



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,

Some interesting weather eh? We've had some light snowfall, just enough to drive us mad. Then we got about a foot last week.

With a good foot of snow on the ground...I hope we can put skis on the Funk (the MOGAS Flying club plane) and have some winter fun. (Greg?). The damn windows in the funk slide open though. Nothing that a little piece of duct tape can't cure.

Alton Bay (B18) is still open. It's fun if you've never landed on the ice before. Hit me up if you're anxious to go, but anxious to try landing on the ice. I've done it a number of times in the Archer and have a good feel for it.

We're starting to think about the fly-in breakfast season. It's just over one month away. We need to find someone to do the condiments. This was the post held by Bob Rice. Bob's done a fantastic job for us through the years and now he's hanging up his condiment hat to do other things. Thank you so much Bob!

Now we need a volunteer to take over Bob's post. The job entails setting up the condiment table outside the clubhouse, keeping the orange juice flowing and making the coffee.

It's not a hard job, but it's a job that demands keeping an eye on the situation for the few hours that we're serving. You'd probably have to get there by 7 am to start setting up. Then you'd tear down sometime between 9am and 10am depending on the crowd, weather, etc. If anyone is interested, please email me directly president@eaa279.org.

The Sonex project is still moving along. Greg's been getting the firewall penetrations in place for the engine controls. I've been working on the engine compartment baffling. We're starting to think about installing the fiberglass cowlings and to that end Ray Holman is making us a plastic jig

according to the plans that will help us fit it correctly. It's weird to think that we could actually fly this airplane this coming summer. It would be even weirder to have an empty club house. I don't know what I'd do with my Wednesday nights without a build project on-hand.

Last but not least, we were notified today that EAA Chapter 279 is awarded exactly one \$10,000 scholarship in 2019 to see a student through flight training. The scholarship is funded through the Ray Aviation Scholarship program and is awarded to us to manage by EAA national. The prospective student would be between the ages of 16 and 19 years old. We have the target recipient already, and are in the process of notifying the person. I hope to say more and perhaps share some photos in the next newsletter. It's very cool to be able to do this.

That's it for now.

Hope to see you at a build night or out flying!

Mike

Calendar

Friday Mar 8 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting

Friday Apr 12 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting

Sunday Apr 21 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

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.

Minutes of the February 8 2019 meeting

13 members present, 1 guest

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: The treasurer's report was accepted as reported. Although money is tight, we are saving money because of our new LED lights and smart thermostat.

Old business:

- Bank signatures for the club account have been updated. The following have access to the account; Gerry S, Mike L, Bryan M and Mike T.
- The Treasurer and Secretary both requested to be replaced in their positions at least by the Fall period. Please consider lending a hand. A club cannot function unless members serve.
- Regarding the Pietenpol, after some discussion it was decided not to take any action at this time, and to store the plans with the Secretary.
- Tom Hassie asked if the club was ok with keeping the same club patch when ordering new hats. There was unanimous support for keeping member David Keith's artwork. Thank you David! Gerry will look into costs, etc.
- Mike L brought up using Twitter to communicate, which started a running discussion of many issues; the number of toilets for the Fly-ins, having more Fly-ins but at other airports, sponsoring Young Eagles at a different airport, and some review of our "gentlemen's club". No decisions were made.

New business:

- - Mike T volunteered to request a guest speaker for the next meeting from Mass DOT.
- - Jim L asked about Major Yeager and our response. The CAP will continue to support our Fly-ins. Mike T has started to apply for a Ray Aviation Scholarship possibly to reward a CAP student.
- There was support for a Young Eagles rally in June sponsored by EAA279.
- After a discussion, a motion passed (one member opposed) to raise our Fly-in breakfast charge to \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.
- Paul B gave a talk about an engine rebuild experience which will require him to fly 150 hours collecting data for FAA testing of a new STC. (Always amazing reporting; thanks Paul!)

Following the meeting there was no MOGAS meeting.

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

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That time of year again. The ground is frequently soft from the rains. Please avoid creating ruts. If it's really soggy Pete may issue a NOTAM to keep planes on the taxiway so be sure to check.



Sonex throttle and mixture cables passing through firewall



It turns out Nest has a bit of a talent for photography. These recent shots were snapped from one of the cameras on hangar 11.

