



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,

As I write this we are 40 days away from the first fly-in of the season. I had a polite discussion with our club president about April fly-ins getting washed out. I went back through all the May newsletters as far back as your humble editor been editing them and here are the stats for the April fly-in opener:

2019 – washout
2018 – washout
2017 – for some reason no newsletter that month
2016 – beautiful day
2015 – beautiful day
2014 – beautiful day
2013 – beautiful day
2012 – beautiful day
2011 – washout
2010 – marginal weather but Bob Trink flew in

The astute reader will have noticed your humble editor has been at this for over 10 years now but that's beside the point. Not enough data to determine a pattern but it looks like the odds are not against us. At any rate I think we survived the mild winter and flying season is upon us. Did March come in like a lion? Seemed more like an angry marmoset to me.

Fly carefully,
Your humble editor

Calendar

Friday Mar 13 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)
Friday Apr 10 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)
Sunday Apr 19 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> .

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

EAA 279 – Cranland Airport (28M)

Minutes of the February 14, 2020 meeting. 18 members present, no guests

Officers present; Andy Baker - President, Charlie Lohmiller – Secretary

Secretary's report: The secretary's report was accepted as reported in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer's was not read.

Old Business:

We discussed the proposal from the Massachusetts Air and Space Museum to restore a PA – 20/22 and decided to decline.

Reported on the status of our Ray Scholarship student. Noted that she is on track but will need a new instructor as the old one is moving to another position.

New Business:

Discussed the possibility of instituting a regular monthly cookout during the warm weather. No definitive conclusion was reached.

Paul Babcock reported on the availability of two project planes available for possible acquisition: a Stinson 108 and a C-172.

Andy gave a brief discussion on winter flying safety with particular attention to the hazards of attempting flight with frost on the wings and control surfaces. He also noted that the CTAF at PYM will be changing to 122.725

Andy gave a presentation reviewing airspace regulations, procedures and requirements.

Dues are Due

That time of year again. What's different this time around is that your humble editor is also the club treasurer. If you have not paid up yet, I know who you are. Now that Mike Lupo is no longer our president I can engage him as an enforcer. So, do your self a favor and pay your dues.

Late Winter Flying

This is a shot coming into KHYA crossing over the north shore on March 2nd.

Needless to say it was a bit windy. The fuzzy bit out by the horizon is the airport.

The lower G5 shows I want to be going 145 degrees but I'm pointing at 175. You can see that though by the direction the instrument panel is facing.

If you cannot see the speeds on the top G5 my airspeed is 116 and my ground speed is 90.

Landing on the 5235x150 foot runway 15 was uneventful. When I took off though, I was at 1000 feet before I crossed 6-24.

