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Meeting Second
Friday 7:30 PM.
Breakfast Fly-in
Third Sunday,
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President's Report

Members; Happily we are starting a fresh summer session of fly-in breakfasts and hopefully other events as well. This is our chance to renew ourselves and not just financially. I know financial concerns have taken up a lot of our time lately and they won't be going away too soon. The club does reflect the present economic state; everything is costing more and people are finding it increasingly more difficult to allocate their income and resources to do the things they like. Returning to my original opening premise; I want to encourage all of our membership to turn out for our first breakfast fly-in to participate and just be on-hand to support our club and represent it to the attending public. We get renewed from such events and we represent the best of what we are to the public by these occasions. Just by showing up it gives solidarity to our cause and strength to each member. Participation in the fly-in activities gives more strength to our club. There are now more than ever many opportunities to assist on such Sundays, from working in the clubhouse / kitchen to helping police the flight line by making it safer and more organized. Please help to make this season of flying a safer and happier one for all members and visitors.

Carl Patturelli, President

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Calendar

Mar 14 7:30 PM Cranland Airport ([28M](#)) EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting
www.eaa279.org

Mar 29 Nashua, NH ([ASH](#)) New England Aviation Safety EXPO
www.faa.gov/news/conferences_events/aviation_expo

Apr 8 - Lakeland, FL ([LAL](#)) Sun 'n Fun Fly-In
Apr 13 www.sun-n-fun.org

April 20 8:00AM - Cranland Airport ([28M](#)) EAA Chapter 279 Fly-in Breakfast
11:00AM www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm

Jul 28 - Oshkosh, WI ([OSH](#)) EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2008
Aug 3 www.airventure.org

Sep 6 - Westover Air Reserve Base ([CEF](#)) The Great New England Air Show
Sep 7 www.greatnewenglandairshow.com

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Secretary's Report

EAA Chapter 279 Membership Meeting
Feb 8, 2008

President Carl Patturelli opened our Friday night general EAA 279 membership meeting at 7:35 PM.

The Secretary's Report of last month's January meeting, as published in the February Newsletter was accepted by all members present.

The Treasurer's report, as given by Treasurer Gerry Scampoli, was also accepted. Gerry did note however that our investment statement is due for review next month.

Old Business:

Tom Hassie collected members' chances on a 50/50 cash drawing. The collection was completed before our meeting started. All agree this has proved to be a good moneymaker for the Club Treasury and we must keep it up at every general meeting.

Two guests were present, John Wolf and Brian Christin. Carl summarized interests of belonging to our EAA Chapter 279 for the two guests.

New Business:

Carl distributed 2007 EAA award certificates and pins supplied by EAA National to former 279 President Jim Lane, former Treasurer Al Cavacco, and Technical Counselor Tom Hassie. Other awards have been issued but the recipients were not present.

Aside from the Safety issues at fly in dates (see below), one of the recommendations that came out of the January 25th Board of Directors meeting was that we bring forth to the Club membership, requests for special donations in the form of cash

to the Club Treasury. At the moment it is frightfully low to begin this new year 2008 breakfast season. President Carl Patturelli brought this request forth to the general membership.

Again it was noted that scrap iron found in and around the club hanger be collected and brought to Cassoli's sand and gravel weigh station where it can be converted to cash for the Club treasury. At the present time the grounds around the airport are too soft to make any such move with two wheelers or utility trailers.

The future replacement stove now stored in Al Cavacco's green hangar must be moved, he needs the room. Consensus of opinion is that we find waiting room in the Club House where it will be installed at some future date after our breakfast season. A move team will be needed due to its extreme weight.

A breakfast fly-in safety discussion and the need for improvement was started by member Paul Paquin. The consensus is again that a committee is needed to bring this about. The term Field Marshall was bantered about but the seriousness of the matter must be addressed and implemented during every breakfast. Parking was also discussed for airplanes, cars, show cars, motorcycles etc.

Club insurance and Liability coverage and its related expense was made known to the members by President Carl Patturelli.

Roger Roy has made members aware that Rotax 912 repair procedures are now on video Internet. More can be learned from Roger on this.

Secretary's Report (cont.)

Member Richard Barker from Middletown, RI voiced his dismay that it is nearly impossible to locate flight instructors under the new Sport Aircraft / Pilot program. The closest that can be found is one plane one CFI at North Hampton, New Hampshire. Many of us share the same disappointment. To lighten up Richard's dismay, he won tonight's 50/50 jackpot!

Someone brought up availability of extra goodies at fly-in breakfast dates. They included yo-

gurt with a variety of flavors and even latte coffees. The suggestion did not go over well as most kitchen volunteers have their hands full just getting out good breakfasts to our guests.

Motion to adjourn and was passed at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by John Duffy
in absence of the Club Secretary.

Board of Directors Meeting

EAA Chapter 279 Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes for Jan 25, 2008

Members Present: Carl Patturelli, Gerry Scampoli, Roger Roy, Bill Sweeney, John Duffy, Bob Wilkie, Paul Paquin, Al Cavacco, Jim Lane, Tom Boyle, Tom Hassie. Apologies if I left anyone out.

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Patturelli at 1935 hours.

First Item for discussion / resolution: E-mail generated by John Duffy regarding his concern to pay some hangar rent for aircraft dead storage, i.e., Kolb with wings folded not in flying status. It was resolved that John would prepay a hangar storage fee for four months (Jan, Feb., Mar. & April).

Next Item: Roger Roy requests of the club that certain club owned items presently stored in Al's hangar be removed in order to free up space for Roger's use. These items consist of a commercial kitchen gas stove, mirror, tool

box (belonging to John Meehan), fire bottles, etc. Resolution: a work party would be organized to accomplish this.

Next Item: Speaking of John Meehan it was mentioned that John recently collapsed in a restaurant while with his brother Ed and had to be transported to a Boston Hospital.

Next Item (the main announced purpose for calling meeting): The President introduced the topic, "The Club's General Financial Condition." Present cash on hand: Treasurer Gerry Scampoli reported the amount presently in the club's checking account. Gerry and other members went through an explanation as to how we arrived at this present low amount of COH particularly since we had a significantly larger amount at the close of the 2007 calendar year. It came down to pre-authorized expenses not already submitted for payment. These were discussed.

A general discussion ensued as to possible courses of actions. The following actions were

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then recommended:

- Announce at next general membership meeting that annual club dues are due and payable as of January 1, 2008.
- Announce that the club is soliciting donations from its members at the time of dues renewal and have already received some cash donations.
- All present Sherman hangar renters are to pre-pay their rent monies for the 2008 calendar year. This would generate cash over the next few months.
- Do not withdraw any monies from the club's investment account at this time.
- Our first fly-in breakfast will raise our COH.

Long term corrective actions centered around not carrying forward pre-authorized expenses particularly advising against carrying large potential payouts. Other long-term solutions centered around raising the club dues or tying future dues increases to some index or just matching the national EAA dues structure.

Next Item: Al Cavacco also brought up the status of the club's application for 501(c)(3) status and why it was not pursued further. He stated that it would be a great way for the club to obtain grants from various funding sources but it would require some administration also. A suggestion was made to look into this possibility again.

Next Item: Also discussed were the hangar rents and repair costs as to who is responsible for them. Renters in the two hangars first of all have an obligation to pay the assessed rents, whatever they are on a yearly basis, since the club is now being assessed by Peter Annis for them on a yearly basis. As for maintenance and repairs that would be the responsibility of the renters of each hangar with the club as-

suming some support through its members. Donated lighting equipment installed by a qualified club member is one such example of this, hopefully more will follow.

Right now it comes down to a wait and see attitude for the club to see if such hangar operations are practical for the club to undertake. The tool room replacement project can proceed cautiously and incrementally as funds become available. The deck was a particular item that could be completed in this manner.

A suggestion to apply for a MA State Tax Exemption number was made to save on the purchase of raw materials for the tool shed.

Note: I followed up on this by contacting the State Dept of Revue through their website and was told that you must first have a letter from the IRS declaring you to be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization before you can apply for a Tax Exemption.

Next Item: Concern for Fly-In Breakfast potential for accidents. We need written procedures and practices to follow; wing walkers, prop flags and signs, ground striping, boundary ropes, separation of auto / motorcycle display from aircraft etc. Membership representation on the field. Jim Lane produced a written set of guidelines from another airport, which are useful. We need to appoint a group to come up with safe policies and practices for Cranland.

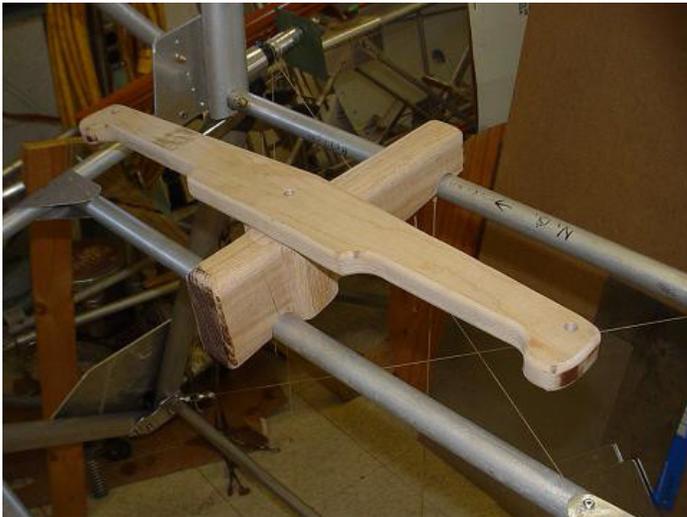
Next Item: Re-institute the fifty-fifty raffle again at club meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Paturelli

Photo Page

Recent member Ben Booy has joined the Nieuport project and is working on one of the fuselages that was formerly stored in the cloth hangar. Stop by the Chapter's clubhouse any weekend to see progress happening on this restarted project!



Rudder pedal bar in the making.



Setting up the landing gear with plumb lines



Ben's first work on his Nieuport was to craft this custom control stick grip.



Ben also spent a lot of time researching and making this custom throttle control for his WW I replica biplane.

All photos by Ben Booy