



# THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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## SEAPLANE ACTIVITY IN EAA CHAPTER 1268

We've got some serious seaplane pilots in the chapter.

Here is what some of them are flying. Only after a good rainstorm.

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### FIRST THINGS FIRST

The February meeting will be this Tuesday,  
February 9, with dinner starting at 7 p.m.

Dinner will be lasagna, salad and rolls, with dessert, all for only six dollars. Dinner this month is being provided by Roy and Linda Myers.

Roy will be looking for cooks to fill out our schedule for the rest of the year, so let him know which month you want.

Our speaker will be Earl Peterson, Jasmine VillaSenor's grandfather . Earl worked as a meteorologist for NASA and will talk about his experiences and offer insight into weather effects on flying.

### **YOUNG EAGLES**

February Young Eagles will be Sunday, February 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. If you know someone who has a youngster age 8 to 17 who would like a free flight to introduce them to the fun and wonder of flying let them know about our Young Eagles rides.

We can always use help flying, registering, giving ground school and covering the flight line. This is one of the honest "For a good time..." deals out there. Free coffee or juice, a donut or cookie, and the enjoyment of seeing the excitement on the faces of the kids when they've landed and run to their parent announcing "I got to fly the airplane!"

We are also talking about flying out for lunch immediately following the Young Eagles flights. I thought that this month we could start out modestly and hop over the Two-Niner Diner at Petaluma airport. I'm also looking forward to a flight to Nancy's at Willows as well as any other lunch destinations suggested.

If you are not currently flying your own airplane and want to help with Young Eagles registration or ground crew, I'm sure you can find an empty seat with one of the Young Eagles pilots for the lunch flights.

Come out and join the fun!

BK White has taken over as Young Eagles coordinator, so give him a call at 707-996-1335 or email him at [bkeagle1@vom.com](mailto:bkeagle1@vom.com) to let him know you will be flying and helping.

### **DINNER SCHEDULE**

The schedule for next year so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
February '10	Roy M.	Linda M.
March '10	?	?
April '10	?	?
May '10	?	?
June '10	?	?
July '10	?	?
August '10	?	?
September '10	?	?
October '10	?	?
November '10	?	?
December '10	XMAS	PARTY!

Roy Myers generously volunteered to coordinate the dinners and is ALWAYS looking for outstanding cooks. If you are found out standing by the clubhouse, Roy is looking for you.

Menus can be anything from prime rib to tube steak to lasagna, so break out your old favorite family recipes and give us a treat.

Let him know by email to [Flyboyroy@aol.com](mailto:Flyboyroy@aol.com) or phone at 415-897-2983 which month you want and we will finish filling in the list for the rest of the year!

### **SPEAKERS**

We are looking for a few good speakers.

Are you building or have you ever built an airplane? Had an interesting/wonderful/exciting/terrifying flying experience? Know something about aviation or the associated technology? You can come brag and show pictures and go

home with a bottle of wine and our undying gratitude. Well, the bottle of wine anyway.

Please let Paul Seibert and/or Jorge Oros know and they will happily schedule you into our speakers' bureau.

Month	Speaker	Subject
Feb	Earl Peterson	?
Mar		
Apr		
May		
Jun		
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		

### **2010 CALENDAR**

Cactus Fly-in, Casa Grande, AZ: March 5-6

Sun-n-Fun, Lakeland, FL: April 13-18,

Pacific Coast Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay, CA: April 25

Los Angeles Aero Meet: June 12-13

Arlington EAA Fly-in, Arlington, WA: July 9-11

Airventure 2010: July 26-Aug. 1, Oshkosh, WI

Wings Over Wine Country, Santa Rosa, CA: Aug. 27-28

Watsonville Fly-In and Airshow,

Watsonville, CA: Sep. 4-5

Start sending me your information on your favorite fly-ins and air shows for next year.

### **OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST**

We have been talking about scheduling field trips for our members. One trip could be to the Hiller Aviation Museum at Palo Alto. Eric Presten has some passes that expire this June, so we can talk about making it down there in April or May.

We could also make the short drive over to the Travis Museum, although that will involve some advance planning to deal with the security issues of taking a group onto an active military base.

Gardner Bride was docenting on the U.S.S. Hornet so we will ask him about a trip down there as well.

Eric Presten has also been invited to bring the Bleriot to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary re-enactment of the Dominguez Hills Aero Meet in the Los Angeles area June 12 of this year.

Smithsonian Air and Space magazine had an article about the event from 1910 in a recent issue. The aero meet generated the interest in aviation that brought many early aircraft designers and builders to Los Angeles to create the aviation industry there that build much of America's aircraft through the last century to today.

### **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

The January minutes will be sent in an email Monday so you will have a chance to look them over before the meeting.

### **LAST ITEMS**

Some web links:

<http://www.airspacemag.com/multimedia/videos/Refueling-Over-Iraq.html>

<http://pewresearch.org/politicalquiz/quiz/index.php>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BziHdAVNcK8>

Parental warning for the following link: violent, tasteless, questionable, funny.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8avOiTUCd4Y>

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**DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE!**

**REMEMBER! THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA  
CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, AT 7 P.M., AT THE  
SKYCRAFTER'S HANGAR G-1 AT SONOMA SKYPARK AIRPORT.  
DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM, SO DON'T BE LATE!  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE 6 P.M. BEFORE THE MEETING**

**SKYCRAFTER MEMBERSHIP**

**EAA CHAPTER 1268** Membership Dues: **\$15 per year.**

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

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

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

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

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