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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

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all will come to the next meeting early and hungry. We will have supper before the meeting. Gerry has made arrangements for the main course and Kelly will provide the salad. The meal is guaranteed to be delicious.

Many of our members went to the Fly-in and Light Sport Aircraft Rally at Plymouth Airport on October 10th and listened to the FAA talk about Sport Pilot Rules. The Forums were very educational. Member Ron Houghton's Nieuport 11 won the

People's Choice Award that day. Your president had the honor of taxiing the Nieuport from its hanger to the display area. I hope the Nieuport is at our April breakfast.

On November 5, 2004, in recognition of years of article writing, Bob Whittier was inducted into the EAA Homebuilders Hall of Fame at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. On behalf of Chapter 279, congratulations Bob and thanks.

Jim

## Secretary's Report

President Jim Lane called the October 8th monthly meeting to order at 7:35.

Our guest was introduced, Mister Jeff Mandeville, Treasurer of the Cape Cod EAA 498 Chapter. Jeff is also a DAR (Designated Airwor-

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## Old Colony Flying Club

The Old Colony Flying Club meets directly after the regular Chapter 279 monthly meeting on the second Friday of each month.

### Flying Club News:

# Secretary's Report (cont.)

thiness Representative) appointed through National EAA.

Member Bob Whittier brought a VHS tape for viewing later in the meeting. It was of the Pietenpol aircraft fly-in at Brodhead Wisconsin.

Secretary's report of last month's September meeting was accepted as published in the October Newsletter.

Treasurer's report was given by Al Cavacco and a motion to accept by Ron Houghton was promptly seconded and passed.

#### Old Business:

Member Andy Saba apologized for his recent absence. His reoccurring medical condition has slowed him down. However, as vice chairman of the Halifax school committee he will confirm, before our October breakfast, that 64 boy scouts would attend. This he said was to work on their merit badges in aircraft flight principles.

EAA 279 Charter Member Ernie Baker of Florida passed away this September. Member Mike Berry, a long time friend of Ernie's, brought this to Club's attention and a sympathy card was sent by Dick Segelin, our health and wellness coordinator, to Ernie's family.

#### New Business:

The Christmas party cannot be held at the Halifax Country Club due to no Sunday dates from now through December. No one volunteered or was appointed to look for a booking date anywhere else.

Tom Constantine was welcomed as a new certificated Private Pilot passing his flight exam last month. Tom finished his training at the Alpha One flight school based at Plymouth Airport. Tom mentioned that his instructor while training many years ago was Pauline Glassen, a founding member of the women's 99 Aero Club, and that she was teaching until eighty four years old, but has now recently turned in her wings at ninety three years of age.

All Chapter directors, class one, class two and class three will need to be listed by next month's November meeting on the annual Massachusetts Corporation Report submitted to State Secretary Galvin's office. It was pointed out that our official name registered on our 279 Charter must be exact as that which is recorded in Secretary Galvin's Office.

There will be a supper meeting put on by Jerry Scampoli on meeting night Friday Nov 12th.

President Jim Lane showed pictures of a portable Marine Corps A/C control tower for sale priced at \$1700 dollars.

A discussion ensued about the cost of post office mailing to all members of our 279 Newsletters versus only those who have no e-mail personal computer access. This cost discussion also went into our large telephone bill and our expensive propane bill. But it was noted that Internet ac-

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## Secretary's Report (cont.)

cess charges are still courtesy of Ken Walsh who is a Lifetime chapter member.

A block by the phone company was considered as one way of stopping long distance calls. No one was assigned to look into having this done.

A large 500 gallon fuel tank seems to have been the common answer for out of sight fuel charges, but no action was taken owing to low club cash available and the \$1500.00 first time installation charge. Until then we will be paying whatever Osterman charges per propane gallon, which right now is \$2.70 per gallon.

A dues increase was also discussed, also an overall yearly assessment spread across the membership to cover increased expenses, but the members present felt we could lose members. All agreed however that our expenses are too high!

John Meehan and Al Cavacco won the 50/50 club nightly cash drawing.

A call for volunteers to help at the UL 62 Light Sport Aircraft Rally was announced by President Jim Lane. Any volunteers should get in touch with Chip Diggins at UL62.

President Jim Lane talked about possibly a one time next season weekend fly market here at Cranland similar to that held at Hampton airport every spring. He will introduce that subject to Peter and Dennis in the near future.

All Class Three Directors were re-appointed for their next two-year term with the addition of Tom Boyle by President Lane and approved by the other officers and members present. The exception was George Fortin who has now moved to Maine.

The Brodhead Pietenpol one-hour video brought for viewing by Bob Whittier was then shown.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55PM

Respectfully submitted John Duffy in absence of Secretary Kelly Baker

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## Words of Wisdom

You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3. (Paul F. Crickmore - test pilot)

When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash.

Airspeed, altitude or brains. Two are always needed to successfully complete the flight.

Weather forecasts are horoscopes with numbers.

The Piper Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you. (Attributed to Max Stanley, Northrop test pilot)

Flying the airplane is more important than radioing your plight to a person on the ground incapable of understanding it or doing anything about it.

A smooth landing is mostly luck; two in a row is all luck; three in a row is prevarication.

There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime. (Sign over squadron ops desk at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, 1970).

Mankind has a perfect record in aviation; we never left one up there!

- - - contributed by Walter Lockhart

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# EAA Chapter 279

## Membership Application

### Annual Dues

### \$25.00

Please Circle One:          New Member          Renewal

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

EAA Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expertise: \_\_\_\_\_

Could you provide any help in the areas of?    Specialty Tools: \_\_\_\_\_

Resources: \_\_\_\_\_

***This Information will be used to develop a Chapter Directory of Resources.***

Dues are \$25.00, Please make your check payable to EAA Chapter 279

Additional Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Send checks not cash, or bring your dues to a monthly meeting.***

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