



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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NICE LOOKING FLEET BIPLANE...

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, January 13**. 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... a big surprise!

Our speaker will be Davis Crawford, a Sonoma Skypark Young Eagle and Aviation Explorer who has gone on to pursue a career in aviation. He will be talking about his path from his first flights through his training and first job in aviation.

While we're on the front page, I'll insert a little public service announcement. Send in your news items and photos or brother are you going

to be sorry. I've got some excruciatingly dull stories and lots of photos of the grandkids that will be running here if I don't get something good from around the airport or that's at least aviation related.

There was this rabbi, priest and minister who walked into this pilot lounge... (stop me if you've heard this already).

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

**January 2015**

**Membership Report** – Welcome to 2015 and hopefully a year of good health, prosperity and flying activities. Along with my good wishes comes the plea that comes this time of year for you to get current with your club dues – still only \$15. With your club dues we are able to stay in good standing with EAA National and also fund our chapter activities. Last year our renewal with EAA National was \$455. With dues at \$15, it requires 30 member's renewals just to cover this expense. Also every year we, along with donations and income from fund raisers (primarily Family Fun Day), help sponsor 3 or 4 youths to attend the Air Academy at Oshkosh.

I think everyone knows by now that you can check renewal status by looking at your name badge color – blue if you're current, white if you're not. A membership form and address to send your dues check is on the back page of this newsletter.

**Treasurer Report** – We begin 2015 with a checking account balance of \$8666.40. Recent expenses has been a \$1200 deposit for six slots at the Air Academy. An upcoming expense will be a bill from EAA National for somewhere around \$470. This feeding of the mother beast is for chapter insurance (biggest expense) and to help with the expense of running an organization of that size. Since we don't have an annual audit of the Treasury by an independent observer (volunteers anyone), I will make available to the Board of Directors at our January meeting my accounting in the form of three documents.

The primary one being the "Running Balance Report" which lists the incomes, expenses, and balances throughout the year. The second document is the meal accounting. Third document is listings of bank deposits indicating source and amount of funds deposited.

If any member would like a copy of these documents, send me an email ([bill.wheadon@gmail.com](mailto:bill.wheadon@gmail.com)) and I'll forward them to you.

See you at the meeting,  
Bill Wheadon  
Membership Chairman and Treasurer

### **YOUNG EAGLES JANUARY 11**

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 latest from the Aviation Explorers:

Hi Everybody!

The Air Explorers group is having more repeat business these days - enough to re-register the unit with the BSA for the time being. I am currently gathering applications from the boys who attended at least four meetings in 2014 (no girls are currently attending). That may not seem like much - attending 25% of the meetings, but combined with the demands of school, summer vacations, and activities of competing siblings, it's not unreasonable. We also have some kids who are interested in attending the EAA meetings more regularly to enjoy our guest speakers. I will introduce them as they attend.

We held a planning meeting in December which occurred on the Saturday after the Christmas Party. They got to check out the weekly barbecue, and help clean up after the party.

There was input on what they'd like to do this year - museums, airshows, flights, etc. Big on

the list was to go back to Beale AFB for the Altitude Chamber tour, visiting Lee Schaller's place to see all of his toys, touring the USS Hornet, and going back to Travis to tour the KC-10 fleet. Also up for grabs depending on the program this year is attending some of the Fleet Week shows and activities. Everyone seems more willing to lend a hand researching and planning things out. We have at least one and possibly two Explorers who will start work on their PPL this summer.

I have a big Thank You!!! to extend to Marc Ashton. He has volunteered to help me out and run meetings when I have to fly. He gave two great presentations last year as guest speaker: one on how to fill out a scholarship application, and the other on how to choose a flight instructor and a flight school. Both were well received by the Explorers and their parents.

He will be back in January to repeat the presentation on filling out a scholarship application. We have no less than FIVE Explorers that have said they will apply for an Air Academy scholarship this year! And the deadline is coming up in February.

That's it for now!

Robin

### MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

Movie night for January will be **Saturday, January 24.**

The January movie quiz is for you to guess what the movie is. It is about an airliner and is from the 1950's. That should narrow it down.

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, **SATURDAY, JANUARY 24** at 6 p.m.

### DINNER SCHEDULE

We are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2015 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
<b>2015 DINNER SCHEDULE</b>		
JAN	Chef Boy-ar-do	Good grub!
FEB		
MAR		
APR		
MAY		
JUN		
JUL		
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
<b>2015 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b>		
JAN	Davis Crawford	Aviation career
FEB		
MAR		
APR		
MAY		
JUN		
JUL		
AUG		
SEP		
OCT		
NOV		
DEC	Chris K.	Icy Ops

## **2015 EAA 1268 CALENDAR**

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
1/11	Young Eagles 9 Am
1/13	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
1/24	Skypark Movie Night
2/8	Young Eagles 9 Am
2/10	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
2/28	Skypark Movie Night
2/28	Air Academy application deadline
3/8	Young Eagles 9 Am
3/10	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
3/28	Skypark Movie Night
4/12	Young Eagles 9 Am
4/14	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
4/25	Skypark Movie Night
5/10	Young Eagles 9 Am
5/12	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
5/23	Skypark Movie Night
6/	Skypark Family Fun Day
6/9	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
6/14	Young Eagles 9 Am
6/27	Skypark Movie Night
7/12	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
7/14	Young Eagles 9 Am
7/20	AirVenture Oshkosh 7/20-26
7/25	Skypark Movie Night
8/9	Young Eagles 9 Am
8/11	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
8/22	Skypark Movie Night
9/8	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
9/13	Young Eagles 9 Am
9/26	Skypark Movie Night
10/11	Young Eagles 9 Am
10/13	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
10/24	Skypark Movie Night
11/9	Young Eagles 9 Am
11/11	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
11/28	Skypark Movie Night
12/?	Skypark pilots flight to Alaska
12/?	XMAS party at Sonoma Skypark!
1/1/16	New Years' Day 1 <sup>st</sup> Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs!	

## **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

The December meeting was the combined Sonoma Skypark and EAA Chapter 1268 Christmas party. The officers reported that they had a great time. We'll check with the members and see if they agree.

## **THIS ITEM FROM RON PRICE**

January 8th was Curtis Presten's 18th birthday for the newsletter. I will try to get Travis Morton to attend our Tuesday night meeting to present a check from his "Young Pilots of Sonoma" group that didn't take off just before he launched his flight school. He had solicited donations and this is money that was given which seems appropriate to be passed on to Post 1268 of the Air Explorers.

Ron



The rest of this space could be filled with interesting aviation related tidbits.

**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 2015!** SEE YOU THERE!

**REMEMBER! THE JANUARY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 13 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**

**Please mail your dues to:**  
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**1021 Stonebridge Drive**  
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