



## THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Skyrafters  
EAA Chapter 1268  
Sonoma Skypark Airport  
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### WHO SAYS WE CAN'T HAVE OUR OWN PIN-UP?

Debbie Presten, in another life, in front of Wally Olson's JN-4 at a past Evergreen Fly-in

### A HUNBLE BEGINNING

Well, it will be until we start getting submissions from the membership.

The officers and staff of Sonoma Skyrafters, EAA Chapter 1268, though we would get the meeting notice out with a little more pizzazz, and send a hard copy with a

membership renewal form. We are trying to be subtle, but believe us, it ain't easy.

The member Directory Data form included with this newsletter is doubling as your membership renewal form. You can fold it, tape it shut with your twelve dollar (\$12) check inside, and send it off to our honorable and patient treasurer:

Bob Avrit  
4479 Grove Street  
Sonoma, CA 95476

You can also bring a twelve dollar bill to the meeting Tuesday, give it to Bob, fill in a little info on the form, and, vwa'la, just like magic, you're done.

We have an incomplete listing of members, current and a little past due, and are trying diligently to get the list complete so we can mail out the up-to-date roster with the May newsletter.

Help us out and get your Directory Data form in, even if you've already filled one out previously, and get your dues to Bob so we can concentrate on all the flying, real and imagined, that we will be doing the rest of the year.

### **THE CLUBHOUSE PROGRESSES!**

Don Youngs has been hammering (and welding) away at the new Chapter 1268 clubhouse at the east end of the field, and the effort is beginning to show dramatically.

With a lot of help from all our friends, the expansion framing is done, the siding is up, and the roof is nearly on. Don will give us a report at the meeting, and can tell us at that time when and how much more help he will need.

Thanks to Cam Frasier, a Skypark pilot and general contractor, the clubhouse will have a complete kitchen.

Cam is doing an extensive remodel here in Sonoma and was able to talk the owner into donating an entire kitchen slated for demolition to Chapter 1268.

A work crew consisting of Paul Siebert, Marilyn Poggensee, Larry and Judy

Crosson, Jack Caldwell, Howard Hall, Cam Frasier and Darrel Jones took the kitchen completely apart on Sunday morning, March 4, and got everything loaded, onto a trailer and safely into the hangar next to the clubhouse before the rain started to fall too heavily.

The haul includes upper and lower cabinets, granite countertops, sink, garbage disposal, dishwasher, microwave and double refrigerator, with a freestanding island thrown into the bargain.

As soon as the clubhouse is enclosed, we will put walls up in the kitchen corner, and the electrician-pilot crew of Dick Sullivan, Les Lucas, Ed Barkhurst and Darrel Jones will get the wiring done.

You will all be getting emails and phone calls asking for help when the time is right. We can look forward to having the nicest clubhouse this side of the Mississippi in time for those warm evening barbecues.

### **YOUNG EAGLES CALENDAR**

Chapter 1268 will fly Young Eagles again this Sunday, weather permitting. Below is the calendar of Young Eagles flights for the rest of the year.

March 12  
April 9  
May 14  
June 11  
July 9  
August 13  
September 10  
October 8  
November 12  
December 10

The Young Eagles flights are offered from 9 am to noon on the second Sunday of each

month. Kids from 8 to 17 are eligible for a ride, and need to have a parent or guardian with them to sign the permission form for the ride.

Young Eagle rides are offered at no cost to the youth flying, and are meant to introduce more young people to the joys of flying.

Volunteer Young Eagles pilots donate the use of the aircraft and the costs of fuel to the program. If you have lost the thrill of flying, you should consider becoming a Young Eagles pilot and recapture the feeling of sharing everything you love about flying.

It definitely puts the fun back into flying!

For more information, call Rich Cooper at 707-938-5587.

### **MARCH MEETING MENU**

Now, what else would we have for dinner in March other than corned beef and cabbage?

Bev Morgan is putting together the dinner, and she always makes enough to go around.

Wear green and bring an appetite!

### **MARCH MEETING PROGRAM**

The featured speaker for the March meeting will be one of our newest members, John Volkober. John is Treasurer and a Director in Region 11

Soaring Society of America. John is planning on building a RV-8, and joined Chapter 1268 at the January or February meeting.

John will be giving a talk on his soaring experiences and on glider ports throughout northern California and the west coast.

The membership suggested that we thank our guest speakers with a bottle of wine. We will even give them the choice of red or white.

### **FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES**

President Eric Presten called the meeting to order sometime after dinner was served, and ably did all the stuff a president is supposed to do.

Our guests included Stuart and Donna Munson. Stuart is a student pilot and owns The Prop Stops Here pilot shop located at Petaluma Airport next to Aeroventure.

I stopped in to buy some supplies and Stuart very generously gave me a ten percent "Skypark pilot's" discount. He also has his own fleet of two Segway "loaner cars", and enthusiastically demonstrated one to John Carmichael, Steve Alsterlind and his brother, and your editor.

Well, anyway, that part wasn't part of the minutes.

Marilyn Avrit supplied an outstanding fried chicken dinner, which was well appreciated by all.

Bob Avrit reported that the treasury had \$4040.97 in the regular account and \$2105 in the Harry West memorial account.

The speaker for the evening was member John Winter, who is building a RV-7A. John brought several parts from his project and talked about his ongoing building experience.

Well, that's enough for this month. Please send your news to: wd6bor@vom.com.