



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

Hello Friends and Members,

It's with a heavy heart that we mention Carl Paturelli's wife Annette. Annette departed this world on February 21 st . We at Chapter 279 offer our deepest condolences to Carl and his family. May Annette rest in peace.

We have had one helluva March so far with downed trees and power outages. Just outside the airport entrance to 28M a large tree did significant damage to a house. The same story repeated all over. Let's hope the adage regarding the month of March, "In like a lion, out like a lamb" holds true. I've honestly had enough of the shitty weekend weather. Is it just me or has the air been more turbulent than normal?

The ice runway did open at Alton Bay and I managed to get some ice landings in. It was particularly slippery this year as at that time there was not much snow at all. Then it warmed up and they closed it for the season.

In regards to the Sonex, The empennage has been temporarily fitted. It's really starting to really come together. We've also been working on the firewall forward. We installed the gascolator and we've ordered the overhaul kit for the engine as we found pitting on some of the internal bearings. It's short money and since we have it apart we voted last month to move forward with the overhaul. We've had some fresh blood joining us on build night and that's always a nice thing to have newcomers getting involved.

Fly-in breakfasts and smooth air start next month.

Mike

Calendar

Friday Mar 9 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

Friday Apr 13 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

Sunday Apr 15 8:00 AM Cranland Airport (28M)

EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting

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EAA Chapter 279 Fly-in Breakfast

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.

Dues are Still Due

Annual chapter dues are due. Don't be the guy responsible for the coffers being empty. Here's an idea; bring them with you to the monthly meeting on 3/9 that you plan on attending.

Minutes of the February 9, 2018 meeting

14 Members Present, 0 Guests

Officers present; Mike Lupo - President, Andy Baker - Vice President, Gerry Scampoli - Treasurer, Paul Paquin – Secretary

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

Treasurer's report: A very favorable treasurer's report was accepted as detailed.

Old Business:

- Regarding MassSave; Gerry met with them, and they offered us over \$4000 worth of energy saving materials for a \$1300 investment on our part. It is estimated that the payback would be in about 18 months. After discussion it was passed to participate and spend the money.
- Regarding Marlborough Hangars; The consensus was that it is not worth pursuing because they are probably not to code. Nonetheless Chip, Greg, and Brian Jones volunteered to pay them a visit and check.
- Paul B. again offered us a deal regarding a Piper Cub. Although the story was remarkable, and we are sure of Paul's well intent, it was decided to table it for further understanding.
- Regarding the letters on the front of the hangar; On hold for better weather.

- It was moved and passed that we accept all the UL62 members as EAA 279 members for 2018. They will be added to our master list. Welcome UL62 Members! You are most welcome, and encouraged to participate with us in all that EAA 279 has to offer. Any questions or issues, please call me; Paul Paquin 617-201- 1816.
- We again reviewed the heating system. The ventless runs first when called upon, however should it not be able to cover in times of extreme cold, then the central system will also start and supplement. Please be aware, and remember to leave the thermostat at 52.
- Chip sold the VW motor! A very sincere Thank You goes out to you for your effort and success! Bravo!

New Business:

- The Young Eagles Day is now scheduled for June 9th , 2018. Andy is our coordinator from EAA 279, Major Yeager is managing the event.
- Charlie reported that he is ready to repair the hangar hinge, and will when possible. Thanks Charlie.
- It was moved and passed to purchase a full rebuild kit for our AeroVee. The consensus was to be better safe than sorry.
- Regarding the idea of a field trip to Germany, it did not pass. (Oh well, maybe next year.)
- Paul B. stated that he is going to Sun n Fun, will teach there and will also do some parts purchasing while on the trip. Paul B is looking for someone to share the ride.
- DUES ARE DUE now.

There was no MOGAS meeting after the meeting.

Google Groups

The new year seems like a good time to make a clean break. I will no longer be sending out monthly emails for the EAA279 newsletter. I will instead be posting notifications to the google group. If you hear someone complaining about not getting the email, please nudge them in the direction of the group.

February Fly-in

Ha! Got you again. OK the joke's getting old, but, it's only about 5 weeks until the first fly-in of the season on April 15th.