



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
21870 Eighth Street East  
Sonoma, CA 95476

JUNE 2011



## **OSHKOSH IS COMING! PLAN ON BEING THERE JULY 25 THRU 31**

This beautiful photo of Matt Younkin in the Twin Beech the airshow at Oshkosh is by Sarah Hudzinski (and is copyrighted by her and EAA, so no funny stuff!)

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The June meeting will be Tuesday, June 14 with dinner starting at 7 p.m. in the Chapter 1268 clubhouse, B-5, at Sonoma Skypark.

Margo and Garrett Porter will be providing dinner.

Our speaker will be Tat Tatman talking about his experiences as a test pilot for Boeing aircraft. I'm sure Tat will have even more stories and photos that include his long career in aviation.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The EAA Chapter 1268 site is up and live; you can see it now at <http://www.eaa1268.org/>. There, you'll be able to see each month's newsletter, as well as a calendar of our upcoming events.

## **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

EAA Chapter 1268  
June, 2011

Bill told me that much hasn't changes, so the members are encouraged to read last month's report to check on the state of the club treasury and membership.

We will be putting out the membership roster after the June meeting, so please send in your 2011 dues if you have not done so yet.

## **NOTES:**

President Travis Morton was profiled in the June issue of Sport Aviation as a former Young Eagle who makes good. Very inspiring, with a couple good photos.

Emmanuel Burke graduated from eighth grade with honors and has just turned 14, with another hour of flight instruction in his log book.

Curtis Presten also turned 14 and put a glider solo flight into his log book.

I just visited Ed Barkhurst in the hospital and he is not doing well. If you want to visit, he is in Sonoma Valley Hospital here in Sonoma, up in room 205. Check in at the nurse's station as you go up. Visiting hours are from 11 am to 8 pm. He is battling pneumonia and other infections so is pretty weak.

Don Carter's memorial service was today, June 11 at Schellville Airport. Don's kids and friends put on a great informal event with Schell Vista Fire Department doing the hamburgers and hot dogs, a lovely formation fly-by with Ron Price, Eric Presten, Peter Gauthier and Dave Masters in his Ryan STA, who did the pull-up for the missing man formation on the second pass. Lindy Carter went up with Chris Prevost in the Stearman to scatter Don's ashes along the east-west runway.

## **MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK**

The next movie at Sonoma Skypark will be Friday evening, June 24 at 6 p.m. and will feature "The Great Waldo Pepper", starring Robert Redford.

The following is from Wikipedia:

Waldo Pepper (Robert Redford) feels he has missed out on the glory of aerial combat in [World War I](#) after being made a flight instructor. When the fighting ends, Waldo has taken up [barnstorming](#) to make a living. He soon tangles with rival barnstormer Axel Olsson ([Bo Svenson](#)).

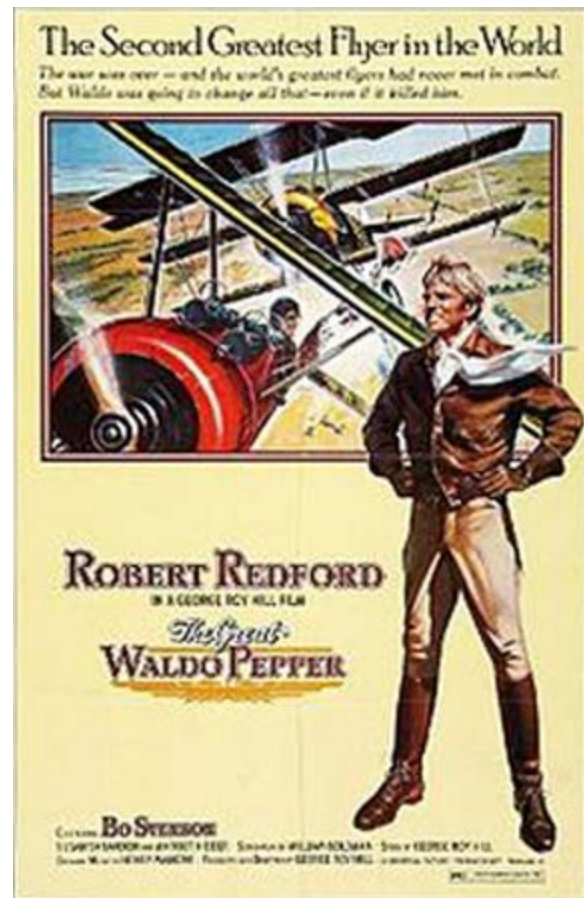
Enemies at first, Waldo and Axel become partners and try out various stunts. One goes wrong and Waldo is nearly killed after slamming into a barn. Waldo goes home to Kansas to recuperate with an earlier lover Maude ([Margot Kidder](#)) and her family. Maude's brother Ezra ([Edward Hermann](#)) is an old friend of Waldo's and promises to build Waldo a high performance monoplane as soon as Waldo is well enough to fly it.

In the meantime Waldo recuperates and joins back up with Axel and the two eventually wind up flying for a traveling air show owned by Dillhoefer ([Philip Bruns](#)). In an effort to attract bigger crowds, Dillhoefer introduces several young ladies into the show, including Mary Beth ([Susan Sarandon](#)) and Patsy (Kelly Jean Peters). As the show moves from town to town, and the crew practices new stunts, they experience problems, errors, and crashes. As a result of the death of Mary Beth during a [wing walking](#) stunt, Waldo is grounded by an inspector of the newly formed [Air Commerce](#) division of the Federal government, a man from Waldo's past during the war named Newt ([Geoffrey Lewis](#)). Waldo ultimately loses his pilot's license and the Dillhoefer show is suspended after Ezra is killed while substitute-flying for him, but this doesn't stop him from flying for very long.

Under an alias, Waldo gets a job as a stunt pilot in a [Hollywood](#) film depicting the air battles of the Great War. Famous German air ace Ernst Kessler ([Bo Brundin](#)) has also been hired by the producers, as a consultant and to fly a [Fokker Dr. I](#) replica. The disillusioned, bitter and heavy drinking depiction of Kessler is based on the real German ace and stunt flier [Ernst Udet](#). During filming of a famous wartime duel, though their fighters are unarmed, Waldo and Kessler begin [dogfighting](#) in deadly earnest, using their airplanes as weapons, each repeatedly colliding with the other, Waldo in a [Sopwith Camel](#), Kessler in a Fokker [triplane](#). Eventually, they both realize that their planes are too damaged to land. Instead of fighting, each salutes the other, and flies his own way. The last shot of the film is of a page in an album. One of the pictures is of Waldo. Underneath the picture is a caption: "Waldo Pepper. 1895-1931".

There will be pizza for \$5 per person, and popcorn just to whet your appetite (or spoil it).

See you at the movies on movie night, **FRIDAY, JUNE 24** at 6 p.m.



### **YOUNG EAGLES, JUNE 12**

Young Eagles will again be on the Sunday before the monthly meeting. The Young Eagles report will be given at the regular meeting and sent in a separate email after the meeting.

### **DINNER SCHEDULE**

We only need cooks for July and September. Let Roy know which month you would like to be our star chef. Roy can be found at [Flyboyroy@aol.com](mailto:Flyboyroy@aol.com) or by phone at 415-897-2983. You can also let me know at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) and I'll put you on the roster.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
JUN '11	Garret P.	Margo P.

JUL '11	?	
AUG '11	Marsi F.	Amir F.
SEP '11	?	
OCT '11	Ron P.	
NOV '11	Jeanette W.	Jeanette W.
DEC '11	XMAS	PARTY!

### **SPEAKERS**

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

Month	Speaker	Subject
JUN	Tat Tatman	Test piloting
JUL	Frank Russo	Barnstormers
AUG	Bob Avrit	B-52s
SEP	?	
OCT	Robin Tatman	Women in Av
NOV	Rich Cooper	Pan Am
DEC	Rudolf	Night VFR

We have Don Booker, Eric Presten, the Barnstormers Tour group, Peter Goldman and Les Lucas as other speakers, so we will schedule them in as we go.

### **EAA 1268 MINUTES**

**Sonoma Skycrafters EAA Chapter 1268  
Chapter Clubhouse – 21870 – 8<sup>th</sup> St. East,  
Sonoma, CA**

### **Board of Directors Meeting May 10, 2011**

Board meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m by Travis Morton, president.

Board members present were: Jeanette Woods; Darrel Jones; Bill Wheadon; Walt Lewis; B.K. White and Marsi Fahraji.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Wheadon reported that white badge colors indicate you have paid dues and blue, unpaid dues. Also reported that members who prepare meals

for the meetings are fully reimbursed for all costs incurred.

General Meeting and Comments from BOD: May 21, 2011 - International Fly Day: we should add to EAA website; place advertisement in newspaper and limit the number of participants. Volunteers will be needed, i.e., pilots (airplanes); ground crew. To follow same format at Young Eagles events.

Ron Price to have a "flying lessons" booth. Liability: No tracking through a "form". Are covered with the standing \$1,000,000 liability.

Young Eagles Report - B.K.: Young Eagle Pilot Guidelines handed out to pilots. Some guidelines include being a member of EAA; registered with National EAA; possess a pilot's certificate and in good standing with current physical. B.K. to have a pilot briefing in handing out brochure.

May 8, 2011 we had 13 Young Eagles fly; 4 airplanes. Pilots and ground crew included: D. Thomas; Andy ; J. Woods; R. Cooper; F. Russo; D. Jones, P. Siebert; E. Burke, W. Lewis, M. Fahraji and B.K.

Board of Director Member Report - by Paul Siebert: Direction of flying during a Young Eagles event. Do not deviate from EAA flight pattern; no cutting across pattern; address issue in next Young Eagles meeting during pilot briefing.

### **Old Business:**

Air Academy sent money for deposits and Young Eagle credits and Napa credits, divided equally amount five candidates.

501 C3 - all paperwork completed. Non-profit to approve new bylaws. Initial 1023 to determine our status. Air Academy will use Chapter's non-profit number.

Standard Operating Manual (SOP) - would like to assemble with articles and bi-laws amendments.

Upcoming Events:

May 15, 2011 - Air Explorers will visit San Francisco Airport's Fire Station.

EAA Chapter 1268 General Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2011

Lovely Dinner prepared by Catherine and Darrel Jones.

Coffee provided by Gardner Bride.

Dinner: Exquisite Chicken Enchiladas; Coleslaw bonanza; Chutney of black beans and pineapple delight; homemade cookies. Yum, yum.

General meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Motion made to approve the minutes of April 12, 2011. Motion approved.

Guests: Speaker was introduced and acknowledged. Speaker: Peter Friedman, "46 Years in Aviation."

Treasurer's Report - Bill Wheadon: Badges and membership were discussed with respect to blue (dues owed for new year); white (dues current).

Vice-President - Jeannette Woods: In preparation for Family Day on June 4 - - Posters are available; Cathy Carmichael will direct event; currently collecting donations. Beneficiaries: Standby Mentoring and Air Explorers.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, May 14, 2011 - B-17 at Napa and Young Eagles Flights.

Sunday, May 15, 2011 - Young Eagles field trip to S.F. Airport's Fire Station.

Saturday, June 4, 2011 - Family Fun Day

Friday, May 27, 2011 - Movie Night, "Rocketeer"

Announcement by Walt Lewis: Craig MacDonald flew his Skybolt

OLD BUSINESS:

Darrel Jones announced that bylaws were sent out - motion to approve was requested. Note: Bylaws were revised in the part of non-profit guidelines. Revisions were distributed.

Motion made to approve for adopting. Paul Siebert moved for adopting; B.K. second the motion. The membership voted to approve the revised bylaws.

AIR ACADEMY: Sent EAA National Chapter submitted \$900 to reserve 6<sup>th</sup> spots [5 used] + \$470 (Young Eagles) + \$95 (Bill Wheadon) - - all applied towards tuition. National scholarships approved and paid entire tuition. Only outstanding issues is transportation. We have \$670 from Chapter and hamburger fund and Air Explorers. All expenses paid. Followed by big "applause." ..... "cultivating the next generation of pilots.... " Thank you to the Chapter for make this come true.

Family Day Coordinator: Kathy Carmichael: Event planned for June 4. Volunteers and donations needed for raffle and silent auction. Funds to go to Sonoma Mentoring (Stand by Me) and Air Academy. Sign-up list will be distributed during meeting. Big News: Todd Walker will provide the Bar-B-Que Grill, *gratis*.

NEW BUSINESS:

Les Goldner announced that at the electric airplane symposium, it was revealed that "electric commuter airplanes in commercial arena within next decade."; Also, Liberty Field's owner, Doug green, invites you to land at the airport. Special Note re Sonoma County changing rules for privately owned landing strips under the Williamson Act. We need to write our congressmen, and people in the position to listen to our concerns opposing such an Act.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. p.m.  
Respectfully submitted, Marsi Fahraji

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**REMEMBER! THE JUNE MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER  
1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 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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**EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EXPIRATION DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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