



# 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,

Just as the cold has started to loosen its grip on our weather, the rain has moved in. Even the other day, I heard the weather man say, "April showers bring May showers". Yeah, sure seems that way. April hosted 20 rainy days this year. At risk of sounding pessimistic...May seems to be on-track for the same! That being said, when we have a sunny day as of late, the first place my mind goes is, "Let's go get high". Easy now folks. I'm not talking drugs, I'm talking flying. And that's just what I did last night. I for-went (is that a word?) doing something productive on build-night and went flying to no place in particular. Did a few touch and go landings at PYM and considered the same for GHG but didn't want to pay them for any landing fees. Sorry GHG. Your philosophies are not pro-grassroots aviation.

Concerning April's fly-in...as I mentioned before, it rained 20 of the days in April. Our fly-in Sunday was no exception. We served about 40 breakfasts that day. Definitely hoping that May's fly-in will be substantially better. Thanks to everyone who helped get the clubhouse kitchen out of hibernation and in shape to serve food. Without you good folks EAA 279 would not thrive. Thank you to our friends at Civil Air Patrol, Plymouth Squadron for always showing up for the raising of the flag and to help marshal aircraft.

The Cranland airport suffered a devastating lightning strike. Every internet appliance on the airport was fried!. Greg showed me a picture of his router's power supply from Hangar 11. It was blown into bits. Wow! Also, their radio base station was hit. Its antenna was

blown to bits off the roof. Our clubhouse didn't escape. The clubhouse WiFi router was also rendered inop. Wifi worked, but it didn't connect to the internet. I replaced it with a brand new Linksys from Best-buy. We're back online again. The SSID went from EAA279 to eaa279. This was not intentional (to change it to all lower case). I can change that back if people prefer.

Our Young Eagles committee has confirmed the dates for our Young Eagles Rally. The date is Sunday, 23 June 2019 with a rain date of Saturday, 29 June 2019 to be held at Plymouth Airport (KPYM) and will base out of the community center just adjacent to the soon-to-be-former main building.

If you have an airplane and are interested, please contact Andy Baker, Mike Tirone or Charlie Lohmiller. (email: [president@eaa279.org](mailto:president@eaa279.org)) and I'll connect you with them. They can get you more information and point you to the background check application on the EAA national website. I did the background check last year and it took less than 1 day for EAA to complete on their end.

Please attend our monthly chapter meeting, this Friday, 10 May 2019.

Regards,  
Mike

## Calendar

Friday May 10 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)  
Sunday May 19 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)  
Friday June 14 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)  
Sunday June 16 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting  
EAA Chapter 279 Fly-In Breakfast  
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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)

**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](mailto:paul.paquin@umb.edu).

**Minutes of the March 8 2019 meeting****? members present****Officers present** - Mike Lupo - President**Treasurer's report:** The treasurer's report was accepted as reported.**Secretary's report:** Accepted as reported in the newsletter.**Old Business:** \* Greg reviewed old business.

- Young Eagles; main date is Sunday June 23 rd , with a rain date of Saturday June 29 th , both days would be from 9am to 2pm.
- Ray H was thanked for accepting the condiment job for our Fly-ins. And thanks for providing access to our club house by plowing this past winter.

**New Business:**

- Paul B spoke about renewing his IA and that one of the FAA guys could come and give a safety talk on homebuilts. It was passed to encourage this idea.
- Greg L shared his Sun n Fun experience.
- Mike L thanked Ray, Mike T, and Charlie L for their fridge cleaning in preparation for the Fly-in.
- Mike T reported on Shannon progress. She has passed her medical and is moving forward with the process.
- Mike T reported that we need a separate bank account for the Ray Aviation Scholarship, and it was agreed that such an account with a debit card would be set up. It was passed to open the account immediately using seed money, and that Charlie L take charge of this account, with Mike L as secondary signature.
- It was asked whether the CAP will be at our Fly-ins this year; Chip D has been in communication with them and assured the group that they would be there.

**Our google members group.** <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ea279/join>**Check out the Sonex project at** <http://www.mykitlog.com/EAA279>.

That time of year again. The ground is frequently soft from the rains. Please avoid creating ruts. If it's really soggy Pete may issue a NOTAM to keep planes on the taxiway so be sure to check.



### April Fly-In

Your humble editor was in England enjoying plenty of sunshine. As I hear it, the fly-in was yet again washed out. Fingers crossed for May!

