

Chapter Monthly
Meeting Second
Friday 7:30 PM.
Breakfast Fly-in
Third Sunday,
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the hands of the
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the first of the month,
for that month's issue.

President's Report

Greetings Club Members,

Well here we are, finally on the other side of our financial crisis looking towards our last breakfast of the season and the upcoming new year. We have had to make hard decisions to secure our future and we have done so and not without anguish. We have come together when it mattered to take steps to increase our cash now and for upcoming years. Luckily we have also been fortunate to have had a great fly-in breakfast run including our last September one which handled 275 breakfasts, prepared and served, clearly a record, even exceeding our Father's Day breakfast! We have made provisions to make the final payment for our most excellent tool shed. It has been a roller coaster ride financially and now that we are in good shape, we must resist the temptation to roll back our new dues increase and breakfast prices while we still have the upcoming increased expenses of insurance premiums, hangar & clubhouse rental fees as well as general operating expenses hanging over our heads. What I hear most of you now saying is that we also need to be vigilant about every expense, be it a major capital one or a small operating expense. We need to know where the money is coming from in all situations and is this worth the risk?

One source of increased funding would be to actively seek potential public and private donations available to us as a 501(c)(3) chartered organization. This "gift" receiver status carries strings for us. It is my belief that we can manage these "strings" but we must actively choose to pursue this status and support it 100%. I feel this is up to the membership and must be decided by us all.

Finally as we enter the remaining months of this year, I want to thank you all for the help and guidance you have given me in my first year as president. I very much appreciate it and look forward to accomplishing more with your assistance!

Sincerely,
Carl Patturelli,
President, EAA Chapter 279

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Calendar

Oct 10	7:30 PM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting <i>Program: Ben Booy will talk about his experiences flying for the airlines.</i> www.eaa279.org
Oct 12	12:30PM	Marlboro, MA (9B1)	EAA Chapter 673 Columbus Day Cookout eaa.org/calendar/eventdetail.aspx?id=1392
Oct 19	8:00AM - 11:00AM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Fly-in Breakfast www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm

Board of Directors Meeting

BOD Meeting, Friday, September 26, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1935 hours.

Owing to the sparse number of attendees, no formal motions were put forth or voted upon by this body at this time. However several recommendations were suggested / discussed and are so recorded herein.

As regards the topic of whether or not to actively pursue 501(c)(3) status, a review of Paul Paquin's research notes regarding this status was presented with a two page hand-out for discussion. Paul cited some points of interest; Paul's conclusion after his review was that on the whole there is no more appreciably greater risk of liability for the club than now BUT the club, its officers and the BOD members can be held accountable for any misuse of donated monies. Accurate and timely reporting of the acceptance and usage of

donated funds is paramount. The club secretary and finance officer must have up-to-date and accurate records of donated funds. While individual donors cannot sue for such misappropriation of their donated money, the club and its funds can be the subject of an investigation by the AG. The benefits to us are that we become eligible to be considered for more donated monies and items. However grant writing would become a significant part of a club member(s)'s responsibilities. It was decided to present this to the general membership at the next meeting

Hangar rents and allocations were also discussed and some general proposals were offered to put hangar rents on a more favorable footing. Again subject to further discussion, no motion suggested.

Meeting adjourned at 2050 hours
Respectfully submitted, Carl Patturelli

Secretary's Report

September 12, 2008
Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Patturelli @ 1930 hours.

Those in attendance were: Pres. Patturelli, J. Lane, Treas. G. Scampoli, R. Wilkie, R. Williamson, W. Sweeney, J. Duffy, B. Booy, R. MacKenzie, J. Rizzotto, P. Paquin and W. Lockhart.

Thanks to John Duffy and Paul Paquin for filling in for me the last 2 months.

The Secretary's Report was accepted as written in the last newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report gave details about expenses and returns. Most prominent expenses were hangar rents, breakfast materials and National Grid. Income was generated from the breakfasts, soda sales and a check from EAA from membership rewards. The report was accepted as submitted by Gerry Scampoli.

Old Business - We need to acquire some speakers or try to get an FAA rep. Ben Booy will eventually talk about his career and progress on the Neiuport 11.

We were advised to be alert for children

who now reside in the trailer.

We should check with Tom Boyle & Tom Hassie about the status of the Hawk. It was flyable on May 7.

A request was made to have a member relieve Tom Boyle of the newsletter task. He has faithfully performed a stellar job for the last 4+ years. Paul Paquin suggested that Tom Boyle come in to a Chapter meeting and talk about the newsletter and its requirements. [I'll be there in October! Ed.]

Bob MacKenzie requested an opportunity to meet with Tom & perhaps he might tackle the job.

Carl was congratulated on his efforts @ building a sample of the Models that will be sold at the breakfasts. Well done, Carl!

J. Duffy acquired the groceries for the August breakfast and Jim Lane has volunteered to pick them up for next week's event. Thanks to both of them.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Wilkie, 2nd Bill Sweeney. Unanimous by attending members.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter L. Lockhart

Classifieds

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



Newsletter Editor Position - The Newsletter Editor position is still available. Call Tom Boyle at 781-749-5266 to apply or to find out what's involved in producing the Newsletter.

September Breakfast

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The October breakfast will be held Sunday, October 19. It will be the last Fly-in Breakfast of the 2008 season. We hope you enjoyed the breakfasts this year, and we look forward to seeing you in 2009!

Photos by Paul Paquin

Photo Page

Bill Sweeney finished work on the new tool room a while ago. Here are a couple of pictures for those of you who can't make it to the clubhouse to see it for yourselves. Many thanks to Bill and Al Cavacco for the professional job and the excellent workmanship!



Photos by Bill Sweeney
