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of the Sonoma Skycrafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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OUR IDEALS, ON THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY, JUNE 6, 1944

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### **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, June 11**. 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 chefs for the month will be Don and Wayne, who will probably tell us they had a lot of help from someone near and dear to them.

Our program will be a talk by Rich Cooper about the excitement of flying into the old Kai Tak Airport in Hong Kong. If you would like a preview, look on You Tube. You will see some hair-raising approaches.

### **PRESIDENT'S/AIR EXPLORER REPORT**

Hi everybody  
In case you haven't heard, Family Fun Day has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 21. I am hoping that everyone will be able to volunteer as previously scheduled. Kathy and I will send out a reminder in mid-August.

We had a busy day at young Eagles today and afterwards had our first air explore meeting with the new group. Everyone except one person is under 14 years old so it will start out as a club and then transition back to a post when they are 14. Nothing about what we do will change, it is purely a distinction within the Boy Scout organization. Their homework for the next meeting is to fill out their applications and think about what activities and areas of aviation they want to focus on. Two parents are willing to volunteer as advisers, which gives me the staff we need to re-register the group. These kids are excited about Young eagles and are all repeat flyers. I think they are going to be a fun group and we even have if you girls.

Darrel and I are going to sit down later this week and work on the 501.c.3 paperwork for the state of California to get the nonprofit status going for the flying club.. The Taylorcraft is still undergoing the annual but should be completed soon.

Does anyone have an Amazon prime account? If you do, did you know that through the Amazon Smile program you can designate a charity that they will donate a percentage of your orders to. And guess what – EAA 1268 is a registered nonprofit with them. It's an easy and painless way to donate some money to the group.

See you at the meeting Tuesday!  
Robin

### **EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT**

March and April 2019

This month you receive a bonus double treasurer's report due to the fact that your treasurer had typed up a report last month for the newsletter and attached it to an email to the newsletter editor but neglected to press "send". Consequently it didn't make it into the newsletter but remained in my draft file. So enjoy my two reports.

For the month of March we had a net deposit of \$340.35 which consisted of the following:  
\$105 – new member dues and dues renewal  
\$100 – Air Academy donations  
\$100 - donation in memory of Leon Scarbrough – Air Academy  
\$35.35 – excess dinner proceeds  
\$340.35 net deposit

Our checking account balance on March 31 was \$10434.47 and our savings account balance is \$7907.12 in which \$7805.40 is in the Jack Strehl memorial fund and the remaining \$101.72 are chapter funds.

For the month of April we had a net deposit of \$3903.00 which was made up of the following:  
\$115 - new member (Michael Wray) dues and dues renewal  
\$50 – Air academy donation  
\$1000 – member donation to the general fund in memory of Harry West  
\$2500 – donation to the clubhouse audio visual improvement fund

\$238 – excess dinner proceeds – an all-time high!  
\$3903 net deposit

It was decided by the Board of Directors at the April meeting to move \$5000 from the non-interest accumulating checking account into a 2 year certificate of deposit earning 2.760% annually. Interest earned monthly on the CD will be deposited in the CD or “share certificate account”.

Balances for the three accounts are:  
Checking - \$9337.47 (of which \$2500 is in the Chapter clubhouse audio-visual Improvement fund)  
Savings - \$7907.12 (of which \$7805.40 is in the Jack Strehl memorial fund and The remaining \$101.72 are chapter funds.  
CD account - \$5002.98 (earned \$2.98 in April)

That’s all for now folks – any questions, see me at the meeting Tuesday.

Bill

### YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles day was this Sunday, June 9. We flew 26 Young Eagles flights, with some of our more enthusiastic young pilots going up twice.

BK had four planes and pilots with Tim Bloodgood, Don Booker, Robin Tatman and Darrel in Jeanette’s 172. Ground crew and registrations were handled by John Thomason, Gretchen McDougall, Marsi Fahraji, Ron Willis and Roland Gangloff.

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](mailto:eagle1@vom.com) or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

### MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

Movie night for June is **Saturday, June 22 at 6pm in the Sonoma Skypark clubhouse.**

This month Rafe is showing “The Final Countdown”, a sci-fi film about the modern USS Nimitz travelling back in time to Pearl Harbor during the December 7 attack. Hornets vs Zeros. Come and see how that turns out.



**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, June 22** 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](mailto:robntat@aol.com) or 707-553-2747. You can also let me know at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) and I'll put you on the roster.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cooks/Meal
<b>2019 DINNER SCHEDULE</b>	
JAN	Marsi, Abel, George, Les, Ruth, Howard
FEB	Bill & Jan W.
MAR	Nelleke & Rich
APR	Ernie Ganas
MAY	Jeanette W and Catherine S.
JUN	Don & Wayne
JUL	Darrel's bbq
AUG	Richard, Sandra & George
SEP	Ron & John's roadkill
OCT	Air Explorers
NOV	Robin T.
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](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
<b>2019 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b>	
JAN	2019 Air Academy & year's plans
FEB	Yayoi West- NASA-solar probe
MAR	John Shackford-F84/F86-Korea
APR	Miles Gerdard-flying elephants
MAY	Darren Stevenson-killer subs
JUN	Rich Cooper- Kai Tak
JUL	Glenn Gathright-FAA
AUG	Lew Jennins- Vietnam helio ops
SEP	Jeane Slone- author
OCT	Air Academy participants' report
NOV	Gene M.- Hamilton Army AF Base
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
<b>RAIN!</b>	<b>Skypark Family Fun Day!</b>
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
9/11-15	Reno Air Races
<b>9/21</b>	<b>Skypark Family Fun Day!</b>
9/28-29	Wings Over Wine Country
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 <sup>st</sup> 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  
May 14, 2019

The Board Meeting was called to order by Vice President Darrel Jones at 6:08 pm.  
Present were: President Robin Tatman, Vice President Darrel Jones, Treasurer and Membership Chairman Bill Wheadon, Secretary Nelleke Cooper, Directors Jeanette

Woods and Roland Gangloff, Young Eagles  
Coordinator BK White.  
Chapter Member: Marc Ashton  
Absent: Director, Paul Siebert

Family Fun Day will be delayed as the weather forecast predicts rain on Saturday. The future date will be determined at the next Sonoma Skypark Board Meeting.

Oshkosh discussion:  
Roland Gangloff asked if anyone knew who was going to Oshkosh this year and where to stay. Darrel mentioned sometimes there is room in one of airplanes going to Oshkosh and gas is split between pilots and passengers. Accommodations can be camping vs. motels and there is a gymnasium set up for camping with restaurant on site. John Thomason usually rents a house and splits the costs.

Fabiola is our recipient of the Air Academy scholarship. Gretchen's son, Hugo, is working as a camp counselor this year.

BK White gave the Young Eagles report for Mother's Day. All the Moms were given a beautiful Mother's day rose purchased by Assistant Airport Manager Colin.  
Pilots: Darrel Jones, flying Jeanette's Cessna 172 and Don Booker flying his Piper Cherokee. 15 YE rides were given.

On the EAA website there is a link regarding Youth Protection on the Young Eagles page. Participants need to retake a 10 to 15 minute online training every 3 years. Some of the rules include that there always have to be 2 adults present during Young Eagle events and no outside activities between adults and Young Eagles.

Bill Wheadon filed the 990 N form with the IRS to keep our current 501-c3 status current. Other tax exempt discussion: Darrel Jones got an update notice on the tax exempt status for classic and historic airplanes. Although an airplane may have the legal amount of Display days, if it has been used for general

transportation, it will not qualify. Tax assessors often appraise the airplanes at 1% of the highest price advertised in Trader Planes which is usually too high.

Board Meeting adjourned 6:55 pm

General Meeting called to order by President Robin Tatman at 7:40 pm

Robin thanked the cooks Jeanette Woods for the delicious ethnic Filipino dish Sinigang and Catherine and Mark Shackford for the sumptuous salad with homemade dressing and French bread with ice cream and caramel and chocolate sauce for dessert.

The officers gave their reports from the Board meeting to the membership.

Will Campbell had his beautiful aviation photos for our enjoyment during dinner.

Gene Marcinkowski made an announcement regarding an article in the Press Democrat by Gay LeBaron about Hamilton field in Novato. Gene is a docent at the Museum

Robin informed us that the Napa Chapter will have their Young Eagles event on September 25. Darrel will fly and will recruit additional pilots to fly. The Membership was also reminded to check on the EAA website regarding their Security training due every 3 years. The changes in tax exemption status was also explained to the Members and John Thomason sent a copy of his logbook with the hours flying for the young Eagles to the tax authorities and he said that sounded encouraging and may not be classified as general transportation.

Due to the rainy weather forecast Robin officially cancelled Family Fun Day for Saturday, May 18. Possible rescheduled days are September 21 or October 5.

Rafe introduced the members to the huge big new movie screen and invited everybody to

come to movie night on the 4th Saturday of the month. The surround sound was installed by Darrel Jones.

Speaker for the evening was our member Darren Stevenson. Darren was one of a select group to successfully complete Submarine Training in the US Navy. He served on the USS Tullibee. She was the smallest nuclear-powered attack submarine in the US submarine fleet at 273 feet long and a beam of 23 ft. She was designed to be an ultra-quiet submarine with bow mounted spherical long range sonar, and angled torpedo tubes. She was commissioned in 1960 and played a significant roll in the Cold War. The manning consisted of 7 officers and 60 enlisted men.

Darren told us some fascinating stories about life on the submarine, for example, “You never shower, you just make yourself wet.” The sonar stations were all manned by people under 30, as hearing diminishes after that! In addition, Darren had a picture of the surfaced submarine surrounded by snow and ice and he was telling us he was the designated swimmer in case downed pilots needed to be picked up from the sea. Multiple times he had to practice towing a heavy tetrahedron back to the boat and no matter how much gear you wore, wetsuits, gloves, hoods, etc, it didn’t prevent you from being freezing cold.

It was also fascinating to hear how the Russians would follow the Atlantic trench to try and get close to the US and how the Tullibee would be able to sneak up on them within 200 yards and the Russians didn’t know they were there.

After the presentation there were multiple questions for Darren, who gave us a glimpse of what it really was like to live on a submarine. Thanks Darren.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm.

First quiet nuclear submarine with turbo electric drive. First integrated sonar suite,

including both a low-frequency passive array, for long range detection, and a spherical array, for approach and attack (AN/BQQ Series Sonar). First submarine specifically designed as an ASW (Anti-Submarine Warfare) weapon. First submarine with torpedo tubes amidships.

### **Last words:**

I have a little space to fill on this last page, so I’ll say something about the photo on the front page.

I had a couple of friends who are no longer with us. Ken Moore was an almost 20 year old medic when he parachuted into Normandy on D-Day. The town he was in was retaken by the Germans. Ken, and his other medic buddy, Bob Wright, stayed behind in the church they had set up as a field hospital. When the German commander walked in, he saw that Ken and Bob were caring for wounded German soldiers as well as Americans. He left them to care for the wounded.

Darrell Eastman came ashore the day after D-Day with his tank. His tank was hit by a German 88 hiding behind one of the many French hedgerows concealing the Germans. Some of his crew was killed, but after recuperating in a hospital, he was in command of another tank as it crossed the Rhine.

My father trained in gas warfare, but wound up changing spark plugs on fighters and bombers on Guadalcanal. He told me his tent was shot up after dark by a Japanese night fighter, while he was deep in a poker game.

I don’t remember any of them telling me what a “real American” was. They fought to preserve a nation in which all Americans were supposed to “real Americans”. We remember those who gave their “last full measure of devotion” to preserve those ideals.

Thank you for your sacrifice.

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

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