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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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PIETS IN THE EARLY MORNING MIST AT BRODHEAD

Kinda makes you want to go for a visit, doesn't it?

Starting Thursday, the weekend before Oshkosh.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, January 9**. 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 Roland Gangloff.

Katie Greenwood is the Outreach Coordinator from the Truckee Tahoe airport. She will be giving all kinds of great tips for getting in and out of the airport. She will be bring with her Dr. Howard Donner who is both an M.D. and CFI. His areas of interest are focused on mountain flying, and survival skills in extreme weather. Sounds like they have a great program put together!

PRESIDENT'S/AIR EXPLORER REPORT

Air Explorers

Since Air Explorers has been dormant over the last several months (due to my absence), I am in the process of contacting everyone and seeing who is around, who has left the building, and what everyone wants to do. Scholarship applications for Air Academy are due on

January 31, so I will be encouraging everyone to apply. I'll give you a run-down of the group in next month's newsletter.

As of January 3rd I am officially qualified on the B-777. As expected the training was intense and not fun. However, the airplane is beautifully designed and lovely to fly. My new base will be Los Angeles, and right now we have three destinations: Sydney, Shanghai, and Tokyo (Haneda). In the spring we will be adding Amsterdam and Paris. I am senior enough to have a decent schedule and should be able to bid around most of our meetings and Young Eagles/Air Explorer days.

As of January 31, the B-747 was officially retired from Delta Airlines. I will miss flying that airplane and being part of a really great group of people that kept it going. I will NOT miss the three time zone commute to Detroit, and my awful schedule on reserve that kept my away from home 16-18 days a month.

Robin

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
AND TREASURER REPORT**
January 2018

Membership Report – Welcome to 2018 and hopefully a year of good health, prosperity, fun flying activities and no fires. 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 \$570. With dues at \$15, it requires 38 member's renewals just to cover this expense. Also every year we, along with donors, 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 or you can pick one up from one of the envelopes that's under the badge board in the clubhouse. Please use this form to indicate any changes in personal information – telephone numbers, email addresses, etc.

Treasurer Report – We began 2017 with a checking account balance of \$9580.38 and ended the year with an effective balance of \$8762.65. The effective balance is the actual checking account minus funds in the Jack Strehl Memorial Fund account which are being held in an escrow-like fund within our checking account.

Each year at the January Board of Directors meeting my accounting is 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. The 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) and I'll forward them to you.

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

YOUNG EAGLES

Happy New Year. We're back to the ol' routine where the meeting is before Young Eagles. Just request the normal "help" for Sunday Jan 14. You might want to mention that we have our Liability Insurance in place for the 2018 Y.E. events.

BK

Young Eagles day is Sunday, January 14. 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 for January is **Saturday, January 27 at 6pm in the Sonoma Skypark clubhouse.**

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, January 27** at 6 p.m.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We just about have our celebrity chefs for 2018 so let us know if you would like to take care of August. 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
2018 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Roland Gangloff
FEB	Ernie Ganas-Tri-tip
MAR	Rich & Nelleke Cooper- c. beef
APR	Ron Price & Frank Russo
MAY	Ron Willis & John Thomason-road kill
JUN	Don Booker & Wayne Schake
JUL	Darrel Jones- meat(s) and salad
AUG	?
SEP	Richard Craig & Les Lucas
OCT	Air Explorers
NOV	Marsi F., George T. & Howard H.
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
2018 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Katie Greenwood/ Dr. Howard Donner
FEB	
MAR	
APR	
MAY	
JUN	
JUL	
AUG	
SEP	
OCT	Air Academy participants
NOV	
DEC	XMAS PARTY

2018 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
1/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
1/14	Young Eagles 9 am
1/27	Skypark Movie Night
1/31	Air Academy application deadline
2/11	Young Eagles 9 am
2/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
2/24	Skypark Movie Night
3/11	Young Eagles 9 am
3/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
3/24	Skypark Movie Night
4/8	Young Eagles 9 am
4/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
4/28	Skypark Movie Night
5/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
5/13	Young Eagles 9 am
5/19	Skypark Family Fun Day
5/26	Skypark Movie Night
6/10	Young Eagles 9 am

6/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/23	Skypark Movie Night
7/8	Young Eagles 9 am
7/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/23-29	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
8/12	Young Eagles 9 am
8/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/25	Skypark Movie Night
9/9	Young Eagles 9 am
9/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/22	Skypark Movie Night
10/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/14	Young Eagles 9 am
10/27	Skypark Movie Night
11/11	Young Eagles 9 am
11/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/24	Skypark Movie Night
12/7	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/18	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

Board of Directors Meeting
November 13, 2017

Members present: Vice President, Don Booker, Treasurer, Bill Wheadon, Secretary, Nelleke Cooper, Young Eagles Coordinator, BK White, Directors, Darrel Jones, Paul Siebert and Jeanette Woods
Absent: President, Robin Tatman

During the Board meeting, our Treasurer Bill Wheadon was busy preparing our delicious dinner for the evening.

Don Booker had a request from a member from the Petaluma Chapter to find out what the term “Intro Lesson Award” stood for. Darrel mentioned the info can be found at the EAA website.

Due to the Sonoma County fires the October meeting had limited attendance and therefore

there were no nominations made for the election of officers, which is to take place tonight (November meeting.)

BK White gave November 11 Young Eagles report. Details to follow.

Don Booker is now the proud owner of a Piper Cherokee and hopes to participate in flying Young Eagles. Pilots need to complete an online EAA form to qualify and have proof of insurance with \$1,000,000 liability insurance.

Darrel was looking for volunteers for dinner for 2018 and has several months covered to be listed in the Newsletter.

The Skypark Annual Christmas party is Friday, December 1. Set-up and decorate on Thursday at 4:00 as usual. Volunteers needed.

Also looking for Speakers for the coming months meetings. This evening’s program is the presentation of The Master Pilot Award by representatives of the FAA to George Inskeep. Darren Stevenson brought a framed portrait of our dear departed Jack Caldwell to be hung in our Clubhouse.

Board Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

A scrumptious dinner prepared by Bill and Jan Wheadon was served. On the menu this evening: Bill’s spaghetti special, fresh garden salad, garlic bread, spumoni ice cream, cookies by Catherine Jones, cake, wine donated by George Thomson, coffee by Howard Hall.

Chapter 1268 Minutes, General Membership Meeting, November 13, 2017, 7:45 pm

Nominations of the floor: Marsi Fahraji nominated Walt Eastman, who will serve as Vice President, replacing retiring VP Don Booker. The incumbent Board Members were re-elected unanimously.

BK White gave November 11 Young Eagles report Due to the weather they could not fly till 10:30. However all 19 kids that had completed

the required forms ended up flying. Pilots: Tim Bloodgood, Colin Traynor in Leon Scarborough's Champ, Frank Russo in the Super Cub, Ron Price in his Piper Cub. Various ground duty helpers, including Ben Presten, Ron Willis, Ernie Gannas and Paul Siebert.

Darrel asked for cooks for the upcoming months for dinner. He would prefer to complete the list for the whole year. Several volunteers signed up: Roland Gangloff, January; February, Ernie Ganas; March, Nelleke and Richard Cooper; April, Ron and Frank; May, Ron Willis and John Thomason; September, Richard Craig and Sandra; November, Marsi, George and Howard.

John Thomasen asked to clarify the Jack Strehl Memorial Fund of \$7500. There will be a steel bench and picnic table at the airport dedicated to Jack and there will be a Memorial by the Beacon with a brass plaque with the names of departed Skypark pilots. Ron Price mentioned the sad fact that he is the only surviving pilot from the original group shareholders of Hangar Row 8.

Air Academy update by Darrel. Currently Darrel has one applicant, and although we have concentrated on the 14-16 age group in the past, we are considering scholarships for 12-13 year olds. Darrel will send application and information to those interested.

There will be a car show and fly-in in Napa sometime in June next year.

Richard Cooper made a motion to have members present aviation stories at one (or more) of our meetings. Subject of the story can be General Aviation, Military, Airliners, Experimental. Categories could be: the Scariest, the Funniest, the Weirdest, the Most Unusual, the Most Unexpected, the One You

Walked Away from etc. Marsi seconded the motion and it was approved.

General Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM
The program for the evening was the Presentation of the Master Pilot Award to George Inskeep and his family, by FAA Representatives, Glenn Gathright, and Sarah Hughes.

Requirements for The Wrights Brothers or Master Pilot Award are that a pilot must have flown for 50 years and many other strict rules apply. Lots of research is done by the FAAST (the FAA Flight Safety Team) for a pilot to qualify.

A wonderful short video was shown with a history of the Wright Brothers and their historic Flight.

Glenn, who has worked for the FAA for the last 23 years, had visited Skypark many times in the past and had helped certify several Experimental Aircraft here. Part of Sarah and his duties for the FAA include accidents investigations. They will put on Safety Seminars when requested.

Glenn gave a history of George's career. George soloed a Beechcraft T34 in 1961. Flew 3 missions in Vietnam, flew for TWA, started his own aviation company in Hawaii, built a Giles, G-202 Experimental, instructed, purchased and flew and Aerostar and last but not least flew Jack Strehl's T-28.

The evening came to an end with the Presentation by Glenn and Sarah of the official award plaque signed by Orville and Wilbur, a pin and the explanation that there will be an official record in Washington DC.

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 2018!** SEE YOU THERE!

**REMEMBER! THE JANUARY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 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: _____

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AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: _____

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