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Meeting Second
Friday 7:30 PM.
Breakfast Fly-in
Third Sunday,
Starting in April.

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President's Report

Hello Everyone:

I hope everyone can come to Cranland Airport on October 17th for breakfast, and to help out, and to enjoy the day.

Being in the position of president, I realize how dependent one is on the support and help from within the membership. We are fortunate indeed to have a group of dedicated workers who devote innumerable hours to our chapter, and there is no question that we would not be able to operate without them. I want to thank the members that came to our September 19th breakfast and helped out. Also, I want to thank all those that work behind the scene. We have a new bathroom that will be ready for use in the very near future. A lot of effort and a lot of hours went into this very professional undertaking.

A few exciting things have happened this past month. Chris Hyldburg, Chief Flight Instructor and Owner of Alpha-One Flight School took member Ron Houghton's Nieuport on its second test flight at Plymouth Airport. It was a sight to behold. The Nieuport reached a height of twenty feet and flew down the runway to a perfect three point landing at the other end. Chris and Ron were very excited about the flight.

[Ed. Note: A week later, Chris flew Ron's plane to 800' for its third flight. See the article later in this newsletter.]

I hope you have all heard by now that member Tom Constantine earned his Private Pilot Certificate at Alpha-One Flight School last month. Tom took his test in the Citabria and I am sure

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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:

The CGS Hawk landing gear repair is progressing. The major damaged parts have been removed, the boom is being returned to round again, and the replacement parts will be installed after that.

The new wing covering is also slated to be put on after the landing gear repair is completed.

John Duffy continues to work on the Kolb to get it back into flying condition after it has spent a long time sitting idle in the cloth hangar.

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he must have made some perfect three point landings also.

Please be advised that on Sunday October 10th Chapter 279 will be one of many chapters participating in EAA UL Chapter 62's fly-in and Light Sports Aircraft Rally at Plymouth Airport. This will be an all

day event. Chapter 279 will have a tent and static displays on site. Please plan to come to help out and enjoy the day.

See you Friday night October 8th at the Chapter meeting.

Jim

Secretary's Report

Regular Meeting 9/10/04

Meeting called to order @ 7:30 pm by Jim Lane

Secretary's report was given and accepted by a motion that was promptly seconded.

Treasurer's report was given and accepted by a motion that was also promptly seconded.

Old Business:

First Sport Pilot flights are now being completed and reported upon in the EAA Newsletter that we receive via email. It's been a long time coming and a huge amount of work for the entire aviation community.

New Business:

Mansfield Airport fly-in will be held tomorrow 9/11/04 that will include a Grumman Group gathering on the field with their airplanes.

Plymouth Aero club Dinner 9/29/04 at the airport meeting room.

UL Chapter 62 meeting 9/20/04 at the Plymouth Airport meeting room. Arthur Allen, Mass Aero Commissioner will be the guest speaker. 7:30pm

"Fall In the Sky" Fly-in 10/10/04. Sponsored by EAA UL Chapter 62 is an EAA sponsored event and needs full support of all chapters and members. There are a list of things that are needed by the chapter such as chairs and a 42" projection screen. Chip has a complete list. Chip will be calling each member to confirm that they will attend and donate their time at the event. There will be two FAA Sport Pilot forums presented by members of the new Light Sport Aviation Branch of the FAA from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Martin Weaver, Branch Manager, will be leading the team from Oklahoma.

Secretary's Report (cont.)

The Chapter will also have again this year a 50/50 tag sale and silent auction. If you want to donate or participate call Chip for details.

Jim Lane passed out Ford partner coupons that were sent to him and left the balance at the clubhouse for any members interested. Substantial savings have been realized by members using this program to purchase vehicles.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Regular Meeting 8/13/04 (for the record)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Jim Lane Al Cavacco read the Treasurer's report which was accepted by a motion and seconded as read.

Secretary's report was accepted by a motion and seconded as published in the news letter.

Slideshow of Oshkosh was shown and enjoyed by all attendees. Photos were taken by Louis, Jim, Jerry and Tom.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Barker

Nieuport News!

Exciting things happen whenever Ron Houghton's Nieuport takes to the sky!

Last Friday afternoon, Chris Hyldburg flew Ron's Nieuport 11 on its third test flight. Chris lifted off from Runway 6 at Plymouth with 3/4 throttle on a nice three-point take-off, climbed to about 250', then added power to climb to about 750'.

At an altitude of 750' or 800', Chris left the traffic pattern and performed a number of left and right turns, staying over the airport with the young airplane. Ailerons responded well, as did the elevator and rudder. An excited group of spectators were treated to the sight of the little white biplane maneuvering around in the sky for about ten minutes.

Chris re-entered the pattern to land, and was on final approach about 100' up, when he

pulled the throttle back to idle, and the engine quit. Chris rode the airplane down to a very hard three-point touchdown short of the pavement. He restarted the engine and taxied back to the hangar for a damage assessment and a debriefing.

A careful inspection turned up a slightly bent axle. Thanks to Chris' handling, that was the only damage, and Ron was already hard at work repairing that the next day. Taking a look at the idle on the VW engine will follow, of course.

Overall, the day was filled with more positives than negatives. Ron says it's "extremely gratifying" to see something you have built flying as well as that Nieuport does.

Congratulations to Ron for entering the "test flight" phase of his project: fly, find a problem, fix it, fly again. EAA at its finest!



Chris Hyldburg lifts off in Ron Houghton's Nieuport 11 on its third test flight.
Photo: Jim Lane

CGS Hawk Fly-in
Sept. 11-12, 2004

