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Meeting Second
Friday 7:30 PM.
Breakfast Fly-in
Third Sunday,
April thru Oct.

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President's Report

Greetings Club members! Well we have had one successful Fly-In Breakfast under our belt thus far and we are now preparing for May's event as this goes to print. Congrats to all those who made our first one this year a success. Our clubhouse tool shed addition is coming along nicely thanks to Bill Sweeney and company. The hangars are also showing signs of activity and even within our own clubhouse, i.e., the Nieuport project is making great progress. All signs point to us enjoying a great summer season for the club. There is much to do. There is every reason to be optimistic and well we should be. There are however a few clouds on the horizon of our otherwise sunny summer outlook. The proposed state revision of the aviation sales tax exemption is something that will hurt us all and we should make our concerns known as individuals and collectively. I have sent two supporting email letters to the state representative and senator involved with leading the charge against such a revision and I strongly urge you all to do the same. This proposal along with the already rising gas prices would surely hurt the type of summer flying activities we help foster with our breakfasts. We must also continue to look at our expenses very carefully in light of our diminished financial status.

Thank you all for your efforts for the summer, I or some one will be calling on you to help out I am sure!!!

Sincerely,
Carl Patturelli,
President, EAA Chapter 279

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Calendar

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| May 9 | 7:30 PM | Cranland Airport (28M) | EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting www.eaa279.org |
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| May 10 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM | New Bedford, MA (EWB) | New Bedford Regional Airport - GA Fun Day www.atlanticaviators.com |
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| May 17 | 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM | Skylark Airpark CT (7B6) | EAA Chapter 1310 Pancake Breakfast www.eaa1310.org |
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| May 17 - May 18 | | Hampton, NH (7B3) | Hampton Airfield's "Annual Aviation Flea Market" <i>*Date changed from last month's newsletter*</i> Call George for more info at 603-964-9749 |
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| May 18 | 8:00AM - 11:00AM | Cranland Airport (28M) | EAA Chapter 279 Fly-in Breakfast www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm |
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| May 24 | 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Sanford, ME (SFM) | 2nd Annual Rag-Wing Rally www.sanfordmaine.org |
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| May 26 | 12:30 PM | Marlboro, MA (9B1) | EAA Chapter 673 Memorial Day Cookout Info: b_lieberman [at] charter.net |
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| Jul 28 - Aug 3 | | Oshkosh, WI (OSH) | EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2008 www.airventure.org |
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Secretary's Report

April 11, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Ed Meehan, John Meehan, Treasurer Gerry Scampoli, Tom Hassie, Paul Paquin, Bob Wilkie, Jim & Gloria Lane, John Duffy, Ron & Sheila Buskey, Bill & Mike Draper, Don Peterson, Secretary Walter Lockhart, V.P. Tom Constantine arrived later & p/u the Gavel.

Those of you that missed this meeting are losers of our guest speaker's historical presentation.

Gerry Scampoli, Treasurer, gaveled the meeting to order @ 1930 hrs. A brief business meeting followed voting on the acceptance of the Secretary's Report of the March meeting submitted by J. Duffy & printed in the newsletter and the Treasurer's Report verbally submitted by G. Scampoli. Our current treasury established a grim picture of our immediate Chapter's liquid finances. John Duffy quickly enlightened those present of our investments to assure them that we are not broke! Motions were made, seconded & unanimously voted to accept.

A discussion included the progress on the new tool shed and referenced the Sherman Hangar. Each is in growth and somewhat stagnant due to seasonal weather and cash flow.

V.P. Constantine assumed the gavel @1940 hrs. No new business was warranted. Our guest speaker Ron Buskey was introduced and began to talk & talk & talk! **What a unique and fabulously rich career in flying he has had!** I am not going to carry on about his steps other than he started at dancing school (I expected as much), next followed up with a stint @ Wentworth Institute training in electronics. He

eventually became involved with North Eastern University ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) and during this period received his Pvt Pilots Cert. @ Norwood Airport. He then stepped into MANG (Mass. Air National Guard) @ the Commonwealth Armory. After that his career went on through the roof, around the world and who can keep up with it? It didn't hurt that his eventual father-in-law was involved with the FAA and was a test pilot. Ron enlightened and entertained us until nearly 2115 hrs.

Secretary's personal comments:

In celebrating the presentation Ron made at our Chapter meeting I offer the following:

I was, still am and will continue to be one of Ron's students. He & I were initially introduced @ Gene Forant's flight school @ PYM & we have continued @ Alpha-One. I **always** come away from a lesson with Ron, further enlightened about unfamiliar skills of driving an airplane and he continues to challenge those environments I should have honed & acquired by now (especially X-wind landings & t/o's). Best of all, I have fun doing it with him. He has challenged himself while trying to stuff it to me! We / He put my Cherokee 180 on runway 24 @ PYM on March 24, 1999 in a 37 mph X-Wind. We were able to use the plane again. When I was 3' above the runway I chickened out and told him it was "his airplane" he put it down. I ran out-a-guts and experience, he had them both! Mostly experience! Me? I didn't know any better and we survived w/o any adverse problems, we finished, taxied t/o from 33, did a go around and I landed it on runway 33. I plan to go back! I trusted Ron, & after this meeting, I will trust him even MORE!

Respectfully submitted,
Walter L. Lockhart

Photo Page

If you haven't been to Cranland lately, now is the time to get over there and ask Carl Patturelli to open the hangar to show off his new *SlipStream Revelation!*



Photo: Bill Sweeney
