



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Skyrafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport

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OSHKOSH IS HERE! (WELL, THERE...)

See you at Ardy and Ed's

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, July 12**. 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 Yur Editor, who will be barbecuing chicken and sausage, and whose better half Catherine will be baking dessert and making salad.

Our program will be a presentation by our 2021 Ray scholar, Nathan Wilson. Nathan is currently working on his ratings at Cochise College in Douglas, Arizona.

Because we are experiencing another COVID surge, some members aren't comfortable attending an in-person meeting. I will have Zoom set up for those who decide to not attend. We will have an abbreviated meeting and dinner with the large door open, but I encourage you to wear a mask except when eating.

Last month I forgot to switch from the Zoom Board meeting to the general membership meeting until about 7:20, so some of you weren't able to log in. If you can't connect at 7 pm, please text me and I will start the Zoom membership meeting.

I will send the Zoom invitation out in a separate email to the active members.

## **SATURDAY HAMBURGERS!**

The scholarship fund is benefiting from the Saturday hamburgers. Bill Wheadon has generously filled the role (temporarily) of coordinator. He always need helpers to flip and serve the burgers. Go to the link

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1\\_r5IMWG24WsEaV9r7EPMajv9PZ9pg1IGqAmsldq3OE/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_r5IMWG24WsEaV9r7EPMajv9PZ9pg1IGqAmsldq3OE/edit#gid=0)

and sign up on the online volunteer list so Bill knows who will be there.

## **EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT** **July 2022**

Treasurer Report - For the month of June we had one deposit in our checking account of \$961 and two disbursements totaling \$295.31. The deposit consisted of \$295 in dinner receipts from our June meeting (countered by a check as reimbursement to our dinner cook for \$145.31). There was another check written for \$150 to pay for a repair to our grill. Also included in the deposit was \$90 in dues renewal and \$576 in proceeds from our Saturday BBQs in June.

Total chapter funds are \$36,612.18 distributed in the following accounts:  
Checking account - \$23,666.67  
Savings account - \$ 7,635.40  
CD account - \$ 5,310.11  
Total chapter funds \$36,612.18

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

Bill  
Membership Chairman and Treasurer

## **WOMEN IN AIRPLANES**



If I could only be a good a pilot as either of them. Look at those medals.

## **YOUNG EAGLES**

Young Eagles Day was Sunday, July 10 this month. Because the local newspaper didn't publish our announcement, attendance was low. We flew seven Young Eagles and two adults,

with some taking two flights because it wasn't a busy day.

Gretchen took care of registration and had her son Hugo there to help on the ramp.

George Bachich, Ken Thornton and I were the pilots. George was flying his Super Cub and Ken his RV, so there was a line of Young Eagles waiting to fly with them in their fun airplanes.

BK White is having some health issues and is currently in the hospital in Sebastopol. I called his wife, Carol, for an update. He is getting better after going to the hospital with an infection, but Carol didn't know when he would be back home.

We will have to fill in for BK for the time being. Gretchen and Roland had been helping with the Young Eagles administration. Roland is dealing with some dental issues and wasn't able to attend the Young Eagles rally today.

If you can help out, please contact me at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) or by text or phone at 707-799-6382. We can always use help with registration, ground crew and pilots.

Thanks, Darrel

### **FLYING CLUB AT SONOMA SKYPARK**

The new flying club starting at Sonoma Skypark had the first two meetings on Saturday July 2 and 9. Seven people attended over the two days, and met Don Booker, who is offering to sell his Cherokee to the club.

The club is a separate entity from EAA Chapter 1268, but several Chapter members are also interested in the club.

The club will have ten members per airplane. If any Chapter 1268 members would like to fly without having to shoulder the entire cost of the purchase of and upkeep of an airplane, this is a great opportunity to fly on a modest budget.

Contact me if you are interested and I will put you on the email list of the people starting the club.

### **MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK**

Movie night for is on hiatus for the time being. We will let you know when it starts back up.

### **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](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.

### **We stil need a dinner coordinator!**

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cooks/Meal
<b>2022 DINNER SCHEDULE</b>	
JAN	Dinner at home
FEB	Dinner at home
MAR	Bill Wheadon, Kristen Gregory
APR	Wayne & Don (with lots of help)
MAY	Robin T
JUN	Ernie Ganas - tri-tip barbecue
JUL	Darrel - barbecue
AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	Roland Gangloff- beef stroganoff
NOV	?
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.

### **We still need a speaker coordinator!**

Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
<b>2022 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b>	

JAN	Marc Ashton – FAA training regs
FEB	EAA Chapter video
MAR	Social hour
APR	Captain Matthew Paradise
MAY	Another social hour
JUN	Lt Col Jim Avrit, USAF, (Ret)
JUL	Nathan Wilson- Ray scholar
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
7/10	Young Eagles 9:30 am
7/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/21-25	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
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
10/9	Young Eagles 9:30 am
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 <sup>st</sup> Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!	

**EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:11pm on June 14th, 2022 at Harry F. West Jr. Memorial Clubhouse

Present were VP Darrel Jones (DJ), Treasurer Bill Wheadon (BW), Secretary Yayoi West (YW), Board members Roland Gangloff (RG) and Robin Tatman (RT)

DJ reported that on Sunday, June 12, Chapter 1268 flew 12 Young Eagles and 3 adult Eagles with two pilots.

DJ will make an online schedule for Saturday BBQ volunteers and email the link to the members.

BW will send an email to the members asking for volunteers.

DJ will check with EAA about insurance covering the Saturday barbecues and will ask if the insurance covers non-EAA member volunteers.

RT If we let EAA know ahead of time, we can fly Young Eagles at any time.

DJ is continuing tutoring with Ray scholar Sebastian Johnson. Our goal is for him to take the private pilot written exam by the end of June. He needs to continue taking practice

exams. Sporty will endorse him for his written exam.

BW asked when he can expect to get an invoice from Petaluma Training Center for Sebastian's flight training. RT will ask Marc Ashton. DJ reported that we are trying to schedule a meeting with Ray scholar Philip Lachman and his father to resolve the suspended flight training.

DJ reported that there are ten people interested in joining the Sonoma Skypark Flying Club being organized at the airport.

RT There is a great gathering for Ray Scholars at Yolo Airport on June 18th, It is the NorCal Regional Ray Scholars Gathering.

RT reported the good news that Chapter 1268 received Gold Chapter status and banner from EAA.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Ernie Ganas prepared a delicious dinner of barbecued tri-tip steak, salad, garlic bread and ice cream.

The speaker was Lt. Col Jim Avrit, Ret., who talked about his experiences flying F-4 Phantom fighters as a Wild Weasel in Operation Desert Shield in Iraq.

## **WOMEN ON MOTORCYCLES**



Today in Mighty Girl history, two young women set off on an incredible journey in 1916 -- sisters Augusta and Adeline Van Buren began the first successful transcontinental motorcycle tour across the U.S. by two women on solo motorcycles. They rode 5,500 miles in 60 days often over unpaved roads while traveling from NYC to Tijuana, Mexico.

The imminent entrance of the U.S. into WWI inspired the sisters' feat as they sought to prove that women could ride as well as men and were capable of serving as military dispatch riders. The women dressed in military-style leggings and leather riding breeches which were taboo at that time for women and, as a result, they were arrested several times along the way for wearing men's clothing. Yet, these two inspirational trailblazers were undaunted. As Augusta famously once stated, "Woman can if she will."

Following their historic journey, both women continued to be trailblazers -- Adeline went on to earn a law degree at New York University while Augusta became a pilot and joined Amelia Earhart's international women's flying organization the Ninety-Nines. Augusta also became active in the women's rights movement fighting to win women the right to vote.

For two inspiring books about courageous female explorers throughout history, we recommend "Women Explorers: Perils, Pistols, and Petticoats" for ages 7 to 10 (<https://www.amightygirl.com/women-explorers>) and "The Atlas of Women Explorers" for ages 8 to 13 (<https://www.amightygirl.com/the-atlas-of-women-explorers>)

There is also a new book for tweens about current-day female explorers: "No Boundaries: 25 Women Explorers and Scientists Share Adventures, Inspiration, and Advice" for ages 10 to 13 at <https://www.amightygirl.com/no-boundaries>

**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 2022!** SEE YOU THERE!

**REMEMBER! THE JULY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JULY 12 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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EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please mail your dues to:**  
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