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EAA Chapter 1268

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SATURDAY HAMBURGER BARBECUE CREW

Mark, Finley, Hayden and Bill this last Saturday cooking burgers
Finley is one of Air Academy participants this year

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, May 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 \$10.00 per person. Our chef for the month will be President Robin Tatman.

Remember that request for a dinner coordinator in the last newsletter? We'll be bringing a brown bag dinner to future meetings unless someone steps up to make a few phone calls and fill in the cook schedule for the rest of the year. Drop me an email and let me know you're helping schedule the dinners, and I'll respond with a roster with names and phone numbers.

On a similar note, remember we asked for a program coordinator? Our program this month is visiting with fellow Chapter 1268 members. There had been a chance that Matt Paradise could speak again this month on a different topic, but he had to go back to the east coast.

Let us know if you can make some phone calls and send some emails to schedule programs for the rest of the year. A good source of speakers would be the surrounding chapters for the names of speakers they have had at their meetings.

See you Tuesday evening. I'll try to set up the computer for Zoom, but I'm not sure if it will happen this month. I'll email the link in a separate email.

SATURDAY HAMBURGERS

EAA Chapter 1268 has taken over the Saturday hamburgers at Sonoma Skypark. Ron Price started them to raise funds to pay for the airfare for our Air Academy participants. After Ron retired, Tina Louise, Skypark's new airport manager filled in to find volunteers to cook and serve, buy supplies, and keep track of the event every Saturday.

All that, on top of her duties as airport manager, made it difficult to find the time for everything that needed doing.

Bill Wheadon stepped up to schedule volunteers to prep, cook and serve on Saturdays. He is working with a rotating roster of volunteers to make this popular event happen every weekend. Give him a call or send him an email letting him know you can help out and would like to join the team.

This from Bill:

The history of the Saturday BBQ at Sonoma Skypark extends back several years when it was initiated by Ron Price. At the beginning Ron cooked burgers and hot dogs on a Weber grill outside the airport office using the office bathroom to wash up the cooking utensils – fairly primitive by today's standards. Then after the clubhouse was opened things became more upscale. Ron continued the Saturday BBQs with the help of airport staff and used the profits to pay for the air travel expenses for our designated attendees at the annual Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI.

Ron has recently stepped back from "burger duty" and the airport manager, Tina Masquelier assumed that duty. However, since EAA Chapter 1268 is the primary beneficiary, it has

been decided that EAA 1268 should take over running the show and I have the title of interim Sat BBQ coordinator.

It generally takes 3 volunteers to pull this off and, to get to the point of this email – I need one volunteer for this coming Saturday. Total time involved is about 2 ½ hrs. – from about 11:30 to 2.

If you can help this Saturday, let me know by replying or calling me on my home phone and please don't just show up on Saturday – don't want to be deluged with 10 volunteers.

Bill Wheadon
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I've been making lots of round trips to Sydney lately as well as Atlanta for training. I actually got two take off and landings on my last two trips. Not easy with so many senior captains retiring soon. They want to fly the jet! I am happy to have the next 7 days off to make a dent in the sleep deficit I've got going.

We've got a great update (below) from Nathan Wilson, our first Ray Scholar award recipient. He's now at the school Jorge was at and just finished his instrument rating and is working on his Commercial. I would bet he'll have his CFI by the end of the summer. He gave a great recap of his instrument check ride.

I also got to meet Greg Popejoy from EAA Chapter 52 two weeks ago at our barbecue. He drove all the way from Sacramento in traffic. (not sure why he wasn't flying!) He is looking for volunteers at their upcoming Young Eagle event in a few months. I'll get the event on the calendar when their latest newsletter is finalized. They have a few build projects within their group and it was fun to compare notes on the two chapters.

Also below is a nice note from Duncan Flett. He has asked us to host a camp out at Skypark

for his Boy Scout troop on August 13/14. The last one was pre Covid about 2 1/2 years ago. Sounds like the kids are fired up about it. I'll post a reminder when it gets closer. The 14th is a Young Eagles rally, so we'll have a lot of customers that day! If you can fly, please put the date on the calendar. We'll definitely need lots of pilots - and extra burgers for the barbecue! His kids are always respectful and very curious about airplanes, so I am looking forward to seeing his current group of Scouts.

I will be the celebrity chef on Tuesday. My avocado tree has gifted me with some ripe avocados, so I am going with a Mexican theme in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

We need more chefs and guest speakers for the upcoming meetings! Please let me know WHEN you can help out.

See you Tuesday!

Robin

Afternoon Robin & Darrel,

It was great talking to you earlier Robin. Here is my request.

Our BSA Troop 9 is interested in camping out at Skypark Airport and possibly attending a Young Eagles program on the next morning. The way I have accomplished this in the past is; the first day is a Boy Scout event, and the second day (being the Young Eagles program) is a Non-Scouting event. The boys will have their Parent or Legal Guardian return to the airport to fill out required EAA paperwork on the 14th for a Young Eagles flight.

As you mentioned, there is a EAA Chapter 1268 Young Eagles program scheduled on AUG 14th, which would work if we are allowed to campout on the 13th. If approved, my intent is to offer all Scouts signing up for the opportunity to acquire the Aviation Merit Badge at the end of the weekend.

This hopefully would entail an airport tour on the 13th, and possibly have the boys watch how an airplane walk-around inspection is performed. I am more than happy to perform the Pre-flight walk-around if needed or allowed.

In past stays while overnighing, we were afforded the use of the EAA Club House to cook meals and watch a movie after dark, so I am asking if that would still be allowed.

Thank you for considering my request, and I know our Troop would be happy to perform some service project, such as trash pickup or tidying up around the airport.

All the best,
Duncan
EAA 1268 Member.

Darrel,
How are things going back home?

This past week I completed my instrument rating and it was quite the experience! I thought I would share what it was like to go through the rating if you were looking for something to put in the newsletter.

This January 2022 I began my Instrument training. A lot of Sim time, Briefing, and Flying. It was really fun to learn a new aspect to aviation and see what the future holds.

There are no approaches at the school (P03) so we would fly to Bisbee Douglas (KDUG). However, KDUG doesn't have any precision approaches, so we would fly over to Sierra Vista (KFHU), a Military base that is always busy. On the daily we would see A-10's, DC-10 Tankers, F16's, and CIA drones bigger than our Piper Archer III's. It always made our days interesting.

I also got experience with PAR's (Precision Approach Radar). When my checkride came around I was prepared but very nervous. The

oral was easily completed and then I debated a GO/NO GO decision for the flight. It was quite bumpy but we still went on.

After the ILS 26 with the full missed (includes a hold), LOC 26 with circling to 12 at KFHU we went to KDUG to do the VOR 17. A few unusual attitudes and I was instrument rated! It felt surreal and I'm very happy with how I did. Now I look forward to my commercial checkride on May 25th.

Things are moving fast but definitely having fun and enjoying my training. Hope all is well with you and Skypark.

Best,
Nathan Wilson

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
AND TREASURER REPORT
MAY 2022**

Treasurer Report: For the month of April we had two deposits in our checking account totaling \$407. These deposits consisted of \$30 in dues renewal, \$52 in profit from our April luncheon and \$325 in proceeds from the Saturday BBQs. We earned \$1.74 in interest on our CD. There were no disbursements.

Total chapter funds are \$38,213,04 distributed in the following accounts:

Checking account - \$25,272.85
Savings account - \$ 7,633.62
CD account - \$ 5,306.57

That's all for now – any questions? If so, shoot me an email or give me a call – bill.wheadon@gmail.com. 707-224-3901

See you at the meeting,
Bill
Membership Chairman and Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles Day was Sunday, May 8. It was CAVU when we got to Skypark, but the wind

was about 10 knots gusting above that. It was down the runway, so I took Conner up for the scouting flight. It wasn't too rough, so after returning to the airport, I loaded Henry and his mother up for the next flight.

I was flying the alternate route over the Petaluma gap, down to Sears Point Racetrack, and back to Skypark. We didn't get the first drizzle on the windscreen until I cleared the gap, and we made it back to the airport without problem before the front moved over the runway.

That finished the May Young Eagles event, but we are looking forward to better weather for June 12. Put it on your calendar and come out and give us a hand

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 May is **Saturday, May 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, May 28** at 6 p.m.

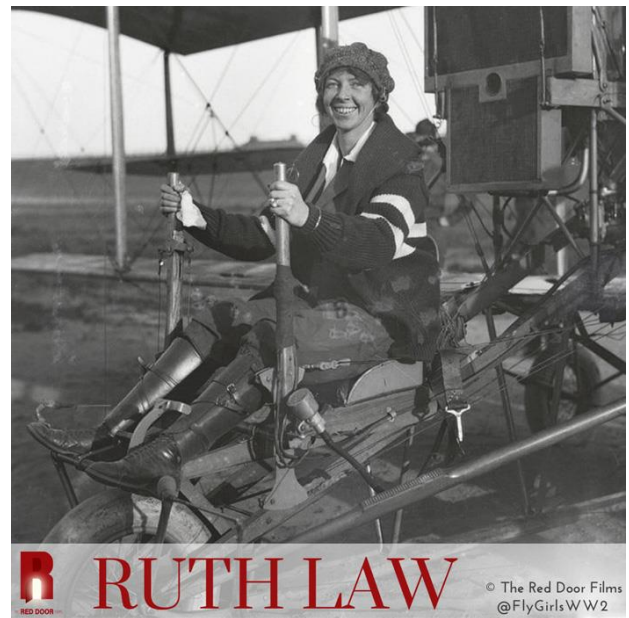
DINNER SCHEDULE

We have some of our celebrity chefs for 2022 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
2022 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Dinner at home
FEB	Dinner at home
MAR	Bill Wheadon, Kristen Gregory
APR	Wayne & Don (with lots of help)
MAY	Robin T
JUN	?
JUL	Darrel- barbecue
AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	?
NOV	?
DEC	XMAS PARTY
Standby	?

WOMEN IN AIRPLANES



#TakeFlightTuesday – Today we admire Ruth Law, a woman who attempted to do something that no one had done before: fly from Chicago to New York City in one day.

Law loved flying at an early age and bought her first plane from Orville Wright. By 1912, she received her pilot's certificate, and began exploring new paths in aviation. She perfected aerobatic maneuvers, dazzling crowds with her skills.

Fiercely competitive, Law broke the altitude record for women by flying 11,200 ft. Yet, it was on November 19, 1916, that she achieved her greatest feat. On that day, she set a new cross-country distance record by flying from Chicago to Hornell, NY. She became the holder of the American record for a distance flight, averaging about 103 miles per hour, Law flew 590 miles without stopping. She also set the world's record for continuous flight for women pilots.

Even though her attempt was sanctioned by the Aero Club of America, many had their doubts as to whether a woman could make such a flight. Law was clear in her objectives wanting to set the American non-stop flight record and establish the practicality of women aviators. She meant to challenge the current distance flying record, but in the process, also challenged the stereotypes regarding women.

While she ultimately did not achieve the non-stop flight between Chicago to New York due to her aircraft, which could not carry enough fuel for the journey, she expressed satisfaction at her achievement. It was a dangerous journey that required nerve and great endurance, and although her original goal was altered, Law still made history as a pioneer.

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
2022 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Marc Ashton – FAA training regs
FEB	EAA Chapter video
MAR	Social hour
APR	Captain Matthew Paradise
MAY	?
JUN	?
JUL	?

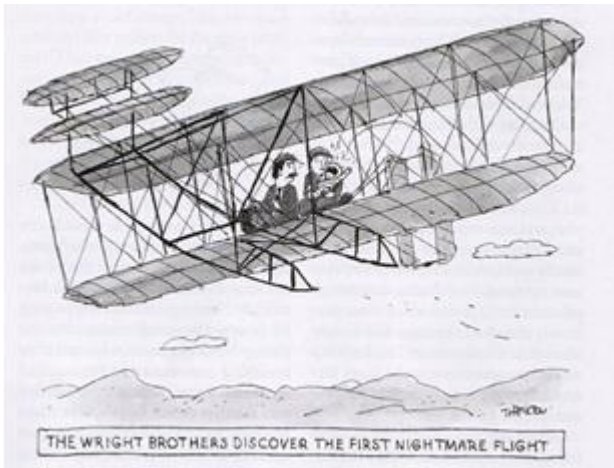
AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	?
NOV	?
DEC	XMAS PARTY

2022 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
5/8	Young Eagles 9:30 am
5/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
5/13-15	Thunder Over the Bay Air Show- Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA
5/20-22	Oregon Int’l Air Show- Hillsboro, OR
5/28	Skypark Movie Night
6/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am
6/25	Skypark Movie Night
7/10	Young Eagles 9:30 am
7/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/21-24	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in
7/25-30	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
7/23	Skypark Movie Night
8/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am
8/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/27	Skypark Movie Night
9/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/11	Young Eagles 9:30 am
?	Skypark Family Fun Day!
9/14-18	Reno Air Races- Reno, NV
9/23-25	MCAS Miramar Air Show- San Diego, CA
9/24-25	California Int’l Airshow- Salinas, CA
9/24	Skypark Movie Night
9/17-18 ?	Wings Over Wine Country
9/30-10/2	California Capital Air Show- Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA
10/7-9	San Francisco Fleet Week- San Francisco, CA

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10/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/15	Benton Air Fair- Redding, CA
10/15-16	Central Coast AirFest- Santa Maria, CA
10/22-23	Planes of Fame Air Show- China, CA
10/22	Skypark Movie Night
11/13	Young Eagles 9:30 am
11/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/26	Skypark Movie Night
12/2	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/23	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

April 12, 2022

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:10pm on April 12th, 2022 at the Harry F. West Jr. Memorial Clubhouse

Present were President Robin Tatman (RT), VP Darrel Jones, Bill Wheadon (BW), Secretary Yayoi West (YW), Board member Roland Gangloff (RG)

RT - Young Eagle needs re-organize to things work and suggest having Young Eagle meeting and go over mechanics of it before next Young

Eagle. (Others agreed and will find a date that work for all)

BW - We need to talk about Saturday BBQ. Discussed that we need one coordinator, and BW volunteered to be a coordinator at temporary bases. In a meantime, we need to find someone to takeover BW in the near future.

DJ - Ray Scholarship- One recipient is having some personal issues, so we have temporarily suspended his training until the scholarship committee can meet with him and his parent to work out a plan for going forward with his training. Discussed creating a better formal selection system to choose scholarship recipients. RT suggested we should ask Mark Ashton how PAPA chooses their scholarship recipients.

RT - The scholarship committee needs to make sure the scholarship recipient has enough time to study for the Private Pilot License.

DJ - Chapter 1268 is approved for Ray Scholarships for \$5000 each for two people in 2022.

RG - will create a brochure for candidates and their parents to recruit scholarship recipients. He will check with EAA to see if they have something.

DJ - Air Academy, Chapter 1268 is sending two people, Ivy Morrison and Finley Skaggs, and registration is done.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Celi and Wayne Schake and Ligia and Don Booker served a delicious fajita dinner.

The speaker for the evening was Captain Matt Paradise, soon to be Admiral Paradise, who talked about his experiences coming up through the ranks in the Navy, including flying combat in F/A-18sand Captaining an aircraft carrier, the USS Carl Vinson.

OTHER NEWS

Robin sent this link and email from the Sacramento EAA Chapter 52. It is an interesting read!

Hi, Robin - Greg Popejoy here, from Chapter 52, Sacramento. We met last Saturday at the Burger Feed in Sonoma, and I promised to send some info about our upcoming events that your Chapter might be interested in, so I've attached and am forwarding our latest (and still in draft form) issue of Wing Flap, which includes the info. Our Webmaster has been going several different directions at once, so I noticed that our website and Facebook page are a little out of date - this seemed more efficient, considering the time factor. Studying your business card has led me to want to ask questions about your history with the big iron, but I guess that will have to wait until next time. It was a pleasure meeting you, and Happy Landings! gp

Attached - April Wing Flap

<https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa52/-/media/7DC8D539EEBE4E409F9FFB2782C3B55F.ashx>

WOMEN ON MOTORCYCLES



OK, I know she's "on" the motorcycle. Bet you can't do that. I certainly couldn't.

Send me your news for your newsletter!



Sonoma Skypark is partnering with REACH med evac to transfer patients from Sonoma Valley

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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!** SEE YOU THERE!

REMEMBER! THE MAY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, MAY 10 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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