



THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
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JIM ROBERTS, AA CAPTAIN, LIGHTING AFTERBURNERS ON TAKE-OFF (ONE AT A TIME)

Jim Roberts, late of Swift ownership, sometimes gets nostalgic for his Air Force days flying high-performance jets. When no one in the tower is looking, he will make a maximum performance take-off, much to the delight of his passengers.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

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Young Eagles Coordinator: Rich Cooper,
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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The next meeting of the Sonoma Skycrafters will be this Tuesday, January 9, at the Chapter clubhouse at Sonoma Skypark.

ALSO, DUES ARE DUE! SEND 'EM IN!

The guest speaker for the evening will be Trevor Meeks, who will talk about his experiences traveling, either cross-country to buy and fly home his new Cessna 170, or his trip to Alaska.

Dinner will start at 7 pm in the Chapter clubhouse at Sonoma Skypark

MINUTES

EAA Chapter 1268
November 14, 2006 Minutes

President Eric Presten called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

The October minutes have not been written up, so they will be included in a future newsletter.

Guests were Guy Foster from Windsor, originally from the U.K. His brother-in-law was visiting, so Guy brought him along. Marilyn and Marilyn were thanked for furnishing dinner, along with Jeannie Williams, who brought the salad.

Bob Avrit gave the Treasurer's report. There is \$2105.00 in the Harry West Memorial Fund and \$4555.44 in the Chapter General Fund. There were no major expenses, although the invoices for the materials for the clubhouse and restrooms have not been submitted yet. Don Youngs had spent some of his own money on materials, so he will give Bob the invoices for reimbursement.

The Chapter has one new member, Gardner Bride, who was welcomed into the Chapter.

Darrel Jones and BK White installed septic drain plumbing last Sunday. They asked for volunteers to help continue the plumbing next weekend, although they reported that

the restrooms won't be completed before the Christmas party.

The President thanked Don Youngs for all of his work on both the clubhouse and the restroom projects.

Rich Cooper gave the Young Eagles report. A Boy Scout troop came out at the last Young Eagles and five Scouts, out of a total of nineteen kids were flown. There were seven airplanes available to fly, and there was plenty of help with Paul Seibert, Ashley Gravatt, David Meeks, BK White, Darrel Jones, Andy Smith, Rich Cooper, Nerio Festa, Jeannette Woods, Harry Andrews, Frank Russo and several other Chapter members on hand to help.

Rich reported that Jeanette Woods has flown 150 Young Eagles, Rich 130, Don Cooley 124, in addition to other Chapter members who have flown dozens of Young Eagles.

The President awarded EAA certificates to all the officers.

Frank Schelling, who restored the Curtis JN-4 Jenny at Schellville, donated many years of EAA Sport Aviation magazines to the club. The club will get some more book cases in which to store the growing library.

Marilyn Poggensee announced the combined Sonoma Skypark/EAA Chapter 1268 Christmas party will be December 1, starting at 6 pm in Ron Price's hangar and the clubhouse. She asked for help setting up on Thursday November 30 at 5:30 pm.

Nominations for officers were Darrel Jones, President, Andy Smith, Vice-President, Frank Russo, Secretary, Bob Avrit, Treasurer, with Rich Cooper continuing as young Eagles Coordinator, Marilyn Poggensee as Membership Chair, and

Marilyn and Marilyn as dinner committee. There being no other nominations, the officers were elected on a "white ticket".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

The speaker for the evening was Rafe Tomsett, who gave a multi-media presentation about his many years photographing the Canadian Snowbirds jet demonstration team.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Gravatt, Secretary

CLUBHOUSE REPORT

BK White has been the lead carpenter on the restroom project, and has progressed through getting the sub-floor down. The construction crew were able to get the water flowing and the drain in for the kitchen sink in time for the Christmas party, so progress is slowly being made.

OLD IRONSIDES

The U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides) as a combat vessel carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators (fresh water distillers).

However, let it be noted that according to her log, "On July 27, 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum." Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping."

Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of

rum. Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine. On 18 November, she set sail for England.

In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchantmen, salvaging only the rum aboard each. By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, and though unarmed, she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn.

Then she headed home.

The U.S.S. Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February 1799, with No cannon shot, No powder, No food, NO rum, NO wine, NO whisky and 38,600 gallons of stagnant water.

GO NAVY!

MISSING LINKS

Here are a couple more amazing Web sites that contain fascinating video footage and more.

<http://www.micom.net/oops/A321CrossWind.wmv>

http://images.military.com/Video/061201_f35.wmv

<http://howtoprankatelemarketer.ytmnd.com/>

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

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**REMEMBER! THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA
CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, AT 7:30 PM, AT SONOMA
SKYPARK, SKYCRAFTERS CLUBHOUSE, HANGAR B5!
DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM, SO DON'T BE LATE!**

SKYCRAFTER MEMBERSHIP

EAA CHAPTER 1268 Membership Dues: \$12 per year.

Name: _____ EMAIL: _____

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