



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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SNAPPY DRESSER IN FRONT OF A SNAPPY STEARMAN  
Rafe Tomsett of Skypark Movie Night fame

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The April meeting is this **Tuesday, April 9**.  
The Board of Directors meet at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. after the Board of Directors' meeting, and is \$6.00 per person. Our chef for the month will be Marsi Fahraji. Club House Diner Special: Meatloaf n' gravy, roasted cauliflower casserole and salad. Dessert: Ambrosia fruit salad.

The EAA Chapter 124 newsletter is at:  
<http://www.eaa124.org/Newsletter/Apr2013.pdf>

## **EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT** **April 2013**

**Membership** – We have two new members this month bringing our total paid membership to 60 along with 15 Associate members. Our two new members are **Walt Eastland** and **Scott Debel**.

Walt comes from a train background – working on the Grand Canyon Railroad in northern Arizona and is now doing some work with the Napa Valley Wine Train. He maintains his ties to Arizona and is also a member of Chapter 856 in Flagstaff. Walt owns a Beech Bonanza 35 and has already participated in our Young Eagles event in March.

Our other new member is Scott Debel who is a regular at Petaluma and has been attending our meetings. After giving us a look-over, it looks like he's determined that we're a creditable organization and decided to join.

**Welcome Walt and Scott!**

**Treasurer** - Our bank statement reflects two deposits totaling \$1388 with no disbursements. Included in those deposits were three donations to the Air Academy Fund – one from the Air Explorers for \$1000 and two other from members for

\$100 each. Our checking account balance as of March 29 stands at \$4635.28.

See you at the meeting,  
Bill Wheadon

## **YOUNG EAGLES APRIL 14**

Please put a blurb in the Newsletter reminding everyone that Young Eagles Fly Day will be **NEXT** Sunday after our meeting on Tue. As always, everyone is invited to participate. I'll send out my usual "reminder" this week. Lets hope the morning fog is gone by Sunday.....B.K.

As always BK White is looking for volunteer pilots, ground crew and registration helpers for our monthly Young Eagles events. Let him know you will be joining us and helping out by sending him an email to [eagle1@vom.com](mailto:eagle1@vom.com) or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

## **AIR EXPLORER UPDATE**

The Air Explorers had a great trip to the Napa tower for the March meeting after their Young Eagles flights. The tower personnel were most gracious hosts and allowed the whole lot of us (12) up to the tower cab; quite the view up there. They answered tons of questions, and we even got to see our own Travis Morton fly into the pattern. Next up: Beale Air Force base tour and altitude mini ground school in May. Possible museum visit to the Berkeley campus before that. Thanks to all of the parents of the Air Explorers for their support!

Robin Tatman, Post 1268 Advisor

## **MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK**

Movie night for March will be the **Friday, April 26**.

The movie this month will be "Night Flight" In South America, the daunting mountains and dangerous weather have hampered the operations of Trans-Andean European Air

Mail, a 1930s-era airline. Charged with delivering a serum to stem an outbreak of infantile paralysis in Rio de Janeiro, Auguste Pellerin (Robert Montgomery) conquers his fears, but is reprimanded by the airline's stern director, A. Rivière (John Barrymore) for coming in late.



Determined to make the night flight program work, Rivière has sent pilot Jules Fabian (Clark Gable) and his wireless operator on another dangerous flight. The pair are caught in a torrential rain storm and when Madame Fabian (Helen Hayes) comes to the headquarters, she realizes that her husband is overdue. The two airmen, flying blind over the ocean, run out of fuel and choose to jump but are drowned. Rivière refuses to quit and orders a Brazilian pilot (William Gargan) to take the mail to Rio, but the pilot's wife (Myrna Loy) pleads with him not to go. Despite the dangers, the night mail is delivered on time. The pilot despairs that his flight only meant that someone in Paris can get a postcard on

Tuesday instead of Thursday, but its real value is proven when the serum is also delivered and a child is saved.

Pizza is always available for \$5 per person, including beverages, and complimentary popcorn just to whet your appetite (or spoil it), courtesy of Walt Lewis and his Amazing Real Movie Theater Popcorn Popping Extravaganza Machine.

See you at the movies on movie night, **FRIDAY, APRIL 26** at 6 p.m.

### **DINNER SCHEDULE**

We are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2013 so let Roy know if you would like to be one of our famous chefs for the upcoming year. 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.

Don't be shy; be bold and decisive! Give Roy a call and let him know when you can cook.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cook	Meal
<b>2013 DINNER SCHEDULE</b>		
APR	Marsi & Amir	Meatloaf
MAY	Catherine & D	Chili, salad
JUN	?	?
JUL	?	?
AUG	?	?
SEP	?	?
OCT	Air Explorers	Chili
NOV	Ron P.	Chili
DEC	XMAS	PARTY

### **SPEAKERS**

We are always, continually, everlastingly looking for speakers for our monthly programs. If you don't want to show your own baby pictures at a meeting, think of an alternative program or speaker and let us know what you would like to hear.



We will be trying a new method of arranging for speakers. We will ask for volunteers, not to necessarily be the speaker themselves, but to ask someone they know to be the speaker for the month they've selected. If we can fill out the schedule at the February meeting for speakers and dinners then we can sit back and relax for the rest of the year.

We already have some volunteers with Tat talking about airway beacons, Travis inviting ATC controllers from the Napa tower, Rich Cooper lining up a formation flying presentation, John Carmichael talking about seaplane operations, and Craig McDonald and Les Goldner agreeing to either find speakers or give presentations themselves.

Send an email to me at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker/Member	Subject
<b>2013 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b>		
APR	Aaron Singer	SFO
MAY	?	
JUN	?	
JUL	Craig McD	
AUG	?	
SEP	?	
OCT	Air Academy	
NOV	Eric Presten	Bleriot
DEC	FROSTY	ICING OPS

### **2013 EAA 1268 CALENDAR**

Send me any events you have for the calendar and I'll put them in.

DATE	EVENT
4/9	EAA 1268 meeting, 7:00 pm, SSP
4/14	Young Eagles, 9:00 am, SSP
4/26	Skypark movie night, 6:00 pm
4/27-28	Pacific Coast Dream Machines Fly-in, Half Moon Bay, CA
5/12	Young Eagles, 9:00 am, SSP

5/14	EAA 1268 meeting, 7:00 pm, SSP
5/16-17	Aeroelectric seminar on aircraft electrical systems at Skypark
5/31	Skypark movie night, 6:00 pm
6/7,8,9	Golden West, Yuba City Fly-in
6/9	Young Eagles, 9:00 am, SSP
6/11	EAA 1268 meeting, 7:00 pm, SSP
6/28	Skypark movie night, 6:00 pm
7/9	EAA 1268 meeting, 7:00 pm, SSP
7/14	Young Eagles, 9:00 am, SSP
7/26	Skypark movie night, 6:00 pm
7/29-8/4	EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI
8/11	Young Eagles, 9:00 am, SSP
8/13	EAA 1268 meeting, 7:00 pm, SSP
8/30	Skypark movie night, 6:00 pm
9/8	Young Eagles, 9:00 am, SSP
9/10	EAA 1268 meeting, 7:00 pm, SSP
9/27	Skypark movie night, 6:00 pm
10/8	EAA 1268 meeting, 7:00 pm, SSP Officer nominations
10/13	Young Eagles, 9:00 am, SSP
10/25	Skypark movie night, 6:00 pm
11/10	Young Eagles, 9:00 am, SSP
11/12	EAA meeting, 7:00 pm, SSP Officer elections
11/29	Skypark movie night, 6:00 pm
?	Christmas party at Skypark
1/1/13	New Years Day at Skypark?

### **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES** **March 12, 2013**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

Darrel Jones, BOD Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Board was asked for any errors or omissions to the minutes. The Board members did not see any errors.

Board members in attendance: D. Jones, J. Woods, B.K. White, P. Siebert, B. Wheadon, R. Tatman, R. Myers, M. Fahraji

DINNER: Traditional Irish Fare with a Birthday Celebration for Nelleke Cooper. Fabulous Dinner by the Coopers: Corned Beef with Cabbage; potatoes and carrots;

salad and cake. Bride & Sheila Gardner:  
Petaluma Tea & Coffee

Treasurer's Report: \$327 in Dues; Chapter  
Bank Balance: \$3,247.28

Members Report: 13 members have not  
renewed. Calls to members for renewals to  
take place before September/October.

Status re: 501 C-3 is now in full force and  
effect.

Air Explorers by Robin Tatman: Field trip to  
Napa Airport Tower took place March 10.  
Ideas: -Future activity of selecting a lunch  
spot for a cross-country fly-in. Asked  
members for feedback with respect to  
volunteer pilot and airplane availability.  
-Tour of Beale Airport (altitude chamber).  
-Paul Sieberg Let's build a tie-in-knot  
between the two groups (Young Eagles and  
Air Explorers)  
-B.K. White would like to see ground school  
integration between the two groups.

Young Eagles by B.K. White:  
7 pilots / 21 Young Eagles. Weather:  
Sterling!  
Pilots: R. Cooper; B. Wheadon; F. Russo; R.  
Price; T. Bloodgood; D. Jones and W.  
Eastland. Ground Crew: Jasmine; Paul;  
Walt; Amir; John and Marsi.

Jeanette Woods to obtain Name Tag Labels;  
and has revised Y.E. pilot list (to distribute).

Jasmine to provide tally of pilot flight  
records in order to meet the 10-per pilot  
minimum in order to receive EAA National  
donations for Air Academy scholarships.

Air Academy Business:  
David Asaro, 100% funding provided at  
\$725 for tuition and airfare as required.  
Daniel Schulte, Advanced camp tuition is  
\$1,210; Garret Porter, Advanced camp  
tuition is \$1,210; Ben Preston, Basic camp  
tuition is \$966. Scholarship levels will

depend on funds available from donations  
and the hamburger fund.

Currently: \$985 + \$135 Young Eagles  
credits are available from Sonoma Skypark  
and Gness Field.

Chapter 1268's IRS non-profit status is now  
confirmed retroactively, and has been in  
effect since December 1999.

Accounting re: Scholarship Funding for Air  
Academy Candidates:  
\$1,200 to date from the Chapter 1268  
treasury, \$1,000 from Air Explorer Post  
1268, \$1,120 from Young Eagles credits,  
with future donations from the Sonoma  
Skypark hamburger fund and personal  
donations to be determined.

The Board of Directors meeting was  
adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:**  
Darrel Jones, Board Chairman, called the  
regular meeting to order at 7:30 and asked  
for approval of the March meeting minutes.  
A motion was made and seconded and  
approved to accept minutes.

Guests were: Val and Carlene; Sue (Craig's  
other 1/2); Ann Silverman who has joined  
the 99s; Walt Eastman from Flagstaff, AZ,  
and Scott.

DINNER: Traditional Irish Fare with a  
Birthday Celebration for Nelleke Cooper.  
Fabulous Dinner by the Coopers: Corned  
Beef with Cabbage; potatoes and carrots;  
salad and cake. Bride & Sheila Gardner:  
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Happy Birthday to Nelleke.

The Board Members gave their reports to  
the membership. Robin also reported on  
behalf of the Air Explorers and asked for  
pilot-airplane support for future fly-ins and  
cross-country events, to include lunch  
picnics.

There being no further business, Darrel Jones, Board Chairman, adjourned the meeting. No speaker this evening and video on airplane corrosion - oxidation and animated shorts, set aside for another time. Darrel Jones adjourned the meeting.

Marsi Fahraji, Chapter Secretary

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **THIS MADE A KID'S DAY**

Chopper pilot sees a P-51 model airplane in a tree and retrieves it.

Some nifty flying by the pilot and classic aviation footage. Nice views too.

<http://www.flixxy.com/helicopter-pilot-fishes-rc-plane-from-tree.htm>

(Of course, the FAA may be looking for him by now. "No good deed goes unpunished.")

### **AN UNBELIEVABLE LANDING.**

Faced with a flight emergency, a Polish pilot pulled off a remarkable feat of airmanship that saved hundreds of lives and made its way into aviation history. Actual video shot inside the plane's cabin show passengers in the moments before Capt. Tad Wrona made his incredible landing. Lester Holt reports.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbV58eY0MyM>

### **ACTUAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN PILOTS AND CONTROL TOWERS**

Tower: "Delta 351, you have traffic at 10 o'clock, 6 miles!"

Delta 351: "Give us another hint! We have digital watches!"

Tower: "TWA 2341, for noise abatement turn right 45 Degrees."

TWA 2341: "Center, we are at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?"

Tower: "Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?"

From an unknown aircraft waiting in a very long takeoff queue: "I'm f...ing bored!"  
Ground Traffic Control: "Last aircraft transmitting, identify yourself immediately!"  
Unknown aircraft: "I said I was f...ing bored, not f...ing stupid!"

O'Hare Approach Control to a 747: "United 329 heavy, your traffic is a Fokker, one o'clock, three miles, Eastbound."

United 329: "Approach, I've always wanted to say this...I've got the little Fokker in sight."

A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked, "What was your last known position?"

Student: "When I was number one for takeoff."

A DC-10 had come in a little hot and thus had an exceedingly long roll out after touching down.

San Jose Tower Noted: "American 751, make a hard right turn at the end of the runway, if you are able. If you are not able, take the Guadalupe exit off Highway 101, make a right at the lights and return to the airport."

A Pan Am 727 flight, waiting for start clearance in Munich, overheard the following:

Lufthansa (in German): "Ground, what is our start clearance time?"

Ground (in English): "If you want an answer you must speak in English."

Lufthansa (in English): "I am a German, flying a German airplane, in Germany. Why must I speak English?"

Unknown voice from another plane (in a beautiful British accent): "Because you lost the bloody war!"

Tower: "Eastern 702, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on frequency 124.7"

Eastern 702: "Tower, Eastern 702 switching to Departure. By the way, after we lifted off

we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway."

Tower: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff behind Eastern 702, contact Departure on frequency 124.7. Did you copy that report from Eastern 702?"

Continental 635: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, roger; and yes, we copied Eastern. We've already notified our caterers."

One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said,

"What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?"

The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: "I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough parts for another one."

The German air controllers at Frankfurt Airport are renowned as a short-tempered lot. They not only expect one to know one's gate parking location, but how to get there without any assistance from them. So it was with some amusement that we (a Pan Am 747) listened to the following exchange between Frankfurt ground control and a British Airways 747, call sign Speedbird 206.

Speedbird 206: "Frankfurt, Speedbird 206! Clear of active runway."

Ground: "Speedbird 206. Taxi to gate Alpha One-Seven."

The BA 747 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop.

Ground: "Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?"

Speedbird 206: "Stand by, Ground, I'm looking up our gate location now."

Ground (with quite arrogant impatience): "Speedbird 206, have you not been to Frankfurt before?"

Speedbird 206 (coolly): "Yes, twice in 1944, but it was dark --and I didn't land."

While taxiing at London's Airport, the crew of a US Air flight departing for Ft. Lauderdale made a wrong turn and came nose to nose with a United 727.

An irate female ground controller lashed out at the US Air crew, screaming: "US Air 2771, where the hell are you going? I told you to turn right onto Charlie taxiway! You turned right on Delta! Stop right there. I know it's difficult for you to tell the difference between C and D, but get it right!"

Continuing her rage to the embarrassed crew, she was now shouting hysterically: "God! Now you've screwed everything up! It'll take forever to sort this out!

You stay right there and don't move till I tell you to! You can expect progressive taxi instructions in about half an hour, and I want you to go exactly where I tell you, when I tell you, and how I tell you! You got that, US Air 2771?"

"Yes, ma'am," the humbled crew responded.

Naturally, the ground control communications frequency fell terribly silent after the verbal bashing of US Air 2771. Nobody wanted to chance engaging the irate ground controller in her current state of mind. Tension in every cockpit out around Gatwick was definitely running high. Just then an unknown pilot broke the silence and keyed his microphone, asking:

"Wasn't I married to you once?"

**FLY SAFE OUT THERE!**

**Send me your news for your newsletter!**

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MEMBERSHIP **DUES ARE DUE** IN JANUARY, AND MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER. DUES ARE STILL A MODEST **FIFTEEN BUCKS**, SO BRING SOME CASH FOR DINNER AND A BIT MORE TO **PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2013!** SEE YOU THERE!

**REMEMBER! THE APRIL MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 9 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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