



THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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DON'T YOU JUST LOVE IT

Richard Martin's DC-3/C41A over the Sonoma Stompers baseball game at Arnold Field. The Stompers won in the tenth inning.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, September 11**. The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m. (I'm leaving the "January meeting" in just for Wayne.)

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 Richard Craig and crew.

The program will be a video and presentation by our very own Young Eagle Nathan Wilson, who was one of our Air Academy participants this year. Ernie Ganas will also tell about the changes to Class B airspace in the San Francisco Bay area.

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
AND TREASURER REPORT**

Bill will have his report at the meeting.

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles day is Sunday, September 9. 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 September is **Saturday, September 22 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, September 22** 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	Nathan <u>Wilson-Air Academy video</u>
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
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 August 14, 2018

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Robin Tatman at 6:07 pm.

Present were: President Robin Tatman, Vice President, Darrel Jones, Treasurer Bill Wheadon, Secretary Nelleke Cooper, Director Paul Siebert and Young Eagles Coordinator BK White.

Special Guest: Richard Craig

Treasurer report: Deposit from excess dinner receipts \$47 and \$50 donation for Air Academy for total deposit of \$97. Checkbook balance \$10,096.77, savings account \$100.13

Darrel and Bill are currently filling out the paperwork for the tax exempt status of our Chapter.

Report on the flying club after attending the multiple seminars at Oshkosh by Darrel and Robin. The EAA has templates for setting up a flying club. Ownership of airplanes used by flying club discussed involving equity members and non-equity members. There will be a Flying Club website and scheduling will be done by software. Bylaws are required to be filed with the state of California. The Club will have its own Board of Directors. Club needs to obtain airplanes some of which will not be available for solo. At this time the Club will have access to a Taylorcraft and a Tri-pacer, but is in need of a Cessna 150. Richard Craig

mentioned that there may be a Cessna 172 available in Petaluma.

Air Explorer report. Title considered for Roland Gangloff: associate direct, committee member, advisor.

Robin reported that Nathan went to the Air Academy Camp in Oshkosh and was super excited about starting flying lessons in the Flying Club.

Young Eagle report for Sunday, August 12. BK White related that they managed to fly 17 kids and one Dad, although there were only 2 pilots with airplanes available. Don Booker and Bill Wheadon were hot loading the flights due to the shortage of airplanes and pilots. Additionally there was a shortage of people for registration as John Thomason was in the hospital. Ron Price did the registration and Ron Willits general assistant and Paul Siebert ground control.

Paul Siebert mentioned setting up a selection process for choosing candidates for the EAA Oshkosh Camp.

Future Events:

Family Fun day is scheduled for May 18, 2019. Christmas Party, December 7. Looking for venue for the Christmas party.

Next spring: remodel of office building, permit reviews needed.

Upgrade and make bathrooms in Clubhouse more accessible (access without stairs.)

Board Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

General Meeting called to order by President Robin Tatman at 6:45 pm.

Guest: Frank Schilling brought Patricia, who has put Robin in contact with the speaker for the evening, Steve Haller.

While presiding over the meeting, Robin managed to prepare a delicious dinner of Boeuf

Bourguignon, salad, watermelon, grapes with Sandra as her helper.

The officers gave their reports to the general members including the Young Eagles report.

Robin told us the success story of the start of the aviation career of Daniel Schulte. Daniel started out with our Young Eagles and Air Explorers. Daniel went to the Air Academy in OshKosh 3 times and has flown with many of the pilots at Skypark.

He made the movie, "For the Love of Flight" which had a very successful showing at the Sebastiani Theatre. At 325 hours, he got to fly in the DC3 a few weeks ago. This summer Daniel got his commercial and instrument ratings at a flight school in Kansas and had returned to his old job at Kaiser Air in Santa Rosa. However, within a few weeks he got an interview and was hired to fly a turbo powered jet out of LAX for a commercial company.

Darren from the Napa chapter mentioned the Napa Airport Day Fly-in and Vintage Cars display. They are in the need for volunteers and participants get credit for displaying their airplanes.

Bill Wheadon brought a drawing from one of his Young Eagles who made a very artistic rendition of Captain Bill and his airplane.

Ernie Ganas will be the speaker for the September meeting about the changes in the class B airspace.

Robin introduced Steve Haller, speaker for the evening, who had an active role in the restoration of Crissy Field, San Francisco.

Steve is the author of "The Last Word in Aviation and So Much More." He retired after

42 years as Director of the National Park Service and the Maritime Museum and his book eloquently encapsulates the mission of our National Parks to preserve our historic places.

Steve gave us a rundown on the history of the Presidio and Crissy Fields. The early occupants were the Ohlone Indians, about 1200 years ago and the Spanish settled the area in 1775 establishing the Presidio. Crissy Fields saw many firsts, including the dropping of a bomb from an airplane at 475 ft in 1911. This proved that airplanes would be valuable assets in war and...would bring universal peace.

In 1915 the wetlands were filled in to create an airfield for the World Fair to introduce the public 10+ years after the Wright's brothers first flight to aviation. Lincoln Beachey thrilled spectators with aerobatic stunts but fatally crashed his monoplane into the San Francisco Bay. In 1919 Colonel Hap Arnold of the Air Service chose Crissy field as an "aircoast defense station." Colonel Arnold was instrumental in having the field named in memory of Major Dana Crissy, who had died in a crash of his de Haviland DH-4 during a 61-airplane transcontinental flight from New York to Crissy Field to prove the reliability of air transportation.

Steve Haller gave a wonderful presentation on the many first that took place out of Crissy Field and the restoration starting in 1994. The National Park Service and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy revitalized the area and the Crissy Field Center was opened to the public in 2001.

General meeting adjourned 9:30 pm.

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 SEPTEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 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: _____

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