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DEVON WATKINS SHOWS AIR EXPLORER POST 1268 HER RIDE

Sonoma Skypark's own Young Eagle, Air Explorer and Air Academy grad shows Air Explorer Post 1268 members her helicopter after soloing.

They're helping hold it on the ground. She looks proud, doesn't she?

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting will be Tuesday, January 11 with dinner starting at 7 p.m. in the Chapter 1268 clubhouse, B-5, at Sonoma Skypark.

Roy Myers will be providing dinner consisting of lasagna and stuffed bell peppers with salad and dessert.

This will be our first meeting with our new officers. Travis Morton is our new president and brings enthusiasm and fresh ideas to the office. Travis spearheaded having the club obtain the projection equipment needed to show old aviation movies on a big screen at the clubhouse.

Our scheduled speaker is Craig MacDonald showing photos of interesting aircraft and maybe some of his newly acquired airport in Wisconsin. Craig will speak just after our regular meeting, which follows dinner and usually starts around 7:45.

AIR ACADEMY SCHLARSHIP APS

For many years, EAA Chapter 1268, in partnership with Sonoma Skypark Airport and Air Explorer Post 1268, have sponsored Young Eagles, Air Explorers and other interested youth to the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin each summer.

Several of the attendees, including Devon Watkins and Martin Dolcini, have continued working toward a career in aviation; Devon as a helicopter pilot and Martin as an aircraft mechanic.

To better organize this sponsorship, Chapter officers and board members, working with Sonoma Skypark and the Air Explorers, have created a scholarship application, a copy of which is attached to this newsletter.

The Chapter has approved two scholarships of \$400 each to go toward the total expenses of travel, registration, room and board of

each attendee. The total cost per person is usually in the neighborhood of \$800 to \$1500 each. Other sources of funding are the credits the Chapter receives from the national EAA organization for Young Eagles flow, as well as contributions from the Sonoma Skypark hamburger fund and the Air Explorer fund raising. Chapter 1268 members have also been quite generous with their financial contributions that have enabled our young people to attend this potentially life-changing experience.

The Chapter will be sending a check in to reserve two spots in each age group and will be reimbursed costs over the \$800 approved. The Chapter's own revenues to support this scholarship come from monies over the cost of our monthly dinners, contributions and membership renewals, so send in or bring your renewal for 2011 to Bill Wheadon this month.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK!

2011 is the Centennial of Naval Aviation and our Skypark Movie Night feature will be the 1936 production of *Navy Born*. William Gargan and Claire Dodd star in this great visit to yesteryear's Navy operations with great aerial photography and the carrier USS Saratoga in all her steam glory.

The newborn son of a Naval Aviator is tragically orphaned while only a month old, but dying Dad makes his shipmates promise to take over raising the lad in the Navy way. This is complicated by the wily aunt of the baby who schemes to raise him as a sea-hating landlubber.

While giving flying lessons to the conniving aunt in a swell looking Monocoupe, the baby's godfather (William Gargan) falls in love with the aunt and almost has the job in the bag when a gangster kidnaps the kid under the mistaken impression that he is the father. Well, sir, the Navy won't stand for that and PDQ the whole squadron has taken

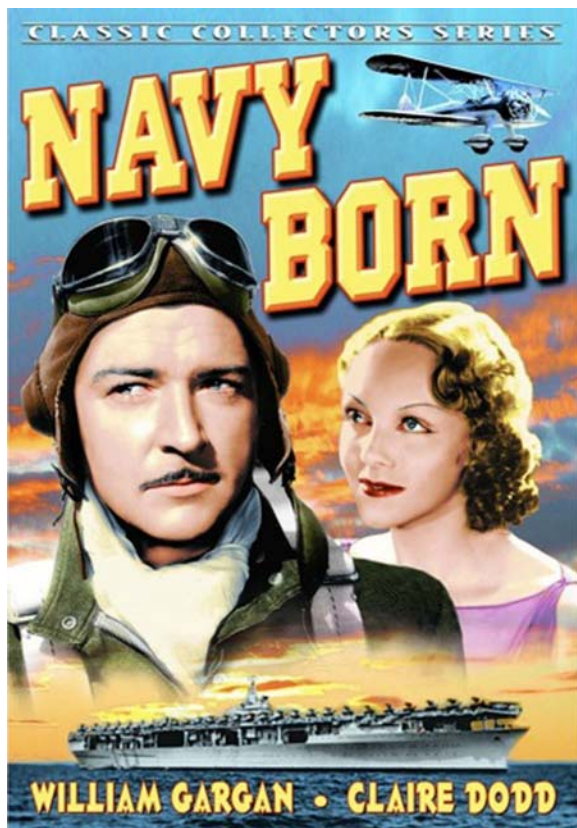
off from the Saratoga to force down the crook and make the world safe once again.

A stirring human drama, lots of Navy jokes, some cheesy special effects and great flying, how can you go wrong?

We will begin Movie Night with our second installment of the gripping serial, *Mysterious Pilot*. No worries for those of you who missed episode one as there is always an overview at the beginning detailing the previous exciting segment and you will be all caught up. And we have a special bonus attraction, *America Takes Flight*, the fascinating story of the 1925-1931 National Air Tours. Based upon seldom seen footage, this film highlights many of the wonderful personalities and aircraft of the Golden Age of Aviation.

So, there we have it, great films, fresh popped corn, pizza, beverages, and all of your airport buddies! See you there!

Movie night is Friday, January 28 at 6 p.m.



YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles Day in January was today, the 9th, and was a success with the fog that had plagued us for the last week clearing enough to allow us to fly nineteen Young Eagles.

Visibility had cleared enough just after 10:00 that Ron Price was able to get up with the first Young Eagle in his Vagabond. Jeanette Woods, Travis Morton, Les Goldner and Darrel Jones also flew our Young Eagles, with Marsi Fahraji and Jasmine VillaSenor ably handling registration, and Paul Seibert, Bill Wheadon and BK White organizing the ramp and escorting Young Eagles to their planes.

We had a brief respite from bad weather and made the best of it all. Be sure to come out for the next Young Eagles Day Sunday February 13 and join the fun!

DINNER SCHEDULE

It **IS** next year and time to start lining up your favorite month for providing the meeting dinner. Let Roy know which month you would like to be our star chef. Roy can be found at Flyboyroy@aol.com or by phone at 415-897-2983. You can also let me know at wd6bor@vom.com and I'll put you on the roster.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
JAN '11	Roy M.	
FEB '11	?	
MAR '11	?	
APR '11	?	
MAY '11	Darrel J.	Catherine J.
JUN '11	?	
JUL '11	?	
AUG '11	?	
SEP '11	?	
OCT '11	?	
NOV '11	?	
DEC '11	XMAS	PARTY!

SPEAKERS

We are still looking for speakers, so send Travis and email at Jungroth@gmail.com and copy an email to me at wd6bor@vom.com so we can get your information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker	Subject
JAN	Craig MacDonald	His airport???
FEB		
MAR		
APR		
MAY	Peter	King of Tonga
JUN		
JUL		
AUG		
SEP		
OCT		
NOV		
DEC	Rudolf	Night VFR

DECEMBER EAA 1268 MINUTES

The December meeting was the annual combined Sonoma Skypark/EAA Chapter 1268 Christmas Party, so the only minutes to report was that everyone had a good time.

OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST:

Gardner Bride had a small stroke recently and is recovering at the Kaiser Hospital Vallejo Rehabilitation Unit.

Several people have talked to and visited Gardner and report that he is chipper, conversational and recovering well. He will probably be in rehab through the middle of January. We will update the members as we have additional news.

Bill Smith forwarded this latest email from one of Gardner's friends:

Gardner woke up a week ago and could not feel his right arm--Sheila asked him a couple of questions and then called 911. Gardner has had a stroke, affecting his right arm--

now improving and some vision on the right sides of each eye is affected.. He is in Kaiser rehab and doing quite well. They did put a pacemaker in a few days ago due to an erratic heartbeat. He is 79 years old--Sheila told me--and should be home in 2 weeks, maybe sooner. He is in rehab from 9 until 4 every day and improving--Sheila is going every day to help or participate in the physical therapy. He does have a problem with numbers and telling time, but is in great mental shape with sense of humor.

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From Paul Seibert:

The Discovery Channel launches a new reality show this month, "**Flying Wild Alaska**," that follows the adventures of Era Alaska, a family-owned charter company. Era is based in Unalakleet, a small town on the coast near the Bering Strait. During the show's 10 episodes, "the Tweto family battles unforgiving Alaska weather and terrain to transport life's necessities to one of the most remote and extreme regions of America," according to Discovery. The company was founded with just one airplane serving the local area but now comprises nearly 75 aircraft that fly to destinations across the state. The show focuses on the "quirky" and "passionate" members of the Tweto family -- Jim and his wife, Ferno, and their two 20-something daughters, Ayla and Ariel -- but also includes plenty of flying action, with shots of backcountry landings and flights in extreme conditions. "Mostly it's just about flying airplanes in rural Alaska," Jim Tweto told The Alaska Daily News. The series premieres Friday, Jan. 14, at 9 p.m. Eastern and Pacific Time.

The Discovery crew worked in Alaska from August to November last year to shoot the program. "Battling minus-40F degree winters and hurricane-like winds for months

on end, the intrepid pilots of Era Alaska are among the best in the world," says Discovery. "They combat big storms in small planes -- a scenario only suited for the most experienced, especially with such precious cargo. From champion snow dogs bound for the Iditarod, to medicine for sick children, to groceries for miners working on the North Slope, Era Alaska transports a wide range of goods." Ferno Tweto told ADN the family doesn't receive the Discovery channel at their home, but they plan to watch the program at a neighbor's house. "I'm really pushing to get [a satellite] dish out here," Tweto said.

Click on the hyperlink to go to the web site.

A little story for your doctor:

A mechanic was removing a cylinder from the engine of a Cessna when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop.

The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to take a look at his Bonanza when the mechanic shouted across the hangar, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the engine. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I make \$39,675 a year (a pretty small salary) and you get the really big bucks (\$1,695,759) when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, smiled and leaned over, then whispered to the mechanic...

"Try doing it with the engine running."

This latest NPRM from the FAA:

1000.1A No pilot or pilots, or person or persons acting on the direction or suggestion or supervision of the pilot or pilots may try, or attempt to try or make or make attempt to try to comprehend or understand any or all, in whole or in part of the herein mentioned Federal Aviation Regulations, except as authorized by the Administrator or an agent appointed by, or inspected by the Administrator.

1000.1B If the pilot, or group of associated pilots becomes aware of, or realizes, or detects, or discovers or finds that he, or she, or they, are or have been beginning to understand the Federal Aviation Regulations, they must immediately, within three (3) days notify, in writing, the Administrator.

1000.1C Upon receipt of the above mentioned notice of impending comprehension, the Administrator will immediately rewrite the Federal Aviation Regulations in such manner as to eliminate any further comprehension hazards.

1000.1D The Administrator may, at his or her option, require the offending pilot, or pilots, to attend remedial instruction in Federal Aviation Regulations until such time that the pilot is too confused to be capable of understanding anything.

Hit the Links! Web sites that you might find interesting:

http://www.liveleak.com/e/07b_1284580365

http://www.aircraftowner.com/videos/view/super-cub-landing-on-windy-mt-top_912.html

Let me know if I've forgotten anything, made any mistakes or insulted anyone. See you at the meeting!

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YOU CAN GET A JUMP ON YOUR 2011 DUES BY SENDING A CHECK FOR \$15 TO BILL WHEADON AT THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW ON THIS PAGE. BE THE FIRST IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO DO SO AND HAVE BRAGGING RIGHTS!

REMEMBER! THE JANUARY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, AT 7 P.M., AT THE SKYCRAFTER'S CLUBHOUSE HANGAR B-5 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.**

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Address: _____ APT: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone number, home: _____ work: _____

EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ **EXPIRATION DATE:** _____

AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: _____

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