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EAA Chapter 1268

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FAMILY FUN DAY CO-CHAIRS KATHY AND ROBIN

They had fun. We had fun. We'll do it again next year! Thanks, you two!

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, August 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 \$8.00 per person. Our chef for the month will be our very own Pres Robin.

Robin has arranged for a very special speaker this month. Steve Haller is a retired historian who will be giving a presentation on the history of Crissy Field on the Bay in San Francisco. Crissy Field was used from World War I through the Vietnam war. The last flight operations out of the field may well have been during the 50th anniversary celebration of the Golden Gate bridge in 1987. A number of antique airplanes from Schellville were invited to land there for display during the weekend activities. After that time a fence was installed down the center of the runway and the field was converted to a park.

I'm really looking forward to hearing Steve's talk about such a significant part of the Bay Area's aviation history. I also want to thank Steve for waiving his usual speaker's fee as a special favor to our Chapter. It sounds as if he will have his book there for sale, so bring a little extra cash

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have family downstairs here for the memorial service Sunday for Gwen Schafer, Dr. Schafer's wife and my sister-in-law, so this will be short.

The DC-3 trip to Oshkosh was both enjoyable and productive. Richard Martin's beautifully restored DC-3 was one of two commissioned by General Hap Arnold in 1938 and delivered in 1939 as command transport for him, his general staff and the Secretary of War. Richard's plane is the only C-41A built.

As such, it was displayed prominently and flew in the air show at Airventure. More importantly, it was one of nearly a dozen DC-3s and C-47s at Oshkosh to plan for the trip to Normandy, France and Berlin, Germany next

May to take part in the ceremonies for the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Berlin airlift.

The flight out went smoothly, with no weather until we were about 75 miles from Oshkosh. Bob Berwick and his co-pilot for the trip out Matt, were able to descend IFR, break out and land Saturday afternoon when the ceilings lifted just a bit.

The trip back departed early the following Saturday morning, with the DC-3 beating the Mustang drivers to be the first in the air that day. Hopefully, we woke some of them up to return the favor they had given us all week.

Robin and I were able to attend a forum on setting up a flying club here at Sonoma Skypark so Young Eagles can continue flight training on their way to becoming pilots. The club will be organized as a non-profit but will be open to all pilots wanting to fly but unable to justify the cost of owning their own airplane.

Robin will have more information at the meeting Tuesday about how the club and instruction will be structured.

Be sure to come to the meeting. There will be lots to see and hear.

See you there.

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT

Bill will give his report at the meeting and it will be in the minutes for the next newsletter.

YOUNG EAGLES

O.K. gang here we go again. Gonna be interesting to see how many "Newbies" we get because of the newspaper articles the last two weeks. Should be VERY nice WX, not too hot in the A.M. and no Fog predicted. May be some haze/smoke but doubt that it would be bad enough to keep the A/C grounded. AS USUAL your ALL invited to come on out to Sky Park (specially if you have an airplane!) but, if you

don't, come on out anyway. We'll either find you a job or can kibitz with the visitors. See you Sunday, don't forget the Sun screen.....B.K.

Young Eagles day this month was Sunday, August 12. 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 August is **Saturday, August 25 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, August 25** 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	Robin Tatman
SEP	Richard Craig & Les Lucas
OCT	Air Explorers
NOV	Marsi F., George T. & Howard H.
DEC	XMAS PARTY
Standby	Bill & Jan Wheadon

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-Truckee Tahoe
FEB	Avery Cruz- Air Academy
MAR	Dave Alexander
APR	March AFB 100 th Anniversary
MAY	Family Fun Day Planning
JUN	Roland Gangloff-Alaska pilots
JUL	Robin- Oshkosh planning
AUG	Steve Haller- Crissy Field history
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
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

EAA 1268 Board of Directors Meeting
July 10, 2018

The Board Meeting was called to order by
President Robin Tatman at 6:20 pm.

Present were: President Robin Tatman,
Treasurer Bill Wheadon, Secretary Nelleke
Cooper, Directors, Jeanette Woods and Paul
Siebert. Director Darrel Jones was present in
the kitchen and at the BBQ cooking and
preparing dinner for the evening.
Absent: BK White and Walt Eastman

Old Business:

Treasurer report: Deposit from excess dinner
receipts \$92 and \$50 donation for Air Academy
for total deposit of \$142. Checkbook balance
\$9,999.76

Young Eagle report for Sunday, July 8. BK
White organized with assistance from Ron
Price and Robin Tatman. Pilots Don Booker (in
his Piper Cherokee,) Bill Wheadon and Tim
Bloodgood flew 14 Young Eagles. John
Thomason and Ron Willits handled the
registration and Paul Siebert ground control.

Future speakers for September and November:
Bill Hill from TSA Sacramento. Robin said he
came highly recommended as a speaker and
should make for another interesting evening.
Speakers from FSDO (Flight Service District
office) Oakland.

Speaker for August meeting Steve Haller,
author of a book about the special history of
Crissy Field, San Francisco.

Flying club: There will be 2 different seminars
in Oshkosh on the flying club subject, which
Darrel and Robin plan to attend. President
Robin, Director Darrel and instructor Richard
Craig intend to purchase John Miles'
Taylorcraft for the club. The airplane does need
a propeller and suggestion by Bill Wheadon to
contact a propeller shop at South County
airport. As the first airplane in the flying club it
should be reasonable to operate. Avemco will
give a quote on the spot for the cost of the
Insurance.

Air Explorers – All new paperwork had to be
completed for the Boy Scouts of America.
Skypark has completed its sign off on it.
Roland Gangloff and his wife Judy, who is a
counselor for at-risk teens, will assist Robin
with the group and they expect a good turn-out
for the coming meeting. Judy has experience
with and will help with applications.

New Business:

Vice President Walt Eastman has moved to
Texas and has given up his position. Robin
appointed Darrel Jones to fill Walt's Vice
president's position and it was unanimously
approved by the Board.

Bill Wheadon informed us that Napa airport
will have a special Airport Day, "Wings and
Wheels," on September 22. This event is
heavily supported by Napa Airport
management and the airport Manager is on the
Committee. They will have a band with several
accordions. Napa Jet Center has been
purchased by a new company, Linx.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.

General Meeting called to order by President
Robin Tatman at 7:50 pm.

Robin thanked Darrel for a scrumptious dinner of barbequed chicken, potato- and macaroni salad, chocolate chip cookies, zucchini bread, and carrot cake provided by Bill Wheadon.

Guests for the evening: Monika Nelson, introduced by her husband Larry Nelson, and Bill Campbell, a local photographer looking for a ride to OshKosh. Ron Price suggested contacting Dwayne Green.

The officers gave their reports to the membership with the following additions.

The Press Democrat will publish story with photograph on Young Eagles.

Discussion on going to Oshkosh with several members planning on attend. Robin and Darrel will be part of the team flying the DC3 there for which they were still looking for a special place to park.

Air Explorers, the re-registration is 75% complete with Judy's help and she also has experience with writing Grants.

Robin mentioned that John Miles had some problems with getting help from Medicare with transportation. She suggested we offer him a ride and Jeanette Woods has done so in the past.

Ron Price introduced Rafe Tomsett. Rafe gave some back ground of his involvement at our airport. He shows a vintage aviation movie every 4th Saturday of the month. Movie and popcorn are free and pizza and wine are \$5. Rafe announced a meeting at Skypark on Saturday July 14, at 5:30 pm of the Mutual UFO Network. There is a theory that before too long there will be a "Big Reveal" regarding the sightings of UFO's and the group tracked the pilot who traced them. Price \$15.

General Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm.

Ernie Ganas sent the following link to a wonderful article by Diane Reber Hart published in both the Press Democrat and Sonoma Index Tribune about Chapter 1268's Young Eagle program.

http://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/8523059-181/first-time-pilots-at-sonoma-skypark?utm_campaign=pd_daily&bt_alias=eyJ1c2VySWQOiOiAiODVlODU2NWEtZGQ3Ny00YmYxLTgyY2QtZTYxMTlmYzA1ZDcxIn0%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=boomtrain

And bless his pea-pickin' heart, I saw Leon Scarbrough at Sonoma Skypark this week and got the good news that he is through his surgeries and has moved back to Sonoma into a place near Mike Harris. You know, the retired airline pilot estates.

Leon always sends me great links to videos and articles related to aviation. One of his most recent is beautifully put together. Take a look at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6aILfg1KRcg>

I saved this one to my You Tube favorites list:

<https://youtu.be/ft5aY1I22j4>

Another stunning video from my old flying buddy Tom Vogt. Be sure to also watch part 2:

<https://youtu.be/qjnQKXNPsk4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R71Xhrkc3EQ>

OK, back to family. I'm really sorry I can't help fly Young Eagles tomorrow. After the newspaper articles BK will need all the pilots he can get.

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

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AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: _____

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