



THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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Sonoma, CA 95476

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OLD CARS, OLD AIRPLANE, OLD...

Rafe leaning on a Durant motor car, in front of Frank Schelling's Jenny at Schellville

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The March meeting is this **Tuesday, March 14**. 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 Ron Price and Frank Russo.

We need cooks for the April meeting.

Our speaker/program will be the EAA Chapter video.

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
AND TREASURER REPORT**
March 2017

Membership Report – At last the rainy skies have dried and good flying weather is upon us again – it seems like this has been an especially long winter of poor flying but hopefully those days are behind us.

I’ve prepared a “members” roster for those wanting to contact other members listing phone numbers and email addresses. Please keep this information confidential and don’t release to outsiders unless you get approval from the member.

If there is a mistake in the roster, please advise me and I’ll make a correction and send out a revised roster. If you’re not on the roster, it may be because you’re more than two years in arrears on your dues and have been dropped. If you haven’t paid your 2017 dues yet, it can be done in person to me or by mailing it to my address listed on the last page of this newsletter – still just \$15.

Treasurer Report – The big news here is that we’ve moved our checking account from West America Bank to Redwood Credit Union. This will give us more options on accessing our account online. When West America instituted a \$2 monthly “image fee” for mailed statements, I explored internet access but was told I/we could only access our monthly statements online one time a month. Thus began the search for better options.

Our checking account balance is \$9514.38
See you at the meeting,

Bill Wheadon, EAA 1268 Membership
Chairman and Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles day is . 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 or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

Movie night at the Harry West Memorial Clubhouse is set for **Saturday, March 25 6pm.**

Free admission. 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, March 25** at 6 p.m.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2017 so let us know if you would like to be one of our famous chefs for the upcoming year. Contact Robin at robntat@aol.com or 707-553-2747. 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
2017 DINNER SCHEDULE		
MAR	Ron & Frank	Surprise!
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 so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker/Member	Subject
2017 SPEAKER SCHEDULE		
MAR	EAA	Chapter video
APR		
MAY		
JUN		
JUL		
AUG		
SEP		
OCT		
NOV		
DEC		

2017 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

Send me any exciting, thrilling, terrifying or just plain fun events you have for the calendar.

DATE	EVENT
3/12	Young Eagles 9 am
3/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
3/25	Skypark Movie Night
4/9	Young Eagles 9 am
4/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
4/22	Skypark Movie Night
5/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
5/14	Young Eagles 9 am
5/20	Skypark Family Fun Day
5/27	Skypark Movie Night
6/11	Young Eagles 9 am
6/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/24	Skypark Movie Night
7/9	Young Eagles 9 am
7/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/22	Skypark Movie Night
8/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/13	Young Eagles 9 am
8/26	Skypark Movie Night
9/10	Young Eagles 9 am
9/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm

9/23	Skypark Movie Night
10/8	Young Eagles 9 am
10/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/28	Skypark Movie Night
11/12	Young Eagles 9 am
11/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/25	Skypark Movie Night
12/?	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/17	New Years' Day 1 st Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!	

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

February 14, 2017

The Board meeting was called to order by President Robin Tatman at 6:10 pm. Present were Bill Wheadon, Treasurer, Don Booker, Vice President, Young Eagles liaison BK White, Secretary, Nelleke Cooper, Board members Paul Siebert, Darrel Jones and Jeanette Woods, guest Richard Cooper.

Signature forms for our new checking account at Redwood Credit Union were filled out.

Discussion on applications for the Air Academy for this year. Darrel received 2 more applications. One from Mack Liss and one from a new Air Explorer, Julian Ducarroz, age 13 or 14. Suggestion for Julian's candidacy for basic camp to be re-submitted next year. Darrel will call Julian's Mom and relate that more participation is needed to be approved for a scholarship. Mack's application was approved. The board also approved the application for Andrew Daigle. Last year Chapter 1268 sent 4 applicants to the Air Academy without having to use the Chapter's general fund. This year we are considering awarding 3 full scholarships.

At Skypark's Board of Directors meeting, it was decided that the last Family Fun Day wasn't really fun. Original intention for Family Fun Day was to promote our airport in the community and foster public relations. It was

decided to do away with the Auction and Raffle to reduce the workload and just have fun.

Darrel and David from VOMCOM installed Wi-Fi at our Clubhouse. Gretchen McDougall, Hugo's Mom, put our website together and obtained 2 domain names for 10 years. Send Darrel an email for password. It is also possible to get a Nano Station in your hangar. Check with Darrel.

As difficulties arise when trying to do fly-outs with the Air Explorers, Robin talked about the success of Pop-Up flying events. Another one of these events is planned for February 26, from 9:00 to 12:00 pm. Pilots involved in the last one were Bill Wheadon, Leon Scarborough and Ron Price.

Treasurer report: Regular checking account balance, \$9,514.38. Last month Deposits: \$260 which included dues \$165, Air Academy donation \$50, Dinner excess \$45. Expenses: filing cabinets \$326. The treasurer also reminded us that annual membership fees of \$15 are due.

BK reported that at the February Young Eagles meeting we flew 14 kids and 2 adults. Pilots were Ron Price, Leon Scarborough, Tim Bloodgood, Frank Russo and Walt Eastman. John Thomason handled the registrations and Paul Siebert was there to assist with the line.

Board Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Delicious dinner by Bill and Jan Wheadon, chili with all the trimmings, salad, cornbread, ice cream Sundays, pudding and George Thomson brought the wine!
Regular meeting called to order by President Robin Tatman at 7:45 pm.

Mack and his Dad Bryan discussed best time for Mack to attend the Academy.

John Thomason gave update on airplane.

Robin is trying to get approval for tours of the Oakland and Santa Rosa towers for an Air Explorer outing.

This year's Air Academy scholarship recipients are Andrew, Avery and Mack.

As this year's Raffle and Auction are cancelled for Family Fun Day we need to come up with additional fun activities.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Speaker for the evening was Gary McDonald. Gary shared the background of the Rubber Chicken history for the Petaluma Pilots group. As flour bombing raids are very messy, they decided a number of years ago to use rubber chickens instead. Gary shared his experience of a flight, "Rubber Chicken #23 travels to Mecca to find her roots!" "Mecca in the Rubber Chicken world is Smiley Creek, Idaho, where it all began so long ago." It was a fun and entertaining presentation with beautiful slides of Idaho scenes and chronicles rubber chicken #23's adventures.

Respectfully submitted,
Nelleke Cooper, Secretary

ROSTER TO REGULAR MEMBERS

Bill Wheadon updated our roster. We will email it to our regular members. Please contact me if you don't receive an email from me with the attached PDF file for the roster.

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 2017!** SEE YOU THERE!

REMEMBER! THE MARCH MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 14 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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