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THE COMBINED SONOMA SKYPARK/EAA 1268 HOLIDAY PARTY

That's Tina Masquelier, new Skypark airport manager, in the center.

The young man in the background is checking out a bottle of Martinelli's sparkling cider. Nothing to worry about. He's not tending the bar.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The holiday party substituted for our regular meeting. The officers for next year were selected at the November meeting, so the only business conducted at the party was friendly conversation and sampling lots of good food.

The **January** meeting is **Tuesday, January 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 will be \$10.00 per person.

WOMEN IN AIRPLANES



Helene Dutrieu, 1877-1961, a Belgian cyclist and pilot, shown in 1911.

PRESIDENT'S/AIR EXPLORER REPORT

President Robin spent the holiday party winging her way to Sydney, Australia, at the request of her employer. She will be back soon and hopefully at the January meeting.

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT December 2021

Bill is taking the month of December off from his duties as treasurer and membership chairman writing up the monthly report, mainly because he didn't know I was going to put out a newsletter this month. The chapter finances are

about the same, so Bill will have an update for the January newsletter.

YOUNG EAGLES

We got fogged out for November, but Chapter 1268's Young Eagles program is back in operation. We will have our next Young Eagles rally Sunday, January 9, starting at 9 am, weather permitting and absent another COVID lock down.

We have had a couple new pilots sign up and take the youth protection on-line training, so they will be ready to fly in the new year.

We still need help with registration, ground school and walking the Young Eagles to the airplanes and back. Gretchen has been driving up from Half Moon Bay to do registration, but I'm sure she would appreciate some help. We can also use a couple people to give the new Young Eagles a brief overview of how an airplane flies and how the controls work so they can take the controls themselves once the pilot is in the air.

BK always brings donuts and makes coffee, so this is a great chance to either fly Young Eagles yourself or stay on the ground and help the youngsters ready to experience aviation.

Young Eagles Day is Sunday, January 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.

ANY EXCUSE TO GO FLYING...

I found a fly-out website mentioned in another newsletter. It is www.fly2lunch.com and it can find restaurants either on the airport or within walking distance.

Go to the website and search for restaurants by putting in 0Q9 for the starting airport, the

distance (I used 100 miles), and whether you want on-the-airport or a short walk from the airport, then click the fly2lunch search button below.

The results are listed from closest to farthest. I know Two-Niner Diner is closed, so it would be a good idea to give the restaurant a call before taking off.

We've talked about flying to lunch after Young Eagles, so that might be a plan. This seems like an excellent opportunity for another Chapter 1268 Chairpersonship. Let me know.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

Movie night is usually the fourth Saturday of the month, but with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up, Rafe is scheduling his next Skypark Movie Night for January. In the meantime, we will all have to make due with Turner Classic Movies, Netflix or streaming. It just ain't the same as sharing an old flying movie with friends.

When Movie Night resumes in January, it will again be on the fourth Saturday of each month 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 in 2022!

GOODBYE HARRY "ANDY" ANDREWS

The Skypark and Sonoma Valley community said goodbye to Harry Andrews in Kathy Carmichael's hangar at Skypark Saturday, December 4.

Harry was a long-time pilot flying out of Sonoma Skypark and owned a Cessna 172 with Whit Gilman and then a nice Cessna 182 that he often flew down to Baja.

He left many good friends and a loving family when he flew west. His celebration of life was exactly that, a beautiful, heartfelt celebration.

SKYPARK WORK PARTIES WHEN THE WEATHER GETS BETTER

Robin, Bob and Tina cleaned out some of the hangar next to the club house so that we could store the catering supplies donated by Sindy Mikkelsen.

Sindy had a catering company and Chapter 1268 is now the proud owner of a catering tent, warming trays and a stack of other utensils and supplies.

The storage hangar was originally going to be where the Air Explorers learned to work on airplanes, but it is so full of "stuff" that it is nearly unusable.

When we get a break in the weather after the holidays, we will need to clean it out, rearrange the furniture, and make it usable for storage and as a workspace.

We also need to put together a crew to re-paint the compass rose on the ramp. It has been covered over with sealer a few times, but Phil Danskin, our local pilot/surveyor/Skypark historian generously laid out the cardinal points so we can correct the magnetic compass lines.

Thanks to Sindy and Phil for adding to our community here at Sonoma Skypark.

I'm looking forward to spring and coming out of hibernation here at Skypark.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We need a meals chairperson to get our dinners scheduled for 2022 so we don't have to bring our own baloney sandwiches in paper bags to our meetings.

We need a slate of our celebrity chefs for 2022, so contact Robin or me to get your coveted month for this highly competitive honor. Hot dogs, chili or pizza are perfectly fine. Contact Robin at robntat@aol.com or 707-853-2220. You can also let me know at wd6bor@vom.com and I'll put you on the roster.

The schedule for 2022 so far is:

Month	Cooks/Meal
2022 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	?
FEB	?
MAR	?
APR	?
MAY	?
JUN	?
JUL	Darrel- barbecue
AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	?
NOV	?
DEC	XMAS PARTY
Standby	?

SPEAKERS

We are always, continually, everlastingly looking for speakers for our monthly programs.

I've asked for a speaker chairperson before, and I'll ask again. You can phone or email our own members to find a speaker, or you can check out the EAA speakers bureau on-line to find a selection of speakers who can deliver a virtual presentation from anywhere in the world.

Send an email to me at wd6bor@vom.com to let me know that you can help with this important job, or let me know if you can give a presentation so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
2022 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	?

FEB	?
MAR	?
APR	?
MAY	?
JUN	?
JUL	?
AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	?
NOV	?
DEC	XMAS PARTY

2022 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
12/3	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/22	New Years' Day 1 st Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse, except this 12/25 and 1/1!	

OUR RAY SCHOLARS CONTINUING THEIR TRAINING AT PETALUMA

Sebastian Johnson and Philip Lachman will be continuing their private pilot flight training with the Petaluma Pilot Training Center with Marc Ashton and his instructors.

Sebastian and Philip both trained here at Skypark with Richard Craig and are to the point that they are almost ready to solo.

Sebastian had his orientation meeting last Saturday and Philip will have his this Saturday.

Roland Gangloff is the Scholarship Chairman and has been researching additional scholarships so both young pilots can continue advance flight training.

Our 2020 Ray Scholar, Nathan Wilson, is currently down at Cochise College, where Jorge Oros was instructing until he got his commercial flying job. Nathan sent in a

progress report that is included in this newsletter.

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES
November 9, 2021

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm on November 9th, 2021 in the Harry F. West Jr. Memorial Clubhouse.

Present were President Robin Tatman (RT), VP Darrel Jones (DJ), Treasurer Bill Wheadon (BW), Young Eagles BK White(BK), Board member Roland Gangloff (RG), Former Secretary Nelleke Cooper(NC), Ron Price(RP), Secretary Yayoi West(YW)

RT explained about today's guest speaker, Daniel Shulte who has received scholarships from our chapter in the past. Daniel is successfully working as a pilot, and he lives in Denver where his company is at. He will be joining us by zoom.

BK reported 5-6 pilots are secured for the next Young Eagles. BK has confirmed he is a returning officer.

Officers were glad to hear about the Christmas Party that will be held at Burlingame Hall at the First Congregational church especially for no cost. Thanks to Darrel. RT will make sign-up sheet for setup and decoration volunteer. Set-up will start at 12:00 on Friday. As usual a white elephant and collection of unwrapped gifts for kids to donate to Shell Vista Fire Station. DJ requested that BW send a member roster to all the officers to use for recruiting volunteers for the Christmas Party.

RT said to increase Chapter members, we could use live presentation by EAA. In January, contact the licensed pilots in this area to join Chapter 1268. Teachers and students may not know about EAA, and this need to change.

YW added an idea. A coupon offering "Free Hamburger at our Saturday lunch gathering" to be included with email that we send to the

licensed pilots. Officers agreed because we know pilots love free hamburgers.

BW reported Ray Scholarship recipients are having difficulty with ground school.

RT reported now days, a written exam is needed to pass at or above 95% in order to not irritate the FAA examiner who has to go thru all the missed questions on an exam.

RP shared how he used to help a student to set a time five days a week to do the ground school together.

Officers agreed that we need to help them somehow so that they won't miss opportunity.

RT will contact Mark in Petaluma, and Kimberly in Napa, if and when they are giving ground school.

BK The last Young Eagles flight, a pilot left a credit paper without all the information necessary to receive credit from EAA. RT will take care of it.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Submitted by Yayoi West, Secretary

From Nathan Wilson,
EAA 1268 2020 Ray Scholar

Cochise College, Douglas, Arizona, 11/27/21

My first semester at Cochise college was a lot more fun than anticipated. I was able to get checked out in a Piper Cherokee and fly that for the majority of my time at school. After passing my first stage check I was able to fly the Cherokees solo and began my cross-country flights.

At first, I was dreading them, but they were one of the best times during my time training. I completed 12 solo cross countries totaling up to approximately 70 hours of flight time. The longest one was to Lake Havasu (KHII). I was

required to get a 7.0 and I got a 7.2. It was a very long flight, but fun to fly with all of my new friends/ classmates. I would always be sent on my cross-country flights solo in the plane, but 2 or 3 of my friends would fly next to me. We talked on frequency 123.45 and that's how I got to know them well.

Once I finished my cross countries, I then moved on to commercial maneuvers. I learned how to execute chandelles, steep spirals, lazy eights, and eights on pylons. I practiced these maneuvers until I became proficient enough to pass my Commercial Stage One Check.

Once I passed that, I then moved into the Cessna Skylane 182RG. At first, I was overwhelmed, but I quickly understood the plane and enjoyed flying it. It was a completely different experience flying with 235 horsepower and retractable landing gear as well as a constant speed propeller. Everything was faster in that plane and once I got over the work overload, I was so happy flying the 182.

Just recently I passed my Commercial Stage Two Check, which gave me my High Performance and Complex endorsements. I am very happy with the progress I have completed this past semester. After a much-needed Christmas break from flying seven days a week, my spring semester (2022) will entail taking on instrument as well as both check rides for instrument and commercial. I can't wait to get back to it.

Best,
Nathan

SKYPARK HOLIDAY PARTY

The Skypark/EAA Chapter 1268 Christmas party was a great success, thanks to the many members who volunteered to make it happen.

I'm going to throw in a few photos from this and past Christmas parties. We'll see you at Skypark soon, I hope.



Bill, Pat, Jeanette are hanging on every word. Wait for the punch line.



Mark and Catherine with their white elephant gift. There was no blood this year. Go figure.



Ben and Eric planning their next adventure



Jan and Marsh coming out of the food line. Looking very happy with the results. Don't mess with them, though. You could lose a hand.



Here's one from Christmas 2017 with Marsi, Kathy and Robin. Just look at those smiles.



Sam taking Bea on a hot date to an exclusive joint in 2018. Meals are always better in a hangar. With enough wine and friends.



Conner and JT enjoying the meal, also at the 2018 Christmas party.

That's it for this year. See you in 2022!

Send me your news for your newsletter!

Captain Kirstin Cooper



After 21 years with my airline, I flew my first trips as Captain this weekend. It was such an honor and a privilege to take so many passengers to their destination safely and with as pleasant of an experience as possible. I truly feel blessed to have the job I do. Thank you to each and every one of you who choose to fly and trust your life and your loved ones to the hands of others. We work hard to make safety our number one priority and your well-being, comfort and on time our priority. It is your hard-earned dollars that provide for my family. Thank you!

Congratulations Kirstin! We look forward to seeing more of you around Skypark.

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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 2022!**

(I can't believe it's still only a measly fifteen bucks! Think we ought to raise it to twenty bucks?)

REMEMBER! THE DECEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 WAS THE SKYPARK HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 3. REGULAR MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN JANUARY ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 7 P.M., AT THE SKYCRAFTER'S CLUBHOUSE HANGAR B-5 AT SONOMA SKYPARK AIRPORT.

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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