



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 Members and Friends,

Who do I have to pay around here to get some smooth air? It's been pretty damn rough flying these past few months. Though there have been some smooth air evenings they have been few and far between. Ok, enough complaining. I'm thankful to get some flying in even if the air isn't happy to have me.

I want to thank our VP Andy Baker for holding last month's meeting at his home in Brockton. We were able to see his near-complete Sling project. During the meeting, Andy took the floor and gave a 10 minute talk about the project. Thanks Andy for allowing us mostly debaucherous misfits into your home. And especially for the cookies.

Our Sonex project is inching along. We permanently mounted the empenage to the fuselage and have completed the rigging of the Elevator and Rudder. There will be an emphasis on getting the engine work complete so that we can mount it and accurately punch the holes in the firewall for the electrical and control cabling. Then it will be on to the canopy and panel. It's conceivable in my feeble mind that we could test fly it this coming Fall.

Our past fly-in occurred on a cold and rainy low-IFR day. Despite that we still had some patrons come out and brave the elements to enjoy a warm breakfast and Bob Rice's world famous coffee. A special thanks to everyone who assisted getting the club house in shape and ready to serve our patrons. Jim Lane for striping the runway lines and for Phil and Pete who painted all of our picnic tables so that they look beautiful again.

Many of our readership may not know this, but one of our dear friends here at Cranland lost his son-in-law in the March 2nd storm that downed power lines and trees all over the region. Ned Brown's son-in-law Ryan was suddenly and tragically taken from his family when a tree fell on his

vehicle while he was driving in Plympton, Massachusetts. Our thoughts are with Ned and his family today especially, as while I'm penning this letter to you, the family is holding a benefit in Ryan's name, called, "Ryan's Rally" at Pinz in the Independence Mall (Kingston) . Susan and I went there for about an hour. It was a great turnout with more people arriving in steady steam. I may well be the high-bidder on a big screen TV.

Hope to see YOU at a fly-in or build night.

Mike

Calendar

Friday May 11 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)
Sunday May 20 8:00 AM Cranland Airport (28M)
Friday June 8 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)
Sunday June 17 8:00 AM Cranland Airport (28M)

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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 April 13, 2018 meeting

15 Members Present, 2 Guests

This month's meeting was held at Andy Baker's home in Brockton, where he is building a Sling aircraft.

Officers present; Mike Lupo - President, Andy Baker -Vice President, Paul Paquin – Secretary

Secretary's report: Accepted as reported in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report: A most favorable treasurer's report was accepted as read by Mike. The influx of the UL62 donation had a significant effect. Thank you UL62 Members! We look forward to you involvement in our group.

Old Business:

- Regarding our “deal” with Mass Save, our check to participate has been sent to Mass Save.
- Regarding the Marlborough hangars, it was decided that it wasn’t worth the effort to salvage them.
- Regarding the “free Pietenpol” aircraft, it was decided to table this opportunity until we can speak with Greg L.

New Business:

- Thank you to Charlie for reinforcing the hangar roof with a clever inexpensive fix.
- Chip proposed that we buy an engine and prop balancer; @\$1500 for a basic unit. The suggestion is to save until we can afford one to add to our assets. We currently have digital aircraft scales.
- There was some discussion about acquiring a new hangar. Nothing new to report.
- Andy reported to us the status of the Young Eagles Day project. The insurance is now in place. The date is June 9th , with June 10th as a secondary. Notice that the primary persons have to be educated and vetted. Andy is in communications with Major Yeager.

* Andy Baker gave us an overview about building his Sling from a May 2016 start.

Thank you Andy!

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

Google Groups

Notification of the EAA279 newsletter will no longer be sent via email. I will instead be posting notifications to the Google group. If you hear someone complaining about not getting the email, please nudge them in the direction of the group.

Please Be Mindful of the Grass

The NOTAM for aircraft staying off the grass has been lifted and the ground is pretty solid. We are still getting a lot of rain. Be mindful of the condition of the grass if you are going to drive a non-flying machine on it.

April Fly-in

As predicted, the April fly-in, I'm told was a washout. Your humble editor was at Sun-n-Fun which was decidedly not washed out. Let's hope we can somehow appease the weather gods for May.

This plane was not at the fly-in but it was at Sun-n-Fun.

Not something you see every day

