



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
21870 Eighth Street East  
Sonoma, CA 95476

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## SONOMA SKYPARK GOES TO NAVAL AVIATION

U.S.S. Hornet docent, fighter jock and EAA 1268 Skycrafters member Gardner Bride explains it all to Skycrafters Air Explorer Jorge Oros and Post Advisor Walt Lewis in this carefully staged photo by Frank Russo.

### **CHAPTER OFFICERS**

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### **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The next meeting will this Tuesday, September 9 in the Skycrafters' clubhouse, Hangar B-5 here at Sonoma Skypark. Our speaker will be a big surprise since I haven't talked to V.P. Andy to see what the program will be.

We love surprises!

Dinner will be prepared by Todd and Larry Nelson. Also a surprise.

We have the rest of the year scheduled for meals, but we still need cooks for next February, April, May, June and July. We started the dinner rotation last summer and it has worked great! This is a great way to become a Hero of the Club, as well as to share your favorite dinner menu with your fellow Skycrafters.

The schedule so far is:

| Month         | Cook 1     | Cook 2      |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| August '08    | Gary Mc    | Jorge O     |
| September '08 | Larry N.   | Todd N.     |
| October '08   | Howard H.  | Judy C.     |
| November '08  | Roy M.     |             |
| December '08  | Xmas Party | Potluck     |
| January '09   | Jeannie W. | Jeanette W. |
| February '09  |            |             |
| March '09     | Nelleke C. | Rich C.     |
| April '09     |            |             |
| May '09       |            |             |
| June '09      |            |             |
| July '09      |            |             |

Please reply with an email to [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) or call 707-996-4494 and we will finish filling this in!

See you all at the meeting!

### **DUES IS WAY PAST DUE!**

We are getting to the point that you can send in \$24 and be the first to be paid up for 2009 as well as having 2008 covered. Give Bob Avrit a call at 707-938-5818 to see if you

have paid. Better yet, just send him a check at 4479 Grove Street, Sonoma 95476.

### **YOUNG EAGLES**

August Young Eagles will be Sunday, September 14 from 9 am to noon, weather permitting.

We had sixteen Young Eagles last month as well as Patrick Bell over from Petaluma giving YE rides in his Stearman.

We can still use helpers with registrations and ground crew duties. Harry Andrews was our Administrative Assistant for August, and he said that he much prefers to do the flying.

Chapter 1268 is not only a flying airplanes and building airplanes club, but primarily a social group sharing our own special interests in aviation. You can come out to Young Eagles Day and help the Young Eagles participants fill out their forms and prepare the certificates for their return, all while getting in some high quality hangar flying. I look at it as a great way to contribute to our community while hanging out at the airport.

You are invited to come out as well and give us a hand.

Call or email Rich Cooper if you are able to help either by flying or as ground crew. His email is [cooper@vom.com](mailto:cooper@vom.com) and his phone number is 707-938-5587.

### **EAA CHAPTER 1268 AUGUST 2008 MINUTES**

August 12, 2008

1900 hrs: Great dinner served of tamales, rice and beans, along with a vegi-medley, pie, cookies, and bread pudding

President Darrel Jones called meeting to order and thanked Jorge Oros's mother for the tamales, Jan Ewertz for the vegi-medley and side dishes, and Barbara Sullivan for the

bread pudding desert . Gary McDonald and Ed Stiger from Petaluma helped out.

Introduction of guests: Dr. Lee Newman a local AME and pilot that lives in Lincoln was introduced by Dick Sullivan,. Other guests were Janet Lewis, Becca Oros, Esther Oros, Eva Oros, Mario Oros, Nadine Oros, and Monique Oros.. Bob Mercer a new member is working on his Commercial and Instrument.

VP Andy Smith was congratulated for obtaining his CFI

John Thomason gave a report on Oshkosh about the Waco winning an award and that his son Scott arrived on Saturday driving an F18 .

Treasurer's report: Bob Avrit states the chapter has \$6380.49 in the general fund with a ,bank deposit of \$28 ,dinner receipts \$232 ,membership dues \$24,EAA membership rebate of \$10 and expenses of ,dinner (\$158.79 ),spare chair storage tarp( \$25 ), and property tax for 2008-2009 ( \$108.20 )

Young Eagles: Rich Cooper reports that 16 Young Eagles were given rides and thanked BK Whit , Ron Price, Paul Seibert , Walt Lewis and the Air Explorers , Harry Andrews, Frank Russo, Nelleke Cooper and Patrick Bell. Patrick Bell brought his beautiful Stearman over and gave rides to Young Eagles.

Membership Chair: Marilyn Poggensee no report

Sec: Frank Russo nothing to report

Air Explores report: Walt Lewis said that the Air Explorers had \$170 in the bank and will purchase some FAA handbooks for the Explorer Library . They are also looking for a copy of Stick and Rudder to start it with, if any body would like to donate a copy or

anything of similar use, please call Walt Lewis. The Trip to the Hornet will be this month with Gardner Bride as Dosen.

New Business: Larry Nelson said that Bob Ellis wants to donate tools to set up a work shop in the EAA hanger and that they will need some one to inventory ,catalog, and set up the shop.

Fly out: Don Cooley is planning a fly day in September, with a visit to the hanger in Vacaville.

2045 hrs Meeting adjourned

### **FLY-INS TO CONSIDER**

Chico Air Fest, September 26-27, with the Canadian Snowbirds as the featured performers. You can get more information and buy tickets on-line at [www.chicoairfest.com](http://www.chicoairfest.com).

Rio Vista Airport Wings and Wheels Airport Day, Sunday, October 5, 2008. Call 707-374-5318 or go on-line at [www.oscar88.org](http://www.oscar88.org) for more information.



See you all at the meeting!

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

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**SKYCRAFTER MEMBERSHIP**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ APT: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: \_\_\_\_\_

Your check should be made payable to:        **EAA 1268**

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