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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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MARK SHACKFORD'S BEAUTIFUL CESSNA 170

Photo courtesy of Will Campbell. Thanks!

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, March 10**. 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 Nelleke and Rich Cooper.

Our program will be a presentation by Yayoi West.

This is from Yayoi:

Hi Darrel,

Topic for the March speaker night: The Earth

Earth Day is April 22 of every year. April 22, 2020 will mark 50 years of Earth Day. NASA and many other organizations will be celebrating this day.

I have recently received training from NASA for this subject, and I like to share the information.

I will show 2-3 short videos, and talk about what's happening on our planet, and how NASA is finding out what is going on here on our planet.

Besides the speech, I have information for the members and their friends and family.

NASA is currently recruiting future astronauts to go to the Moon and Mars. Applications are due by March 31.

Please include this link in the newsletter if you like.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=61&v=-XQ_CuIwDlc&feature=emb_logo

Thanks,
Yayoi

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We've selected one Air Academy participant to sponsor to Oshkosh this summer. He is Evan Buckley from Petaluma. Evan is 18 and has participated in Young Eagles over the years, flying with many of our volunteer pilots. He is

interested enough in aviation that he has taken and passed his private pilot written and has several lessons under his belt.

The photo at the end of the newsletter is of Nate Hammond, who was one of the team conducting EAA workshops in Fremont this weekend. They had aircraft electrical, sheet metal, composite construction and fabric covering workshops at the Aviation Institute of Mechanics facility in Fremont.

I took the fabric workshop and have to say it was fabulous. We prepped, covered, brushed, stitched, taped and patched wings over two days. I would recommend any of EAA's workshops based on my experience.

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT **March 2020**

Membership Report – Renewals for 2020 are progressing well with the number of blue badges (members who are current with their dues for you newbies) beginning to outnumber the white badges (members not current). So far we have 55 paid members for 2020. If you'd like to change your badge color from white to blue, give or send to me \$15. A membership form and Treasurer's address is on the last page of this newsletter.

Also if you've made changes to your telephone number or especially your email address, be sure to notify me so I can update the roster. Our primary method of communication is by email.

Treasurer Report – For the month of February our three accounts total \$14717.15 in chapter funds. This is broken down in the following accounts:

Checking account - \$9599.47
Savings account - \$ 107.67
CD account - \$5117.68

There were no disbursements from the checking account – income in the checking account was from:

Dues - \$195
 Donations - \$85
 Dinner proceeds - \$180

That's all for now – any questions? If so, shoot me an email – bill.wheadon@gmail.com.

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

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles day this month is Sunday, March 8. BK will have a report at the meeting.

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 March is **Saturday, March 28 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).

See you at the movies on Skypark Movie Night, **SATURDAY, March 28** at 6 p.m.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We have most of our celebrity chefs for 2020 but let us know if you want to take an unfilled month. 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
2020 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Robin T

FEB	Bill & Jan W
MAR	Nelleke and Rich C
APR	Ernie G- Tri tip
MAY	Marsi A
JUN	Darren & Carole S
JUL	Darrel- bbq
AUG	???????
SEP	Ron & John –Roadkill Special
OCT	Richard, Sandra & George
NOV	Air Explorers
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
2020 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Gene Marcinkowski- Hamilton
FEB	Bruce Jamigian- Jimmy Doolittle
MAR	Yayoi West-
APR	Michael Wray
MAY	Wayne F. or Marcus S.?
JUN	?
JUL	?
AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	?
NOV	Air Academy reports
DEC	XMAS PARTY

2020 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
1/12	Young Eagles 9 am
1/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
1/25	Skypark Movie Night
1/31	Air Academy application deadline
2/9	Young Eagles 9 am
2/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm

2/22	Skypark Movie Night
3/8	Young Eagles 9 am
3/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
3/28	Skypark Movie Night
4/12	Young Eagles 9 am
4/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
4/25	Skypark Movie Night
5/10	Young Eagles 9 am
5/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
5/23	Skypark Movie Night
6/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/14	Young Eagles 9 am
6/27	Skypark Movie Night
7/12	Young Eagles 9 am
7/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/16-19	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in
7/20-26	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
7/25	Skypark Movie Night
8/9	Young Eagles 9 am
8/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/22	Skypark Movie Night
9/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/12 ?	Skypark Family Fun Day!
9/13	Young Eagles 9 am
9/16-20	Reno Air Races
9/26	Skypark Movie Night
9/29-30 ?	Wings Over Wine Country
10/11	Young Eagles 9 am
10/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/24	Skypark Movie Night
11/8	Young Eagles 9 am
11/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/28	Skypark Movie Night
12/4	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/20	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

February 11, 2020

EAA 1268 Board of Directors Meeting

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Robin Tatman at 6:25 pm.

Present were: President Robin Tatman, , Vice President Darrel Jones, Treasurer and Membership Chairman Bill Wheadon, Secretary Nelleke Cooper, Director Roland Gangloff, Jeanette Woods and Young Eagles Coordinator B.K. White

Absent: Director Paul Siebert

Darrel announced plans to arrange a work party for Saturday, Feb.15 to update the Clubhouse and ask for volunteers at the General Meeting. A membership drive needs to be organized and contacts made by phone and invitations send to local pilots in our geographical area to increase our Membership. In addition, once our Flying Club is up and running active pilots could be recruited.

Darrel spoke with Travis Morton, who ran the flight school in the past and had recently researched weather stations. There were 2 possibilities with Internet connected weather stations; however, one was better than the other, for approximately \$1000.

Air Academy: Darrel has received one application from Evan Buckley, an 18 year old student from Petaluma, who has passed the written FAA test and has taken flight lessons. Robin mentioned Kyra Hernandez, a High School Jr. from Santa Rosa, who might apply. It is her intention to first get her private pilot license.

We still need a volunteer to prepare dinner for the August meeting. Marcus Shackford has agreed to be the speaker for one of our meetings, and Yayoi West will speak in March, which leaves 3 meetings to be determined.

Roland Gangloff noted that we often didn't have ice for our drinks and volunteered to be in charge of bringing ice and gloves for our food preparers to our meetings.

Board Meeting adjourned 6:58 pm

General Meeting called to order by President Robin Tatman at 7:35 pm.

She thanked Bill Wheadon and his sous-chef, Jan, for a delicious meal of his special Chili recipe, salad, French bread, corn bread, with ice cream and toppings for dessert.

Guest Ron Young, friend of our speaker was introduced. He is a sailor who had participated in 7 America Cups. He joked about sailing being "An obsolete form of transportation!"

Ernie Flower spoke about the changes in requirements for Remote Control Model Planes. The FAA has dedicated certain fields which are currently legal, but if they lose that status they can never be re-registered. He asked for support and comments on the FAA website to fight for Model Airplanes. Darrel remarked to check out the electronic version of the Newsletter for further information.

B.K. White reported that due to the high winds there was no Young Eagles flying the Sunday before.

Bill Wheadon showed us an artistic rendering of himself and his airplane made by one of his Young Eagles riders, who had flown with him 3 or 4 times. Every detail of the airplane was perfect, but Bill wasn't so sure about the rendition of himself!

Bill also mentioned he contested a \$10 "withdrawal currency fee" the Bank had charged. The charge is for cash deposits greater than \$1000. Since we did not make a cash deposit anywhere near that amount, the assessment was invalid and was withdrawn.

The Youth Protection training and form has been completed by Roland Gangloff. Two other leaders of the Air Explorers completed it as well.

Darrel asked for volunteers for the work party he had planned for Saturday, February 15, starting at 9:00 am. Projects to be taken care of include moving the new movie screen and projector, get the computer set up for the flight simulator, installing LED lights, which will

need new wiring, and sheetrock part of the wall.

Robin mentioned the need for help with a Membership drive.

Darrel updated the Membership on his findings about the Weather Station.

Gene Marcinkowski volunteered to cook dinner in August with help from his son-in-law Andy Smith.

Roland spoke about organizing a group to go to the Reno Air Races.

Ron Price mentioned there would be a Reunion of the American Aviation Historical Organization at the Hiller Museum in San Carlos on April 24 and 25.

Robin presented the Board Members with 2019 Chapter Service Awards. Darrel Jones received Awards for Vice President, Newsletter Editor/Publisher and Web Editor, which he remarked should go to Gretchen McDougall, Bill Wheadon for Treasurer and Membership Chair, Nelleke for Secretary and Robin for being the President. The Chapter received the Bronze Chapter Award in the form of a beautiful Poster to be displayed on our Clubhouse wall.

Will Campbell's photographs of Family Fun Day will be posted on our website.

Wayne Schake introduced the speaker for the evening his friend Bruce Janigian, who according to Wayne had 3 strikes against him. One, he was not a pilot, two, he was a Navy Captain (the typical fun rivalry as Wayne was in the Air Force) and three, he was a lawyer. Bruce's presentation gave insight in the life of Jimmy Doolittle and the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo during WWII.

While in the Navy Bruce's Commander asked him to teach a class on Combat Leadership at the Naval Academy. Bruce replied that he did not have Combat experience, but his Commander insisted. This assignment prompted Bruce to study heroes from past wars and one of them, not well-known to the general

public was James “Jimmy” Doolittle. Doolittle was one of the great aviation pioneers of the 1920-1930’s and the first to obtain his doctorate in aeronautical engineering from MIT. Doolittle’s calculated planning and modifications made to the twin-engine 2 tails B-25 Bombers, to be able to take off from the aircraft carrier the Hornet, made the raid successful even though there were many setbacks.

They had to launch earlier and further away from Japan because they had been discovered by a Japanese Navy picket boat that had sent out an alarm to Japan. Doolittle and Hornet skipper Captain Marc Mitscher decided to

launch the B-25s immediately—10 hours early and 650 nautical miles from Japan which was 170 nautical miles farther from Japan than planned. 15 out of the 16 B-25’s successfully delivered their ordinance scattered over a wide area not only hitting Tokyo, but steelworks, oil refineries and even an aircraft carrier. They accomplished their goal and struck at the heart of Japan.

Jimmy Doolittle saw many changes in aviation during his lifetime. He passed away in 1993 at the age of 96.

Send me your news for your newsletter!



Nate Hammond is demonstrating how to put fabric tape around the end of a wing at the EAA fabric workshop in Fremont this weekend. Nate has his own aircraft repair and restoration shop in Kentucky and has a varied and interesting career in aviation. He grew up around Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in New York state, and learned what a blip switch on a rotary engine was for when he was six years old. He flies airshows and skywrites in a modified DeHavilland Chipmonk. He will be at Oshkosh again this year. I’m looking forward to seeing him again.

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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 2020!** SEE YOU THERE!

REMEMBER! THE MARCH MEETING OF SONOMA SKYRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 10 AT 7 P.M., AT THE SKYRAFTER'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 SKYRAFTER MEMBERSHIP

EAA CHAPTER 1268 Membership Dues: **\$15 per year.**

Name: _____ EMAIL: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone number, home: _____ work: _____

EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: _____

Your check should be made payable to: **EAA 1268**

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