



# 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 Members and Friends,

I can't believe that August is gone. We had some really good weather for flying. In August I earned my tail-dragger sign-off in the MOGAS flying club's Funk. Such a cool airplane.

On Wednesday, August 30th, with his family in accompaniment, a distinguished gentleman, Bob Whittier visited our chapter in celebration of his 95th birthday. I, as well as most of us young-timers didn't/don't know who Bob is. It turns out, Bob is a founding member of Chapter 279. That puts him at about 55 years old when 279 was formed. He's very well known by EAA national to be a, "Hall of Famer" as he's penned over 2500 articles for EAA publications over the years. As a very pleasant surprise to Bob (and a clandestine plan by his family), Greg Lutz took him for a flight in his Cardinal and then continuing the fun... Max Frattasio took him for a ride in the Champ. Though at 95 years old, Bob can no longer hear and his speech and mobility be labored, there was no mistaking his smile. Thank you Greg, Max and Damian. Thank you Chip for helping to arrange his visit with his family.

Thanks to everyone who made August's fly-in a success. We were blessed with good weather again. Hoping for the same in September.

Speaking of September, on the 9th, a veteran's organization, Heidrea for Heroes, will put the cap on an annual fund-raising event involving the Skydive folks on the field. Ten people who have raised funds for the organization will take the leap from 8,500 feet. In support of our veterans, Peter Oakley and 279 has enthusiastically granted them permission to use the picnic tables and gas grill as their families and friends gather to watch the ten jumps. Thanks Heidrea for supporting our vets.

As I've mentioned in the few past letters, the right wing for the Sonex is nearing completion. It is now structurally complete with the skins riveted

on. What is left is installing the wing-tips on both wings and just finish up some riveting on the control surfaces. (Note to self: In the September newsletter, mention the wing cradle that you & Greg built on a future Wednesday night.)

We'll wait for the final fly-in of the season, then we'll reconfigure the clubhouse furnishings a bit to accommodate the wing assembly on to the fuselage for fitting and rigging. We've reached about 75% completion. As the adage goes, "We still have 80% left to do". Our Dayton air compressor head (donated by Roger Roy two years back) seized up and is now ready for either the scrap heap, or a repair. If you (our readers) happen to have a Dayton compressor, or parts thereof, we'd consider the options to obtain. We still have the loud beltless compressor, so we're not out, but it was sure nice having a quiet compressor while it lasted.

Hope to see you at a future event,  
Mike

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

## Calendar

Friday Sept 8 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

Sunday Sept 17 8:00 AM Cranland Airport (28M)

Friday Oct 13 7:00 PM Cranland Airport (28M)

Sunday Oct 15 8:00 AM Cranland Airport (28M)

EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting

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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)

## Minutes of the August 11, 2017 meeting

11 Members Present

**Officers present;** Mike Lupo - President, Brian Jones -Vice President, Gerry Scampoli - Treasurer, Paul Paquin – Secretary

**Secretary's report:** Accepted as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's report:** A most favorable treasurer's report was accepted as reported.

### Old Business:

- Skydive raffle will be selected at the August Fly-in.
- The EAA279 and National EAA supported Open House was a success as an outreach. 6 persons showed up, and as a result we were fortunate to add three new members to our EAA279 Chapter, and one new MOGAS member. Thank you all for joining us!
- More conversations were had regarding the possibility of UL62 dissolving, and its assets and members joining our chapter. As a show of support, it was moved and passed that we are

willing

- to grant free membership to all UL62 members for the remainder of 2017, and for all of 2018, in exchange for their migration to our chapter should they decide to dissolve.
- It was again brought up to get rid of the phone line. This was reaffirmed.

#### **New Business:**

- Bob Rice was recognized for his excellent touchup of our AOPA EAA 279 banner which had the city of Hanson misspelled. Well done Bob!
- Members noticed a MOGAS t-shirt on the board given to us by Peter Hubbell as an example of what could easily and reasonably be done online. Thank you Peter!
- Now that we have a fast usable Internet connection, it was moved and passed to purchase a new computer for the clubhouse (@\$400).
- It was reported that Joe Fava's plane has been recovered and brought to Taunton for repairs. Sorry to hear this Joe.
- Paul Babcock reported on his experiences attending and instructing at Oshkosh 2017. There was a big Piper Cup group (@80). He gave two seminars which 50 attendees. And he reported on an unfortunate amphibian crash. Thanks for sharing Paul!

Following the meeting there was a MOGAS meeting.

## **Google Groups**

If you've been receiving the monthly newsletter notification by email it's because your humble editor has your email address on a contact list. Trying to move our organization into the 2010s, we are moving away from the email contact list to Google Groups. If you are not already a member of the EAA279 Google group, please request to join it. All are welcome. You should be able to make that request at this address: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ea279/join>. The email notifications will go out for a few more months and will then be replaced by notifications to the group.

## August Fly-in

Your humble editor was out of town for this one so no pics. Heard it was a good one.

Bob Whittier about to enjoy a ride in the Champ with Max

