



# Chapter 279 Newsletter



## Club Officers

### President

Mike Lupo  
978-902-9002

### Vice President

Brian Jones  
- -

### Treasurer

Gerry Scampoli  
508-477-0303

### Secretary

Paul Paquin  
617-201-1816

### Technical Counselor

Tom Hassie  
781-848-4899

### Newsletter Editor

Greg Lutz  
617-877-6029  
ethergreg@gmail.com

Information must be in the hands of the Newsletter Editor by the first of the month for that month's issue.

[ea279news@aol.com](mailto:ea279news@aol.com)

May 2016

Volume 2016, Issue 5

[www.eaa279.org](http://www.eaa279.org)

Chapter Monthly Meeting: Second Friday of the month at 7:30 PM

Breakfast Fly-in: Third Sunday April through October

## President's Message

**Dear EAA #279 members:**

I didn't write up anything for last month's newsletter so Greg did it in my stead.

Thank you Greg.

Thanks to John Riddick for getting rid of the big-screen TV, Bill Sweeney for getting the patio ready for the fly-in breakfast, The entire breakfast crew for the entire operation of our first fly-in breakfast of 2016. I'm sure I'm missing someone who did something notable. Just know that your contributions make a difference. Thank you all very much.

Special thanks to the young 'uns of the Civil Air Patrol who help marshal airplanes and keep people safe from those spinny propeller things.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members on our roster. Welcome Russ Berg and Steve Oakman. I look forward to meeting you in person.

Our first fly-in of 2016 came in at just under 200 breakfasts served. We brought in about 1000 bucks of which all will go towards replenishing our winter operating expenses "lockbox". This is earmarked to make it through next winter budget-wise. Once we have the necessary finances to operate through 2016 and into 2017 we can start talking about improvements that we'd like to make.

The Sonex project is progressing. It may appear like the wing spars are dragging along slowly as we are not yet doing any riveting. That's because we're busy making the individual parts that will ultimately be assembled.

## Calendar

Friday May 13 7:30 PM Cranland Airport (28M)  
Sunday May 15 8:00 AM Cranland Airport (28M)  
Friday June 10 7:30 PM Cranland Airport (28M)  
Sunday June 19 8:00 AM Cranland Airport (28M)

EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting  
EAA Fly-in Breakfast  
EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting  
EAA Fly-in Breakfast

Every Wednesday evening is Sonex night. Stop by and help us put it together.

[www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm](http://www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm)

There is still much to do. Parts to make, pre-assembly and many many holes that will need to be drilled and countersunk. We are still building on Wednesday nights. So please come. We welcome all participation.

In the coming weeks we'll be digging a trench from the utility pole over by Phil's trailer to lay a conduit for data. If all goes to plan we'll be able to share internet with Phil and enjoy some more robust speed. It is not expected that we will incur any new running costs with this. If anything, there will be a savings. I'd be happy to accept any volunteers for the trenching task. Including myself. Peter will supply the trenching shovels. We can discuss this in the May meeting.

One of our members brought in a set of ratcheting wrenches that cost just north of 100 bucks. They grew legs and walked off within a week. What a shame! We are probably going to install a door to the tool room with a deadbolt lock. I'd also like to entertain the idea of installing a security camera should we get our internet up to snuff. I'll end this by saying, if you borrowed it, please return it in-tact.

It's important that we have a vision for what we want our club to be. That said, please attend the monthly meetings and let your voice be heard.

And now it's time for a shameless plug. Some members of our EAA chapter have formed a flying club called M.O.G.A.S. (Mostly Old Guys Aviation Society). M.O.G.A.S. just purchased a Piper Colt. The metalized Colt is resident at Cranland. It should be ready for flying as soon as some details get sorted out. If you're interested in becoming a member of MOGAS, please reach out to either Gerry Scampoli or Greg Lutz by email or by showing up at a monthly meeting or on a Wednesday night.

Enjoy the spring. Get out and fly.

**Mike**

Check out the Sonex project at <http://www.mykitlog.com/EAA279> .

**Minutes April 8, 2016 meeting****14 members present, 1 guest (Todd Nunes)**

**Officers present;** Brian Jones - Vice President, Gerry Scampoli - Treasurer,

**Secretary's report:** Accepted the February and March report as posted in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's report:** A favorable treasurer's report was accepted as reported.

**Old Business:**

- The status of Sonex building is that we have now started the wings and the throttle is mounted.
- The status of the Flying Club is that it is now incorporated and will have its first meeting tonight after the EAA279 meeting. All EAA279 members are welcome to attend and join.
- Since the Hangar Rental Agreement was published in the last newsletter, it was now voted on, and accepted as official.
- Regarding the offer from member Paul Babcock to present a "Classic Piper Wing Repair Seminar", it was agreed upon that it would be presented on the evening of our next meeting, May 13th. Mark your calendars to not miss what should be a memorable evening.
- A review of our breakfast logistics, and an offer from past president Chuck C to guide current president Mike L "in passing the torch". Thank you Chuck!
- Conversation was begun regarding starting our meeting night cookouts. Tom H offered to acquire the "gourmet burgers".
- Peter O has secured the services of the Civil Air Patrol again. Great!

**New Business:**

- Charlie C brought up the concern about having a spare pancake dispenser. Gerry S stated that we have a spare somewhere.
- It was agreed to send Marion Masterson an official thank you and newsletter for her generous gift of aviation books which belonged to her late husband. The secretary will take care of it.
- Charlie has ordered the children's flying toys for the fly-ins.
- It was agreed upon that the charges for fly-in breakfast will stay the same as last year.
- It was agreed that we will also attempt to restart the "children's contests".
- Paul P shared his love for a recently read aviation book about Beryl Markham, and two other books which were mentioned through the discussion. Here are the details;
  - Circling the Sun by Paula McLain
  - Night Flight by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry and Stuart Gilbert

- Bush Pilot With a Briefcase: The Incredible Story of Aviation Pioneer Grant McConachieMar by Ronald A. Keith and Sean Rossiter

Following the meeting the newly formed Flying Club, MOGAS, had their first meeting.

**Paul Paquin – Secretary**

## **Fly-in Season is Here!!!**

Whatever you guys are doing to appease the weather gods, keep it up. It was a little chilly but a great day for a fly-in. Not the biggest turnout we have ever had but a pretty good crowd with plenty of airplanes and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Lots of children for us to plant the flying bug into.





