



THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport

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BILL SMITH IS SELLING HIS BEAUTIFUL GULFHAWK

If you have a roster, give Bill a call if you're interested. Gorgeous looking Stearman!

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The August meeting is this **Tuesday, August 12**. 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 chef for the month will be Marsi Fahraji and helpers.

Our speakers will be those who attended Oshkosh: Ron Price, John Thomason and his guests Calvin and Ron.

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
AND TREASURER REPORT**
August 2014

Membership Report: Activity in the membership department has been relatively quiet here in the summer months. We currently have 58 paid up members including 8 Associate members and 8 Air Explorers who are given complimentary membership by our chapter. We had one new member sign up in July – Kirstin Dahm, who you may also know as Rich and Nelleke Cooper’s daughter.

It would be nice if we could get our membership and chapter attendance increased and one of those ways is through the EAA trial membership program. This program allows a potential EAA national member to enjoy the experience of being a full-fledged member for 6 months at no cost. Among the privileges enjoyed during this time period is the *EAA Sport Aviation* magazine, access to the members-only area of the website, membership discounts on programs like EAA SportAir workshops, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh and more.

If the potential member likes what they see on this “test drive” they’re invited to become a regular member. In addition to being a National EAA member, we at EAA1268 also extend a no cost membership during this trial “look us over” period. If you know of any potential member, give me their contact information and I’ll take it from there.

Treasurer Report: During the month of July we had one disbursement – a \$920 check to EAA National to cover the balance of tuition due for our chapter-sponsored EAA Air Academy attendees. Funds for this purpose are derived from our fund raisers and contributions from individual donors. Remember, our chapter is an IRC 501c3 organization so any contributions made are fully deductible on your

income tax – something nice to have at tax time. As of July 31 our checking account balance stands at \$11377.05.

That’s all for now – see you at the meeting, Bill Wheadon

YOUNG EAGLES AUGUST 10

As always, BK 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 or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

AIR EXPLORER UPDATE

The latest from the Aviation Explorers:

Hello EAA members!

Air Explorers has had a variety of activities going during the year, not always well reported by me!

We've had a variety of things going on over the last several months. Ron Price supervised the kids painting new guide lines for 2 hangars. They measured, put down marking tape, then everyone had a turn or two with the spray painter. The hangar owners were very appreciative!

We went for a tour at Reach Helicopter at the Santa Rosa Airport. They specialize in air medical evacuation and transport. That was the most well attended tour we've ever had. Tat's grandson Tim is the lead mechanic there. He came in on his day off and showed us around the hangar, the helicopters, then had the flight crew on duty escort us out to the ramp where we were briefed by both the flight nurse and the pilot about their daily routine, how they preflight their equipment, and how they minimize risk. I asked Tim to explain to the group how to make a good maintenance write up so the mechanic has the best chance to

fix the problem with the least amount of frustration. All of the staff also talked a bit about the different missions that they are tasked with performing. Almost on queue at the end of the visit, the flight crew got a call so we were able to see them "saddle up" and take off. Very fun and informative.

We also had a great turnout of the group, along with their parents to help at Family Fun Day. Gillian Shulte and Tina Fasano staffed the booth which allowed the Explorers to help as needed with other tasks around the field. While we didn't make a huge amount of extra money, the booth provided excellent visibility to the community.

This Sunday, Marc Ashton from the Petaluma Airport, is coming to talk to the group about what you need to do to become a commercial pilot (FARs, total time, time requirements, etc.) and how much it can cost. He has been a CFI at Petaluma for quite awhile and will be an excellent resource for them in the future.

For September, we tentatively have a tour of the KC-135 aircraft at Travis Air Force Base scheduled.

Air Explorer Announcement!

Some of you know and most have heard of Daniel Shulte. He has been to Air Academy several times courtesy of EAA 1268, and has treated us with some great presentations about his experiences at Oshkosh. He is the oldest member of the Air Explorer Group. Daniel got his Private license before his driver's license, and is interested in video and film almost as much as he is in aviation and flying. He is currently 19, and will be on his way to college this fall.

Last year he put together a video project for school. Eric Presten and Rich Cooper graciously donated their time and airplanes so that Daniel could get air to air footage. During the process he decided he wanted to make a full

length movie presentation about flying, how wonderful it is, and how to get involved. He decided to use the internet site Kickstarter to solicit funds for the film. (If you are not familiar with Kickstarter, google it.)

He shot and edited an introductory video, and after some very long delays with the Kickstarter process, the project went live around August 29. I watched the video (link below) for the first time on August 5th. I knew Daniel and his crew had some talent, but the quality of the introductory video they produced is absolutely top notch. You will see some familiar sites in the video! I am so proud of the effort he has put in and results he has seen this far. He has until about August 29th to raise \$9,000.

I've had a lot of fun working with the kids in this group. Their enthusiasm for aviation is infectious. Daniel is the first to step out with a project of this magnitude, but I know it is going to inspire all the kids in the group. He has invited them to help with filming the project as well as donate money back to the Air Explorer group in the "pay it forward" spirit if the project funds.

You can help! Please watch the video (its about 4 minutes);

Forward it on to anyone you know who might like it;

If you are inspired by the project, please donate. Donations start at \$5 and are in increments up to \$1,000 with "incentives".

The clock is ticking: He has about 20 days left to meet his funding goal of \$9,000. A lot of very positive and cool things will happen if the project gets funded.

As always, thank you for all of your support to the Air Explorer group!

Link:

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/2014956656/for-the-love-of-flight-an-aviation-film>

This is the first meeting after everyone who went to Oshkosh is back and they are usually overflowing with great stories about their flights to and from and everything they did, saw, ate, and won while at this iconic airshow. It's a great time, and wonderful to see who the active members are within the chapter.

I don't know who is cooking, but it is always taken very seriously and is very good and cheap!

Hope you can make it -

Robin

Email received from Gillian Schulte:

This is too important not to share. My son, Daniel Schulte, is trying to fund his documentary on aviation through Kickstarter and you should really be a part of it. He's an 18 year old private pilot and has an amazing eye for photography/cinematography. With his passion and creativity, there's no way this documentary would be anything short of phenomenal. So give what you can and spread the word! The button at the bottom right of the screen will take you straight to the Kickstarter page, do it.

Thank you in advance to all of those that have already contributed/shared!! If you are a Facebook follower, please share with your friends :-)

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Gillian Schulte

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

Movie night for August will be **Saturday, August 23rd.**

The movie will be Wing and a Prayer (1944) with Don Ameche and Dana Andrews. This movie was nominated for an Academy Award.

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, AUGUST 23rd** 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 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	Meal
2014 DINNER SCHEDULE		
AUG	Marsi	
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 so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker/Member	Subject
2014 SPEAKER SCHEDULE		
AUG	Ron, John, ...	Oshkosh
SEP		
OCT		

NOV		
DEC	Chris K.	

2014 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
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
12/	
12/	XMAS party at Sonoma Skypark!

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

Minutes will be sent in a separate email.

Send me your news for your newsletter!

Again, thanks to Jeanette Woods for taking over the editorial duties for a few months.

Darrel

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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 AUGUST MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 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.**

Name: _____ EMAIL: _____

Address: _____ APT: _____

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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