the time to do it. We will target the July 12 th meeting as the first date. Stay tuned.

The airfield suffered a lightning strike in a recent storm that destroyed most the electronic equipment around the field. This included the clubhouse internet router and the heating and cooling system controller. Mike Lupo has replaced the router. Thank you Mike very much. We will need to get Hanson Fuel to service the heating system.

Meeting was adjourned about 8:35 PM.

Our google members group. <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ea279/join>

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

In case you've never been fortunate enough to see this, the haze you see in this image is all tree pollen. Taken 6/9 on the way to KTAN from around 1000 feet.



May Fly-In





Mass DOT drone demonstration during May meeting

