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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

I hope you enjoyed our speaker last month. Some of you have told me that he was one of the best speakers we have had in many years. I would love to hear from the membership about other ideas for speakers. If any of you would like to speak about any aviation adventures that you have had, please let me know. Your stories would add a lot of interest to our meeting.

Jim

Clerk/Secretary's Report

September 14, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Pres. Jim Lane called the meeting to order @ 1930 hrs. It came to order about 19:32!

Jim quickly introduced our guest speaker, Dr. James Ross, an FAA

medical examiner from the Providence, RI area. He immediately opened his talk with a declaration that most FAA medical applicants will receive an approved certificate! Those that are deferred (for variations in their medical history) will receive an approved medical certificate. WOW!

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Calendar

Oct 12	7:30 PM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting www.eaa279.org
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Oct 21	8:00AM - 11:00AM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Fly-in Breakfast www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm
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Elections

Chapter elections will be held at the October Chapter meeting. The Nominating Committee has done a fine job recruiting members for office for the next two years. The slate is set for President - Carl Patturelli, Vice President - Tom

Constantine, Clerk/Secretary - Walter Lockhart, Treasurer - Gerry Scampoli. Two candidates submitted paragraphs for publication in the newsletter. Their paragraphs are printed on Page 4.

Classifieds - For Sale

Tilt Trailer - 8' x 12' trailer, tilt bed with new 2,000 lb. axle and new wheels. \$500



Call Lee Pearson at 508-224-3052

Kolb For Sale, \$9500

Call John Duffy 508-378-3411



500x5 Tire and Tube - Goodyear tire with Michelin tube. Best Offer. Call Brian - 781-293-0366

Radio Equipment

- Collins KWM2A Receiver
- Collins 51J-4 Receiver
- Collins 516-F2 Power Supply
- Collins Radio Crystal PK CP-1 (for KKWM-2A)
- Collins Power Supply (for KWM-2A)
- Collins 312B-5 Round Emblem
- Tube Kit for Collins 51J-4
- Collins Power Supply 516E-1
- Collins Power Supply PP3990/FRE93

- House Window antenna feed-through
- Plugs and Jacks
 - 12 Phone plugs
 - 12 Phone jacks
 - 12 Mic plugs
 - 6 Mic jacks
 - 7 Mic jacks
 - 3 Mic muffs

Call Ann Walsh at 781-545-3145

Secretary's Report (cont.)

He also insisted, and remarkably so, that any applicant have a request by FAA be responded ONLY in the format with ONLY the medical information that they request!!!! Your Doctor's note telling the FAA that there are no medical anomalies that would affect your ability to fly, WILL NOT FLY! The FAA needs specific answers to their questions! No more, No less! Have your letter be specific to their request and your results.

Jim, his name as he requested, followed with comments about specific ailments that previously caused fits with the original specs suggested by the FAA Medical Examiner's Office. Almost all of these conditions have been down graded to specific requirements expected of today's applicants! Yep! Jim said applicants with restricted ailments would have to "jump through hoops" to accommodate what-ever-it-takes to achieve an acceptable medical status. It Works!

When I asked about my recent carotid artery surgery that was the result of a TIA, He responded, "Have you had a follow up check with your surgeon?" When I responded positively he suggested that FAA will require a cc of the results and within certain parameters I would be awarded a medical certificate. I again asked, "Now that I am an insulin dependant diabetic what are my chances of acquiring a favorable certificate?"

He again responded that I would have to jump through the proverbial hoops required by our FAA. Odds are that I would be able to achieve a medical certificate!

His most important effort addressed the contents of letters submitted by your local physi-

cian to the FAA. A generic composition by your physician stating that you have been tested for the yada, yada, yada ailments and all meet the expected/necessary standards I repeat, will not fly and neither will you! The request by the FAA will be quite specific and your representative physician must take the time to reply to each and every question/ailment that the FAA addresses. Review your letter before it goes to Oak City!

Any member that missed this presentation did a great disservice to their personal aviation future.

CHAPTER NEW BUSINESS

John Meehan suggested that proposed future leaders submit a paragraph of "Why they will be a good leader for Chapter 279." It was followed by a request to have a proxy ballot printed in the Newsletter. There were no unfavorable comments.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Our Chapter Breakfast this coming Sunday, 9/15/07

Fly-In luncheon @ Berkley, Sunday, 9/15/07

EAA B-17, Aluminum Overcast, @ PYM this same weekend

Collings Foundation Open-House, 10/06&07/2007 I have been there. This is a unique and special place to visit! Ya gotta see this!

Respectfully submitted,
Walter L. Lockhart, Clerk/Secretary

Election Positions

Carl Patturelli - nominated for President

Club members of 279 I want to thank you for this nomination; it is an honor for me to be nominated and I highly value it.

Now the hard part.

The opportunity for all of us can now be just ahead if we want it.

I have been listening to your frustrations, concerns and suggestions for the club over the past months. Yes, we do need a lot of things (more members, more group activities, events, projects, publicity, etc.); but most of all, we need an inspired and motivated membership. I want this too. Yes, there will always be room for the members that just want to enjoy the camaraderie of the club, they will always be able to continue to be as active with us as they wish. As a complement to this, we very much need to become a more aggressive, more inspired and committed membership if we are to move this club to where we want it to be.

(I suggest we start by allowing members to defray the cost of their yearly dues by signing up for various club tasks and projects, for example. Here's another example; Let's look at the monthly breakfasts, as the trash hauler for these recent breakfasts, I have done a "trash analysis" of the contents of the dozen or so trash bags I haul away for each occasion and have found the single most seen edible remains to be pan cakes, soggy ones at that which tells me that people took their 3 pan cakes, poured syrup on them and then proceeded to eat only one or two. Why are we serving three ?)

In line with this, if elected, I will put my wholehearted thoughts and efforts into bringing ideas into this club to go forward. You all are free and encouraged to put forth your own thoughts and suggestions as well as to accept, modify or reject mine. We need ideas to move us forward; first to improve what we are doing now i.e., breakfasts, but more importantly we need new ideas to move

us into advanced areas of activities. I only have the legitimacy you may elect to give me to put forth these ideas but rest assured if elected it will be taken by me as your collective desire and aim to move this club forward. We need to get it beyond the risk of it becoming an inexpensive, social gathering place where nothing more is expected. It is already no longer an inexpensive operation and if it stays just as a social club, it will eventually dwindle down to nothing. I believe that if something is not constantly growing and expanding, then it is slowly dying. I see us as reaching that point very soon.

I want to have this club grow in strength, activities and character whereby it can again become a valuable resource to the aviation community and all those seeking such mutual interests.

Thank you for your consideration.
Carl Patturell

Walter Lockhart - nominated for Clerk/Secretary

Good Morning! I have been up to my proverbial ass in MORE than alligators for the last 3-4 years. Mother Nature has inflicted me with a various degree of aging ailments & unsolicited injuries. She has also seen to get me through these deterrents. I enjoy the activities that keep our EAA Chapter 279 rolling along. We all aspire to greater aviation goals. Some members will fly, some will continue to dream, and others will enjoy the efforts of those still reaching their opporchancity to FLY! I am one of the latter two. I had my chance and enjoyed it. Where and whenever I can share my experiences and history when it can be profited from I WILL!

To be able to continue to take notes and help keep the records for EAA Chapter 279 will be my pleasure as long as I can.

Walter L. Lockhart, Chapter 279 & EAA Member # 430447 since 1987 or thereabouts.