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

Hi Everyone,

May looks like a great flying month in New England. I hope you all get a chance to get up and enjoy. Don't forget our meeting on Friday.

Jim

Clerk/Secretary's Report

EAA CHAPTER 279

April 13, 2007

Chapter Meeting

Attendees: J. Lane, A. Cavacco, P. Paquin, T. Constantine, R. Wilkie, W. Sweeney, T. Hassie, W. Foshey, R. Seggelin, J.

Duffy, D. Simmons, R. Barker, W. Lockhart & J. Creighton

The meeting was called to order @ 19:33 by Chapter President James F. Lane. He introduced our guest speaker, Mark Valentine, the owner and

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Calendar

May 11	7:30 PM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting www.eaa279.org
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May 20	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Fly-in Breakfast www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm
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May 20	1:00PM	Halifax, MA	Re-creation of Lindbergh's Flight over Halifax, MA Info: 781-293-5662 (See also the article in this newsletter.)
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Jun 16	8:00AM - noon	Rutland, VT (RUT)	17th Annual 'Taildraggers Rendezvous' Fly-in breakfast www.greenmountainflyers.org
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Jun 30		Lawrence, MA (LWM)	NorthEast RV & Canard Fly-in & Seminars www.eaa106.org
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Jul 7		Owl's Head, ME	EAA Chapter 106 Bus Trip to Owl's Head Museum www.eaa106.org
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Jul 23 - Jul 29		Oshkosh, WI (OSH)	EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2007 www.airventure.org
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Secretary's Report (cont.)

demonstrator of the "Flag Truck." This vehicle has been demonstrated, paraded or otherwise displayed in 34 countries. He also proceeded to provide us with some unique data in conjunction with the 80th anniversary of Lindbergh's flight to Paris! It was noted that he (Lindbergh) flew approximately 82 feet over the local church steeple when leaving on this historic journey towards Nova Scotia.

Mark also gave the group a delightful history of Myles Standish and Duxbury.

A brief business meeting was held and no unusual achievements were noted.

The meeting was dismissed @ approximately 18:45.

Respectfully submitted, Walter L. Lockhart

Local News

Lindbergh over Halifax

HALIFAX, MA - An "Official" commemoration ceremony and dramatic Fly-over reenactment is planned to honor the 80th anniversary of Charles A. Lindbergh's historic first solo flight across the Atlantic. His New York to Paris route took him directly over the town of Halifax on May 20, 1927. The town's Historical Society has long treasured a telegram that was sent from Paris by Lindbergh to Halifax, thanking all for the town's best wishes.

80 Years ago, residents and spectators along the lake were shocked to see a low flying Lindbergh barely 100 feet off the ground passing close to the weather vane on the Congregational Church, one of the highest points in Plymouth County, then bearing North Northeast over the West Lake and Monponsett.

Historic fly over Re-enactment

Local resident to play Lindbergh

Town resident and pilot Bill Sweeney will re-create Lindbergh's flight over Halifax by retracing his route from South Halifax, flying North Northeast passing the weathervane on the Congregational Church in the center of town then over the West Lake to the Monponsett section of the town ... highlighting the 1:00 PM commemoration ceremony.

Sweeney, a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (one of the sponsors of the day), based at the airstrip in Hanson, said the day of festivities begins with a pancake breakfast and fly-in at the local airport.

Questions regarding the event? Please contact Chairperson Marc Valentine at 781-293-562.

Classifieds - For Sale

Savannah Aircraft, 2004,
TTA&E 10 hours. \$38,000.00

Contact Roger Roy - Email:
Savannah174@msn.com



Tilt Trailer - 8' x 12' trailer, tilt bed with new 2,000 lb. axle and new wheels. \$500

Contact Lee Pearson at
508-224-3052



Paraplane PM-1 Powered Parachute in excellent condition with twin Solo 210 engines, manual, new carbs, new props and comes with trailer. \$2500/BO. Fred Kawa: 781-447-3202 Email me for pictures. Frederick.Kawa@us.army.mil

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

EAA Chapter 279
Board of Directors meeting
Thursday 4/12/2007 7:45PM

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Lane.

Directors in attendance were President Jim Lane, Vice-President Tom Constantine, Executive Vice-President John Meade, Directors: Roger Roy, Bob Wilkie Jr., John Duffy, and guest Richard Williamson. Acting as recording secretary was John Duffy.

Discussions and resolutions at the meeting included these topics.

There has been no or additional news about when the 500' proposed runway extension to the airport will be finished by the airport owners.

Al Sherman's hangar is still occupied by his yellow Fairchild 24. Until the Fairchild is bought by a new owner and moved, the hangar cannot be turned over to the Chapter as Peter Annis has promised.

Owing to recent members' at large health issues, pilot currency and alternatives were discussed at length, especially the

relevance that Light Sport Pilot and Aircraft ratings (LSA) could have on members. Attention will soon be given to establish, sometime in June of this year, an election nominating committee as per our By Laws. This will be of great importance if only for one reason, Jim Lane our President has stated he will not be running for re-election. Plus, all other Principal officers' terms will be expiring.

The board determined a need for safety personnel during breakfast meetings. Rotating duties may be the answer.

Jim Lane will look into purchasing a line marking dolly and the white marking fluid/spray which, when applied along a set-back in feet from the runway, will keep our breakfast customers from getting too close to the planes landing and taking off. The intent would be to mark off points of interest on the airport apron on the Saturday before Sunday's breakfast meeting.

The major import of the evening was this discussion that has been summarized below concerning the current status of procuring for Chapter 279 a 501-c-3 gift tax-exempt status.

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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting (cont.)

Consensus of opinion among our principal members is that none of them want to leave themselves open through legal wrangling, a lawsuit for some unnamed reason that could possibly trickle down to their personal level.

Being that our Federal Internal Revenue Service is what it is, they would certainly pursue and file for substantiation their loss of tax revenue from 501-c-3 donation contributors on a regular basis. Meaning of course, there would be a much tighter grip and review of our operation than we currently enjoy as a State of Massachusetts non-profit organization.

Consequently the Board has decided to put the whole idea of 501-c-3 tax-exempt status on the back burner, for some other administration to possibly pick-up if they so desire. In the mean time Chapter 279 will continue to docket and collect detailed financial history, including membership attendance, Board of Directors Chapter recommendations along with secretarial minutes from both groups, if in the event a day will come when Liabilities and retort issues become less of a threat.

Meeting adjourned 9:00PM.

Minutes submitted for approval as recorded by acting Secretary John Duffy

Don Morrissey's Web Site

EAA Chapter 279 member Don Morrissey has started a web site to chronicle the construction progress of his BushCaddy. You may remember Don from the article he wrote for the March, 2006 issue of this newsletter. Don has also provided pictures of his progress for publication from time to time.

Don's site contains extensive logs and photographs of his construction process. He has also included lists and explanations of tools and publications he has found helpful during his project. It is clear that Don has spent a lot of time creating this web site. Keep up-to-date with Don's progress at www.donsbushcaddy.com.

Photo Page

A strange-looking prehistoric creature has been spotted in the air in the vicinity of Bill Sweeney's hangar. Local aviators are advised to be especially careful during runway operations at Cranland airport. Word has it that the strange flying creature may have been drawn to the area by the availability of its favorite food, the local dragonfly population.



Photos: Bill Sweeney
