



# Chapter 279 Newsletter



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Chapter Monthly Meeting: Second Friday of the month at 7:30 PM

Breakfast Fly-in: Third Sunday April through October

## Greetings Club members:

I am grateful we not only have survived but looking forward to our future. Yes we now know we have to make adjustments and even changes to our policies and practices. That's normal for any organization in today's climate; in order to have a future you have to take enough care to make it through the present. We are doing this through the efforts of members like Paul Paquin and other motivated members who have waded through what we have been and what we really want to be. Our past serves as a base of beliefs that we use to identify what we want as part of our future identity. Please take the time to read Paul's summary; it took allot of effort to illicit members' responses and codify them into a demonstrable outline of what we want. Well Done Paul!

As for me, I definitely want a new president!!  
Thank you,

**Carl Patturelli, President, EAA 279**

## November Meeting Minutes

Carl Patturelli brought the meeting to order at 7:30 PM on 11-11-11. The secretary report was accepted as written in the newsletter. Gerry Scampoli was unable to attend so the treasurer's report will be given next month.

We had two guests tonight both of whom found us through our web site. Doug Blais is interested in Ultra lights, particularly the Afford-A-Plane, so came to see what we are about. Charlie Cotulli had built a Stits Playmate years ago and flew it for 14 years and put it into storage. Now he is retired and wants to get back into building and flying; he is considering a two place amphibian. Welcome to our club gentlemen.

Old Business: The brainstorming sessions will continue on 11-21-11 at 7:00 PM in the club house. The vinyl siding project was brought up with a motion for Joe Fava to purchase the supplies. This was passed and accepted by the membership and Joe will let us know when he gets the supplies so we can form a work party. Paul Paquin brought up the fact that our proposed amendment was not published in the newsletter so we could not vote on it tonight. It will be in the upcoming newsletter.

New Business: The Sherman hangar came up for discussion of which we have rented for the past few years. Peter Oakley the new owner has put forth some rules regarding this hangar which are as follows:

1. The fee ( \$1500.00 ) will be paid in full on 1-1-12
2. We can use the hangar for club projects only or members that want to work on their projects. Completed flying aircraft will will pay \$250.00 per month if the owner wants to stay in that hangar.
3. No sub lease at all.

This offer of \$1500.00 is only for one year and may have to be re-accessed in 2013. Bob Letourneau is building a Steen Skybolt and would consider sharing the hangar fee with another builder. If we do not get another person to go in with Bob this offer as described above will be withdrawn. This discussion of what to do was tabled until the December meeting. This hangar rent is paid to December 31, 2011.

At tonight's meeting there 10 members and 2 guests, which adjourned at 8:45 PM.

**Tom Hassie, Secretary**

## Calendar

Friday Dec 6 7:30 PM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting
Sunday Dec 11 7:30 PM	Monponsett Inn	EAA Chapter 279 Holiday Brunch
Friday Jan 13 7:30 PM	Cranland Airport (28M)	EAA Chapter 279 Monthly Meeting
Fly-in breakfasts will resume in the Spring		

[www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm](http://www.eaa279.org/279breakfast/breakfast.htm)

### TAKE NOTICE! A PROPOSED NEW BYLAW.

EAA 279 Bylaw, Article XIX. Amendments

The Bylaws of the Chapter may be, amended, or new Bylaws adopted at any Regular Chapter Meeting of the Chapter Members called for that purpose. Amended or new Bylaws must be passed by a not less than eighty percent (80%) majority vote of the Chapter Members eligible to vote and present at such meeting in person or by proxy.

As per the above noted EAA 279 bylaw, due notice is hereby given of the following bylaw to be voted on at the December meeting by "Chapter members eligible to vote and present at such meeting in person or by proxy".

Under "Article VIII. Duties of the Chapter Officers, Treasurer"

SPECIAL EAA 279 Bylaw, Anticipated Wealth Bylaw; In the event that the anticipated wealth of EAA279 might rise by greater than \$9000, membership will immediately be frozen, and acceptance of membership applications suspended. This state will persist until at least the next meeting, where the issue of this new potential wealth will be discussed. At the following and second meeting, after again opening discussion to the members, a vote may be taken to allow acceptance of new members.

### Holiday Brunch

Sunday December 11th starting at 10:00 @ the Monponsett Inn will be the location for our annual club Christmas Brunch again , this time also again with Santa (for the grandkids !) tables have been reserved.

Cost per individual member will be as follows:

- \$14.80 Buffet cost with meal tax (\$13.95 + \$0.85)
- \$3.00 mandatory gratuity for parties over 9 people
- \$17.80 total cost per member (beverages extra)

## For Sale

**\$99.99 OR BEST OFFER**

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### Can We Build a Plane?

At the December meeting Roger is planning on bringing up as new business the subject of building a kit plane as a club project. The sky's the limit (hahaha) when building a plane but an inexpensive tricycle gear, all metal LSA is probably the most practical choice for our membership. This will be a preliminary discussion. If there is enough interest we will likely schedule meetings to discuss the project in much more detail. Here are some links you might want to look at before coming to the meeting:

- <http://www.zenithair.com/zodiac/ch650/index.html>
- <http://www.zenithair.com/stolch750/index.html>
- <http://www.rans.com/build-it-yourself-kits/149>
- <http://www.vansaircraft.com/public/rv-12int.htm>
- <http://www.sonexaircraft.com/aircraft/sonex.html>

### Notes on the November 21<sup>st</sup> Brainstorming Meeting

Review of our Club.

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, many members met again to complete a review of our club. Again, it was a productive evening. The club features listed below were noted as the favorites and chosen to be continued. Members seemed happy with what we currently have, and chose to solve issues rather than attempt significant changes. The one wish, which although not permitted under EAA rules, but desired by most of the attendees was the creation of a Flying Club operating in parallel to our EAA club.

Existing Club features:

- Facilities (meeting and work space, bathrooms)
- Camaraderie
- Technical advice (tech support, talks, and newsletter articles)
- Aviation projects (small projects, eg. gusset lock, etc.)
- Breakfast Fly-ins (discussion below)

- EAA national
- Show GA to public
- Flying Club
- Social events (need to schedule)
- Flying events (link with other clubs)
- Tool and machine shop (We need to educate and certify before use for safety or personnel and equipment.)
- Speakers (costs)

Regarding the Breakfast Fly-in, it was decided that we would begin serving when ready, and stop feeding at 1000, thereby reducing the time spent by the members, and so preserving most of Sunday for their families. The “product flow problem” would be solved by serving scrambled eggs, a sausage patty and two pancakes, therefore eliminating the assembly bottleneck. It is hoped that with this change in menu, we might require less cooks, and better handling of crowds. Finally, we again dedicated ourselves to increased safety by having two field safety persons monitoring aircraft and children, and stating our safety aims on table placards.

Ideas were fielded regarding the membership problem, and the funding of the club. Tom Hassie who had offered the gusset lock aviation project, said that his daughter Carolyn has offered to create a “membership package” which we might hand to prospective members. It was also proposed that we place an EAA 279 sign at the street side, possibly under the airport sign.

The evening ended with some introductory talks regarding the possibility of a Flying Club, and Roger Roy asking if anyone would be willing to jointly construct an LSA from a kit; a sufficient number of members showed interest. It seemed that the attendees felt that the brainstorming sessions had been worth it, and seemed ready to take our beloved EAA 279 into the future. Let’s make it happen!

*This edition of the 279 newsletter is a little light on pictures but there is so much important information for you to absorb that the editor didn't want to distract you with frivolous images of flying machines.*