



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
21870 Eighth Street East  
Sonoma, CA 95476

APRIL 2014



## JEFF SKILES, NATIONAL EAA VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNITIES AND MEMBER PROGRAMS

Jeff gave a very informative and entertaining presentation in the Sonoma Skypark clubhouse Monday evening, March 31. There were over sixty EAA members from the region who attended and heard his moment-by-moment account of the "Miracle on the Hudson" emergency water landing in New York in 2009.

### **CHAPTER OFFICERS**

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BOD/Building: Darrel Jones, 707-996-4494

### **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The April meeting is this **Tuesday, April 8**. The Board of Directors will 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 chefs for the month will be Don and Wayne, who always manage to pleasantly surprise us.

Our speaker will be Richard Craig, who will talk about wings and lift. I took a look at his progress on his Cozy 4 in the hangar across from the clubhouse, and was very impressed with his progress and innovation.

### **YOUNG EAGLES APRIL 13**

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.

### **MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK**

Movie night for April will be **Friday, April 25**.

Don't miss the fun!

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 Skypark Movie Night, **FRIDAY, APRIL 25** at 6 p.m.

### **DINNER SCHEDULE**

We are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2014 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.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cook	Meal
2014 DINNER SCHEDULE		
APR	Don & Wayne	Surprise!
MAY	Jeanette W.	
JUN		
JUL	Richard & Bill	
AUG		
SEP		
OCT		
NOV		
DEC	XMAS	PARTY

### **SPEAKERS**

We are always, continually, everlastingly looking for speakers for our monthly programs.

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
2014 SPEAKER SCHEDULE		
APR	Richard Craig	Wings & Lift
MAY		
JUN		
JUL		
AUG		
SEP		
OCT		
NOV		
DEC	Chris K.	Xmas party!

### **2014 EAA 1268 CALENDAR**

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

DATE	EVENT
4/8	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
4/13	Young Eagles 9 Am
5/11	Young Eagles 9 Am
5/13	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
6/7	Skypark Family Fun Day
6/8	Young Eagles 9 Am
6/10	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
7/8	1268 Meeting 7 Pm

7/13	Young Eagles 9 Am
7/28	AirVenture Oshkosh 7/28-8/3
8/10	Young Eagles 9 Am
8/12	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
9/9	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
9/14	Young Eagles 9 Am
10/12	Young Eagles 9 Am
10/14	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
11/9	Young Eagles 9 Am
11/11	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
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12/	XMAS party at Sonoma Skypark!

**EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

Sonoma Skyrafters EAA chapter 1268  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 11, 2014  
Chapter Clubhouse – 21870 – 8th St. East,  
Sonoma, CA

Minutes

Call to Order: Darrel Jones called the meeting to order at 6:10pm

Attendance: The following board members were present: Jeanette Woods, Paul Seibert, Bill Wheadon, BK White, and Darrel Jones. Robin Tatman arrived later. Absent were Marsi Fahraji and President Don Booker.

Old Business:

EAA candidates and the Air Academy – Darrel Jones discussed the Air Academy candidates for the 2014 session. He recommended that the chapter award a full scholarship to JP Caldwell and partial scholarships to Amir Fahraji and Garrett Porter. He also recommended that Semaj Pernell to be under consideration for an Air Academy sponsorship next year if she continues to come to Young Eagle events and shows a growing interest in aviation.

Darrel also discussed the logistics of sending 3 candidates to the Air Academy. He said that he would check with Ron Price to see if the

hamburger fund has generated enough income for the air transportation and if reservations have been made for the candidates.

Darrel will ask for Air Academy slots for 2 positions in the basic course and 1 in the advanced course.

The members present voted on approving Darrel’s recommendations.

New Business:

Paul Seibert asked if the Air Explorers were members of EAA National – the answer was affirmative.

Jeanette Woods announced the Sonoma Skypark Airport Family Fun Day will be on June 14, 2014.

Darrel announced Jeff Skiles will present his “EAA Grassroots Tour” at Skypark Airport on March 31. He said he would solicit the general membership for volunteers to help with the setup.

Young Eagle coordinator B.K. White reported on the chapter’s last event on the previous Sunday: 12 Young Eagles were flown – all in 2 seater aircraft. The pilots were Frank Russo, Bill Wheadon and Tim Bloodgood. Helping with ground duties were Ron Price, B.K. White, Paul Seibert, Rich Cooper, and John Thomason.

Air Explorer coordinator Robin Tatman reported on the interests and goals of the group. Among the interests were air camping with a possible upcoming trip to a place like Columbia. The EAA Air Academy was also rated high on the interest list.

Some of the group’s goals included some fund raisers (a bake sale and grilled hot dogs in April at Petaluma) and a get together with a local reporter to give publicity to the Air Explorers. Robin announced that there would be a memorial service for her husband, Tat. It will be held on April 1 at 3pm at her home in Vallejo.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm. Minutes submitted by Bill Wheadon

Sonoma Skyrafter EAA chapter 1268  
General Membership Meeting

March 11, 2014  
Chapter Clubhouse – 21870 – 8<sup>th</sup> St. East,  
Sonoma, CA

## Minutes

Darrel Jones directed the General Membership Meeting due to the absence of Don Booker, president.

A round of applause was given to dinner chefs Nelleke and Rich Cooper for the excellent dinner featuring Corned Beef with cabbage, potatoes and carrots. It was reported by the Treasurer that in spite of Nelleke's concern, the treasury was not invaded to support the dinner.

- Darrel disclosed that he would be out of town in the time period when the newsletter is composed and sent out. He would like to have a volunteer step in and substitute for him in his absence.

- Darrel proceeded to round up volunteer chefs and program speakers for the upcoming months. Richard Craig volunteered to be the speaker for April. His topic will be "lift and drag" for aeronautical applications.

- Darrel passed along the Board of Directors decision on sending 3 selectees to the EAA Air Academy this year. (See the BOD minutes).

- Darrel announced the upcoming appearance of Jeff Skiles. Jeff is on an "EAA Grassroots Tour" and will be here at Skypark Airport on March 31. Volunteers for the event set-up and donations of hors d'oeuvres were solicited and given. The location of the event will be in Ron Price's hangar with the set-up beginning at 3pm. A social hour will begin at 6 with the program to follow at 7.

Young Eagles Report – B.K. White announced the numbers and volunteer's names for the Young Eagles event that was held on the previous Sunday. (See the BOD minutes). B.K. also told a story of why he thought wives don't trust pilots.

Treasurer's report – Bill Wheadon reported that the checking account balance now stands at \$6519.82 with the only activity in the past month being a deposit of \$216.

There were several general announcements from the floor:

- Wayne Schake announced that Rich and Nellekes Cooper's daughter and son, Kirstin and Kyle, have been recalled as pilots for United Airlines. They were both furloughed after the airline's downturn in the early 2000s.
- Wayne also announced that their grandson, Barrett has graduated from Air Force flight training and is now flying special ops missions in the Osprey.

- B.K. White's son is opening a restaurant on the field at Fullerton Airport. It will be located directly under the tower and will be called "Wings"

Roland Gangloff recommended a book he had recently read titled "Quest for Flight: John J Montgomery and the Dawn of Aviation in the West". The book posits that the Wright Brothers are given too much credit for advancing aviation and were mostly interested in profiting off any patents they could generate. Montgomery was a prolific inventor who was making controlled flights in gliders 20 years before the Wright brother's powered flight. For a further review go to:

<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/14941194-quest-for-flight>

Darrel then introduced the evening's program speaker, Nancy R. Wilson, and her husband Tom.

Nancy's topic was based on a book she had written: "Queen of Speed – The Racy Life of Mary Petre Bruce". She told the story of this non-conventional woman, born in 1895 and raised in Edwardian England who defied the traditional roles of women by engaging in activities usually reserved for men. Her first addiction to speed began with motorcycles and progressed to speed boats, automobiles and finally to airplanes. Tiring of competing in automobile and speedboat endurance races in the 1920's she set her sights on probably her crowning achievement – a solo round-the-world flight in her biplane, "Bluebird". She began her flight in September 1930 and finished in February 1931 to become the first

woman to circle the globe solo. Her feat was un-eclipsed until 1964 when Geraldine Mock became the first to do it entirely by air. Mary's Bluebird was too small to carry the fuel necessary to cross the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans and had to make the crossings by ship with the partially disassembled plane in the ship's hold. She arrived in England just as the Depression was impacting society and interest in racing and nonessential activities was waning. Mary

then entered the business world and became successful in her pursuits of that endeavor. There is much more in the book- I suggest you obtain a copy by visiting Nancy's website at: [www.queen-of-speed.com](http://www.queen-of-speed.com).

The meeting adjourned at 9:17.  
Minutes recorded by Bill Wheadon

**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 2014!** SEE YOU THERE!

**REMEMBER! THE APRIL MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 8 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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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number, home: \_\_\_\_\_ work: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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