



# 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,

Wow the weather has been really lousy on the weekends for flying. In-fact our Oct fly-in was one of the leanest I've seen in a very long time. I guess we can't control the weather.

Young Eagles flights were planned, postponed to a later date and then canceled because of the weather.

In other news, we have assembled the Sonex engine and Mike Tirone and myself attended an EAA Leadership Boot Camp in Hartford. It was held at the Pratt & Whitney Jet Engine Museum. (some photos attached below)

The engine for the sonex is almost ready to mount. We're waiting on some minor hardware from Sonex.

As far as the leadership boot camp is concerned, we went hoping to find out more about our chapter becoming a 501.c.3 instead of the 501.c.7 as we currently are. The difference is that we can give tax-deductible receipts as the former. It's a little more onerous to maintain legally, but the longer-term benefits to the chapter could be positive. We didn't find out anything really useful in that regards. We did try to dig but were consistently referred to Patty, EAA's chapter volunteer attorney.

We did learn some neat things. It was exciting to learn that EAA national is offering a new \$10,000 scholarship annually from a \$1,000,000 annual budget from a sponsor called, "The Ray Foundation". The chapter leadership must submit an application to EAA National. Upon meeting the criteria (not yet revealed to us in whole) and being approved, then and only then could we possibly move forward to award the scholarship to kids of specific age ranges. 16-18. Those ages were also not set in stone. There was some talk of extending to 19. We don't really know any more particulars at this time as they are still being ironed out by EAA national. We will learn more later this month at a scheduled webinar. We have a few good candidates for this year in mind already!

Among the attached photos, only one of the engines depicted are for the Sonex. Guess which one?

Thank you,  
Mike

## Calendar

Friday Nov 9 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting

Friday Dec 14 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting

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)

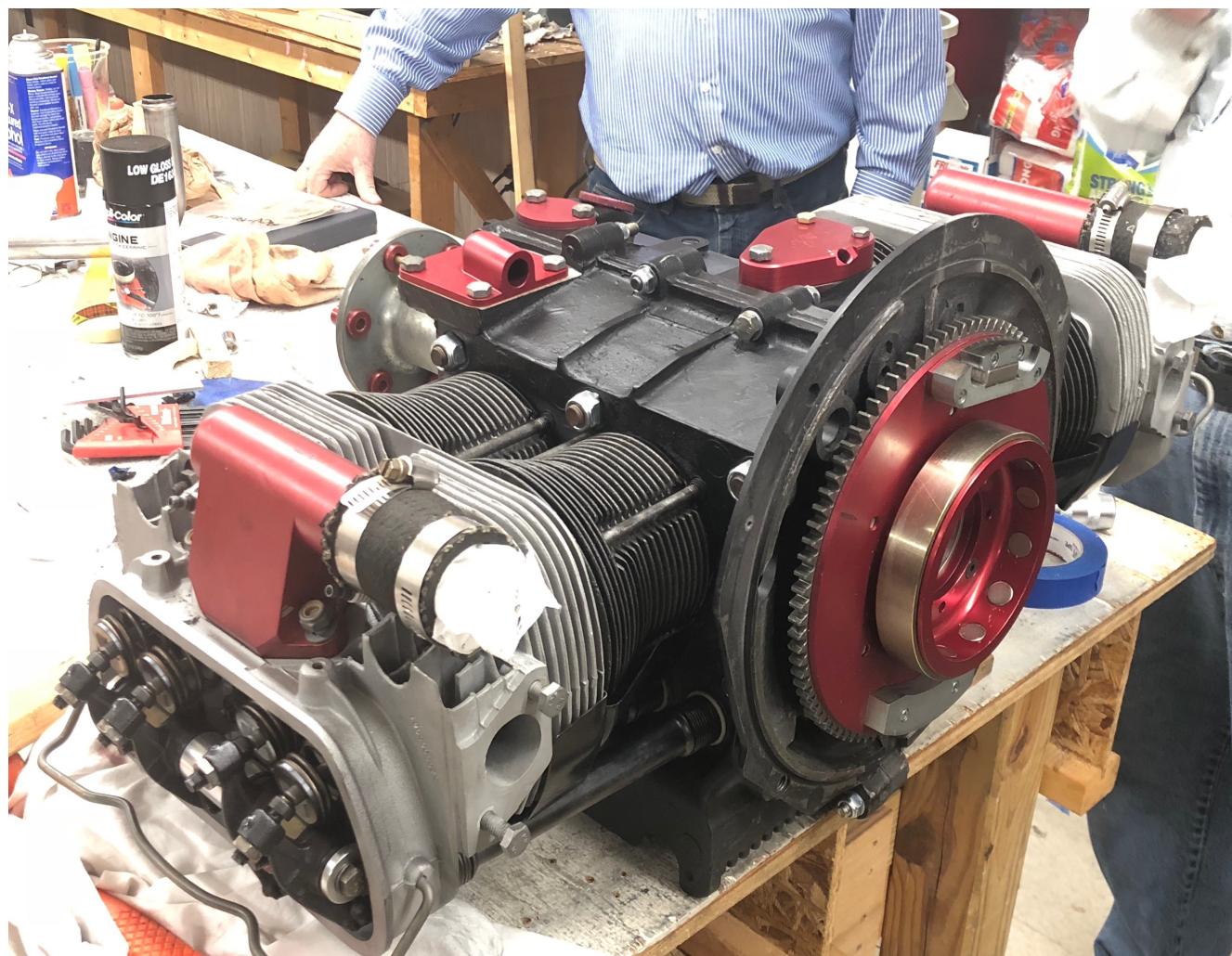


Check out the Sonex project at <http://www.mykitlog.com/EAA279>.

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 August 10, 2018 meeting

**14 members present**

Officers present - Mike Lupo, Andy Baker, Gerry Scampoli

Secretary's report was read and accepted as read by acting secretary Andy baker.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted as read by Gerry Scampoli. Ending balance was \$4223.19.

Good shape with one more fly-in to go.

### New business:

- We had 11 Girl Scouts visit us at the September fly-in. All had a good time. They had a group photo taken in front of Gerry's plane project.
- We discussed the date for the Christmas party. It was voted and passed for the party to be at the Monponsett Inn on Sunday December 16 th at 5 PM. Everyone expressed that they all had a good experience last year. Menu choices will be Baked Haddock and Chicken Cordon Bleu.
- Andy Baker discussed the Young Eagles Rally scheduled for October 20 th . Andy wanted to see a good showing from our group and this is our event. Charlie Cottuli, John Roddick, Mike Tirone and Chris Hirl all offered to help. Chris will open his hanger near the event for refreshments for the volunteers.
- Tom Hassie brought up issues about getting the link to the newsletter to work correctly. Greg helped to sort things out. Newsletter was not sent out on time this month as Greg received it late.
- On November 16 th the EAA is holding classes in several home building skills in Connecticut. Chris Hirl is planning on flying his Cherokee down so contact him if you are interested. A current IFR pilot would be a big asset if weather is a bit marginal.
- Tom Hassie talked about maybe having some new EAA 279 logo shirts created. Tom will get some more info for us for the next meeting.
- Chip Diggins had the new Dyna-Vibe prop balancing system with him and gave a great presentation and shared his experience balancing his prop. If you would like more details see the website at [RPXTECH.COM](http://RPXTECH.COM). Contact Chip if you want to get your own prop balanced as Chip has offered to help.
- Paul Babcock is going to be covering his cub fuselage in the next couple of weeks so if you would like to help and learn how to do this you can contact him.

Meeting was adjourned about 8:30 PM.

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

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

## **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. <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ea279/join>