



THE FLYING TIMES

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EAA Chapter 1268

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AN EARLY MORNING FLIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

It wasn't IFR, but it was misty, and quite beautiful.

It pays to get to the airport early sometimes.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, April 9.**

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m.

The general membership meeting will start after dinner.

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 Ernie Ganas with his signature dinner of tri-tip, roasted red potatoes, Caesar salad and French bread.

Our speaker will be Steve Smith.

PRESIDENT'S/AIR EXPLORER REPORT

Hi everybody!

Unfortunately I will be missing the April meeting as I am on a trip. The payoff is that I will be off next Sunday to fly Young Eagles. When it rains, it pours - especially lately - and this week we have two great presentations for you to enjoy. Steve Smith will be talking about a recent trip he took in his home built (I think the Zenith, but he has three (!) so you'll have to be there to find out). He is quite a talented photographer, so I wouldn't miss it. A last minute added bonus is that Miles Gerhard has agreed to give a short talk before Steve. Many of you know him, and he is here from Africa getting a tail wheel endorsement with Richard Craig. He's going to tell you why he is getting the endorsement and what he will be doing with it. I don't want to spoil it, but there are some really big 4 legged creatures involved and has nothing to do with flying pipe patrol. I'm sorry I am going to miss it!

There has been quite a bit going on behind the scenes at the airport and in our little Chapter lately. We have been busy planning our Family Fun Day open house. In case you've been on an island avoiding our lousy weather here and haven't heard, it will be on Saturday, May 18th. We've got some great raffle prizes lined up and are starting a little earlier this year recruiting volunteers and getting the word out. Kathy Carmichael and I are the coordinators, and we will be passing around a volunteer sign-up sheet at the meeting.

Please come out and give us a hand, even if you only have an hour or two to be there. This event really show cases our beautiful little

airport to the community, and it gives us a chance to put faces on all the buzzing airplanes overhead that they see throughout the year. Kathy will highlight at the meeting where we need help the most, but please give either of us a call (or email) to let us know when you can be out. Our contact info is on page one of the newsletter. I am hoping that the flyers will be ready as well at the meeting. If any of you can distribute them in the community we would appreciate it!

I've been getting feedback from some enthusiastic kids and parents who've been coming to Young Eagles the last couple of months, and it looks like we have enough to get the Air Explorer group fired up again, probably starting in June or July. We need a minimum of 4 to get the blessing of the BSA, and since most of them are under 14 it will technically be a club rather than a post. We do the same thing, so it doesn't really matter. All of them will be 12 by next year's Air Venture, so I am anticipating we will have several scholarship applications next February.

I've finally connected with Teen Services in Sonoma, and they are in the process of "re-tooling" their Career Night series. This is the group that Roland Gangloff and his wife are involved with and do great work. Hopefully they will be up and running in May or June as well. I'll be looking to take a few other pilots (you all) with me to give a good representation of different aviation career paths available to them. They have also been officially invited to Family Fun Day, as well as several other scouting groups in Sonoma.

I also sat down recently with a future Olympian who is also an aspiring airline pilot about career paths. Pretty interesting stuff! It's fun to be able to help "newbies" find their way to an airline job. Even better when they show so much initiative. Thanks to Capt. Bob for including me in the discussion.

My current trip is taking me to Atlanta, Paris (twice), and Minneapolis. The layovers are

great, especially now that the snow and subzero temperatures in MSP are gone, but the time changes and jet leg, not so great. Its 4 am, and while I may be in Paris, I am definitely on California time! I'll look forward to seeing you next weekend at Young Eagles.

Bon Jour!

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**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
AND TREASURER REPORT
April 2019**

I think Bill was abducted by aliens this month, so wasn't able to have a report in the newsletter. We'll see if they release him in time for the meeting. Just don't ask him about probes. That might be a sensitive subject.

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles day is Sunday, April 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

Rafe's monthly movie night for April is **Saturday, April 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.

The monthly movie is getting better and better. Richard Craig and I set up a temporary "surround sound" system with a couple of his speakers and an amp for the March movie, and the response was so positive that I picked up a 750 watt home theater system and have it installed in the clubhouse. It needs a few

tweaks and some tuning, but combined with the corner screen and new projector location, gives the viewing audience a magnitude of improvement in their entertainment experience.

One of the patrons was so thrilled, that they offered to fund the purchase of a new high definition projector and new screen. Rafe is ordering the projector and screen and we are hoping to have them installed in time for the April show.

See you at the movies on Skypark Movie Night, **SATURDAY, April 27** at 6 p.m.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We have our celebrity chefs for 2019 but let us know if you want to be listed as our emergency standby cookie. Hot dogs, chili or pizza are perfectly fine. 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
2019 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Marsi, Abel, George, Les, Ruth, Howard
FEB	Bill & Jan W
MAR	Nelleke & Rich
APR	Ernie Ganas
MAY	Jeanette W. & Catherine S.
JUN	Don & Wayne
JUL	Darrel's bbq
AUG	Richard, Sandra & George
SEP	Ron & John's roadkill
OCT	Air Explorers
NOV	Robin
DEC	XMAS PARTY
Standby	?

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
2019 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	2019 Air Academy & year's plans
FEB	Yayoi West- NASA-solar probe
MAR	John Shackford-F84/F86-Korea
APR	Steve Smith
MAY	Darren Stevenson
JUN	FAA-Glenn G. and Harlow V.
JUL	Rich Cooper- Kai Tak
AUG	Your name here
SEP	Once more, or else...
OCT	Air Academy participants' report
NOV	Last chance to shine...
DEC	XMAS PARTY

2019 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
1/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
1/13	Young Eagles 9 am
1/26	Skypark Movie Night
1/31	Air Academy application deadline
2/10	Young Eagles 9 am
2/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
2/23	Skypark Movie Night
3/10	Young Eagles 9 am
3/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
3/23	Skypark Movie Night
4/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
4/14	Young Eagles 9 am
4/27	Skypark Movie Night
5/12	Young Eagles 9 am
5/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
5/18	Skypark Family Fun Day!
5/25	Skypark Movie Night
6/9	Young Eagles 9 am
6/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/22	Skypark Movie Night
7/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/14	Young Eagles 9 am
7/18-21	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in
7/22-28	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
7/27	Skypark Movie Night

8/11	Young Eagles 9 am
8/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/24	Skypark Movie Night
9/8	Young Eagles 9 am
9/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/28	Skypark Movie Night
10/13	Young Eagles 9 am
10/15	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/26	Skypark Movie Night
11/10	Young Eagles 9 am
11/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/23	Skypark Movie Night
12/6	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/19	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

Minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 by Vice President Darrel Jones.

Officers and Board members present were BK White, Roland Gangloff, Bill Wheadon and Nelleke Cooper. Darrel took the minutes because Nelleke was preparing dinner.

Roland suggested starting Young Eagles at 10 am instead of 9 and running to 1 pm. BK and the Board will consider his suggestion.

Roland proposed organizing a phone tree to facilitate contacting members about upcoming events, such as Young Eagles. It would be a great advantage in assuring that we have enough volunteers to fly Young Eagles, conduct ground school and register Young Eagles as they arrive. He also proposed creating a formal duty roster and conducting training so Young Eagles volunteers would have a better understanding of the event activities and responsibilities.

Roland and Robin are working on restarting the Air Explorer Post at Sonoma Skypark for young people between the ages of 14 to 19. The

last Air Explorers aged out of the Post and some have gone on to careers in aviation.

Darrel reported that he applied for the Chapter authorization for the \$10,000 James Ray Aviation Scholarship administered through the national EAA organization. Only ninety chapters will receive the scholarship to award to young people starting flight training.

Chapter 1268 is 139 on a list of 164, out of a total of nearly 300 chapters applying for the award. EAA is looking for additional funds to enable more chapters to participate in the program. Darrel completed the EAA webinar training to become the Ray Scholarship coordinator for the Chapter.

Darrel reported that the flying club organization is proceeding. He is working on filing for state and federal non-profit status and filing as a non-profit 501.c.7 corporation with the California Secretary of State. The hope is to eventually have three to four airplanes to offer basic and instrument flight instruction to club members at lower cost than commercial flight schools.

The club would also be open to local pilots who can't justify the cost of owning their own airplane but who wish to continue flying.

The club would be a separate entity from the Chapter. Richard Craig, Robin Tatman and Darrel are initially organizing the club, but would welcome other members who would like to be involved. They have purchased John Miles Taylorcraft BC12-D with the intent of offering primary and tailwheel transition training with it. The goal is to eventually lease a hangar large enough to house four airplanes, as well as have space for instructor briefings with students.

BK reported that Chapter 1268 received \$725 in Young Eagles credits from 2018. Chapter 1268 is sponsoring one young person, Fabiola Chavez, to the Air academy this summer. Chapters receive five dollars credit for every

Young Eagle flown by pilots with at least ten rides during the year.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. Dinner was provided by Nelleke and Rich Cooper, and consisted of corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, Irish cake and coffee, with the real stuff available for the coffee if anyone so desired. Bill Wheadon helped with dinner.

The general membership meeting was called to order at 7:35.

The officers repeated their reports from the Board meeting.

Guests were Ron Hill, brought by Frank Russo, Jorge Oros, one of our early Young Eagles and currently a flight instructor hoping to soon start flying for an air carrier, and Glenn Gathright, from the Oakland FSDO. Glenn will be one of our featured speakers at an upcoming meeting. He can talk about maintenance, operations, certifications and field approvals.

Movie night was announced and will be a crab feed for \$20 per person. Advanced registration is required.

Upcoming events announced were the Travis Air show on the last weekend of March and the EAA Ford Trimotor rides in the area.

Will Campbell brought his beautiful aviation photos for the members to enjoy during dinner.

The general meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Our speaker was John Shackford, who flew F-84s in Korea and F-86s and B-47s during the cold war. He gave a great presentation about his experiences and answered members' questions during his talk.

Ernie Ganas will serve his signature tri-tip dinner next month, with roasted red potatoes, Caesar salad and French bread.

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 2019!** SEE YOU THERE!

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