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of the Sonoma Skycrafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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GUESS WHAT'S COMING TO DINNER?

Macklyn Liss' dad Bryan is cooking up some bodacious ribs for Tuesday

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The October meeting is this **Tuesday, October 10**. 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 \$8.00 per person.

Our chef for the month will be Bryan Liss, who bailed us out last month and now is cooking up baby back ribs, beans, cole slaw and cornbread for the Air Explorer dinner this month. Miss this meeting at your peril.

Our speaker/program will be presented by our scholarship participants that Chapter 1268 sent to Air Academy this summer. I love to hear their enthusiasm talking about the experience they had and the friends they met at Air Academy. Join us to listen to the future of aviation, right here in our own Chapter.

MORE FIRST THINGS FIRST...

We have a couple things to tell our friends and Chapter 1268 members.

The first is that we lost a longtime friend and great supporter of Chapter 1268 when Jack Caldwell passed away early in September.

Jack had a Luscomb 8-A that his son Jay flies out of Skypark. Jack always supported sending young people to Air Academy and was one of

those salt-of-the-earth kind of guys who didn't give you too much guff and always shot straight.

We're all going to miss him, but we're better for having had him as a friend.

Another little bit of business is lining us cooks for our meals for the upcoming year.

You don't need to prepare the whole thing yourself. It's perfectly legal to ask someone to bring a dessert and someone else to bring a salad.

Jan Wheadon brought a nice list to the meeting with suggestions for easy meals for 30 to 35 people.

A Dozen Easy Dinner Menus

How much to buy? You are aiming for 32 servings –

1. Costco Chicken, Potato Salad, Green Salad, Bread and Butter, Ice Cream (aka the Norm Special)
2. Sliced ham; heat and serve macaroni and cheese casserole; green salad; bread and butter; cookies
3. Costco frozen meatballs in a bag heated up in gourmet spaghetti sauce from a jar; bow tie pasta; green salad; bread and butter; cookies
4. Sloppy Joes, green salad, dessert
5. Baked potatoes with toppings: grated cheese, sour cream, canned chili heated up, sliced green onions; green salad; dessert
6. Chili beans with corn bread; green salad; ice cream
7. A variety of pre-cooked sausages, heated up on your grill at home; Costco potato salad; sauerkraut from a jar; rolls and butter; green salad; dessert
8. Pre-made lasagna from Cost-co; salad; bread and butter; dessert

9. Salad Bar – good for a warm evening:

Anything goes: Tuna salad, egg salad, chicken salad, sliced deli meats, macaroni salad, potato salad, any other salad from a deli; bread and butter; green salad; cheese cake for dessert

10. Sandwich Bar – Also good for a warm evening: sliced deli meats, sliced cheeses, sliced tomatoes and onions, lettuce, sliced bread or rolls, mayonnaise, pickles, mustard. Something chocolate and decadent for dessert.

11. Nachos -- Heat up a huge can each of : beanless chili, nacho cheese, refried beans, black beans and corn. Put a large bag of Cost Co tortilla chips out. Also have: grated cheese, chunky salsa (two different kinds) sour cream, hot sauce, chopped green onions, sliced olives. Ice cream for dessert.

12. Birds Eye Garlic Chicken – Complete meal in a bag from Costco; green salad; bread and butter; dessert.

There are lots of good ideas, so give me a call or send me an email and let me know which month you will take. I would like to see next year's list complete before our Christmas party in December.

Another item that the Board discussed last month was that we need a “committee” to make calls to our Young Eagles pilots and volunteers a week before our monthly event to confirm that we have the pilots and ground crew to make the day go smoothly.

Last Month Leon Scarborough and Bill Wheadon each flew nine Young Eagles in their Champ and C-140 because we had lots of kids and only two pilots. They didn't finish up until a bit after 1 p.m.

We have a great crew of both pilots and ground crew, but BK could use a little help confirming participants each month. Young Eagles was today, October 8 this month. Hopefully BK had enough people so things ran smoothly. Help us call the crew list and maybe even consider becoming a Young Eagles pilot or ground crew member yourself.

We'll get BK's report Tuesday.

Another idea I had was that the pilots and crew could fly out for lunch after Young Eagles, with ground crew members as passengers. A short hop to Two-Niner Diner would be a nice treat.

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

Treasurer Report – Our effective checking account balance increased \$110 in September due to a \$50 donation to the Air Academy fund and \$60 in dinner receipts. Our effective balance is \$10,082.30 which does not include \$7500 held in the Jack Strehl Memorial Fund and \$100 payable to the Air Explorers.

That's it for now. See you at the meeting,

Bill Wheadon, EAA 1268 Membership
Chairman and Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles day is October 8. 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 is **Saturday, October 27 at 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, October 27** 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	Cooks/Meal
2017 DINNER SCHEDULE	
OCT	Air Explorers/Bryan Liss
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		
OCT	Air Academy participants	
NOV		
DEC	Rudy Rainer	Night ops

2017 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
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

EAA 1268 Board of Directors Meeting
September 12, 2017

Members present: Vice President Don Booker, Treasurer Bill Wheadon, Directors Jeanette Woods, BK White, and Darrel Jones
Absent: President Robin Tatman, Secretary Nelleke Cooper and Director Paul Siebert
6:20pm – meeting called to order.

Items discussed:

Treasurer Bill Wheadon proposed to the Board that a more recent photo of recently deceased member Jack Caldwell be displayed in the clubhouse. The photo was given to him by Carole and Darren Stevenson. Darrel Jones took custody of the photo and said he would have it framed and hung.

It was announced that Secretary Nelleke Cooper was recovering from hip surgery and will probably be able to make the next meeting. Since President Robin Tatman was absent, there was no report on the flying club or Air Explorer activities.

Young Eagles coordinator BK White commented on the need for more assistance with ground crew duties especially registration - perhaps utilizing a more active recruiting tool such as calling individuals to fill those positions before the event. BK also mentioned a notification he had received from EAA National advising that only parents or legal guardians could sign the registration forms authorizing the Young Eagle's participation in the flights.

Mike Knight, our guest speaker, and his wife Katey spoke briefly to the board about their presentation to be held at the general meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

EAA 1268 General Membership Meeting
Minutes, September 12, 2017 7:40 pm.

Vice President Don Booker opened the meeting by thanking Bryan Liss for providing the evening dinner of chicken alfredo. Les Goldner, Howard Hall and Marsi Fahraji were also assisting with provisions and helping in the kitchen.

V.P. Booker introduced Mike Knight and his wife Katie who are operators of “Skydive Golden Gate”, a parachute jumping operation at nearby Gness Field in Novato. Mike explained that his operation is strictly tandem jumping which means that their jumps are with an

experienced professional instructor and a client using a tandem parachute. No solo, novice or student jumpers are accommodated. Mike also explained how he coordinates with ATC before and during the jumping operation to insure a safe environment for the jumpers and other aircraft in the vicinity. He also described the logistics involved in the jumpers training and retrieval. A Q&A session followed which clarified many questions and misconceptions on parachute jumping

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

Minutes submitted by Bill Wheadon

Send me your news for your newsletter!



Jack having a very happy birthday...

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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 OCTOBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 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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