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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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NEED WE SAY MORE...

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The September meeting is this **Tuesday, September 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 Lee Booker**.

Our speaker will be **Steve Smith** with topic **Flying Ultralights**.

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT 2015

Membership Report – Renewals for 2015 continue to trickle in with the number of blue badges predominating. So far we have 66 paid members for 2015 and beyond. If you're one of those who would like to change your badge color from white to blue, give or send me \$15. A membership form and Treasurer's address is on the last page of this newsletter.

Treasurer Report – We are well enough into the fiscal year to have an idea of the financial health of our organization and I'm happy to report it is in good shape. Our income generators (dues, donations and to a small extent, dinner income) has kept our checking account balance in the black.

To be specific so far this year - dues have contributed \$990, donations added \$1300, and excess dinner funds added another \$287.87. Our biggest expense, the Air Academy Fund, is at \$1565 but with donations totaling \$1300 so far, we're only \$265 from our goal of neutralizing the deficit in that fund. Remember, our organization is registered at the IRS as a 501c3 organization so any donation you make is deductible as a charitable contribution.

Our checking account balance at the end of August stands at \$12,926.26. However \$3047.87 that's in the checking account that was raised at Family Fun Day is committed to the Air Explorers and the Sonoma Mentoring

Alliance. So our real balance is more like \$9878.39.

That's all for now – if you have any questions, shoot me an email - bill.wheadon@gmail.com

Bill Wheadon, EAA 1268 Membership Chairman and Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles will be Sunday, September 13th.

As always BK White is looking for volunteer pilots, ground crew, and registration helpers for our monthly Young Eagles events. Let him know Yes/Nea if 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 so that he knows how many to expect. BK will bring letters from youngsters who went to Oshkosh.

AIR EXPLORER UPDATE

The latest from the Aviation Explorers:

Hello from Air Explorers!

AREA 51???

You've all heard of the Air Force's ultra-high-security, super-secret base in Nevada, known simply as "Area 51"

Well, late one afternoon, the Air Force folks out at Area 51 were very surprised to see a Cessna landing at their "secret" base.

They immediately impounded the aircraft and hauled the pilot into an interrogation room.

The pilot's story was that he took off from Las Vegas, got lost, and spotted the Base just as he was about to run out of fuel. The Air Force started a full FBI background check on the pilot and held him overnight during the investigation.

By the next day, they were finally convinced that the pilot really was lost and wasn't a spy. They gassed up his airplane, gave him a terrifying "you-did-not-see-a-base" briefing, complete with threats of spending the rest of his life in prison, told him Las Vegas was that-a-way on such-and-such a heading, and sent him on his way.

The next day, to the total disbelief of the Air Force, the same Cessna showed up again. Once again, the MP's surrounded the plane ... only this time there were two people in the plane. The same pilot jumped out and said, "Do anything you want to me, but my wife is in the plane and you have to tell her where I was last night!" 😊 😊 😊

**Wings Over Wine Country:
Airshow & Aviation Expo is
Coming Sep 26 & 27!**

From Derlin via Gary McDonald:
Here's a good deal for you...
<http://wingsoverwinecountry.org/volunteers/>

You get some perks for volunteering and it's a lot of fun.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK
Movie night for September will be **Saturday, September 26.**

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, SEPTEMBER 26** 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 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
2015 DINNER SCHEDULE		
SEP	Don and Lee Booker	
OCT	Aviation Explorers	
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.

2015 SPEAKER SCHEDULE		
Month	Speaker/Member	Subject
SEP	Steve Smith	Flying Ultralts
OCT	Air Explorers	Oshkosh
NOV	David Meeks	Flying & Canoeing in the Arctic
DEC	Chris K.	Icy Ops

2015 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
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/	XMAS party at Sonoma Skypark!
1/1/16	New Years' Day 1 st Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs!	

Send me your news for your newsletter!

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

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Gross Field to Host Safety Awareness Weekend Spin Expert Rich Stowell to Conduct WINGS Seminar, Hands-on Training

Novato, CA – Scanlon Aviation recently announced plans to host a safety awareness weekend at Gross Field on October 22–25, 2015. Headlining the event is Master Instructor Rich Stowell, the 2014 National FAAS Team Rep of the Year and 2006 National CFI of the Year. The multi-day program offers several activities:

- A free, FAA Wings-approved seminar on October 22;
- A flying community BBQ on October 24;
- Hands-on stall/spin training sessions on October 23–25;
- Simulator training sessions on October 23–25.

FMI:

<http://www.MarinCountyAirport.org>

The Golden West Fly-In will be at the Marysville Airport on **Saturday, October 17, 2015**. Like Watsonville, this is a one day event for 2015....Saturday only. More Chapters should be able to compete this year because the suggested number of aircraft per Chapter has been reduced.....see attachment. Also remember that First Place Prize Money has been increased to **\$350**. More information regarding the competition will sent later this month. Look forward to seeing you there!
Regards, Jim Booth.

<http://www.goldenwestflyin.org/>

<http://www.ScanlonAviation.com>

https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=62770&caller=/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx?statecd=CA

According to Scanlon Aviation owner Patrick Scanlon, "The NTSB put loss of control on its general aviation 'Most Wanted' list for 2015, and we wanted to be proactive in addressing this issue." He added, "The mix of activities we have planned are designed to appeal to a cross section of local pilots."

The Gross Field Safety Awareness Weekend is a cooperative effort between Scanlon Aviation, Gross Field Community Association, Avemco Insurance Company, Max G Aviation, and dedicated volunteers.

Contact: Patrick Scanlon,
Patrick@ScanlonAviation.com, (415) 897-9787

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

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:

Bill Wheadon, Treasurer

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