



THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
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BONNIE AND CLYDE TAKE TO THE SKIES!

Here's that sexy couple from Sonoma Skypark who took the mid-west by storm. Well, maybe the mid-west took care of the storms.

The other photo shows the Waco on floats for the Barnstormers Tour.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The next meeting will this Tuesday, July 8, in the Skycrafters' clubhouse, Hangar B-5 here at Sonoma Skypark. Our speaker will be our own Rich Cooper, who will talk about his experiences flying for the Navy.

Dinner will be prepared by Marilyn Poggensee and Walt Lewis, and will, once again, be a big surprise! I'll let you know if they need desserts.

It is also time to sign up for preparing the meals for the upcoming year. We started the dinner rotation last summer so this is the last meeting on last year's schedule.

We will need volunteers for the August meeting on through next July. We will put the sign-up schedule into the newsletter so you can contact me to get first pick on your preferred month.

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
August '08		
September '08		
October '08		
November '08		
December '08	Xmas Party	Potluck
January '09		
February '09		
March '09		
April '09		
May '09		
June '09		

July '09		
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Please reply with an email to wd6bor@vom.com or call 707-996-4494 and we will start filling this in!

See you all at the meeting!

DUES IS WAY PAST DUE!

If your memory is as bad as mine, give Bob Avrit a call at 707-9938-5818 to see if you have paid. Better yet, just send him a check for \$12 at 4479 Grove Street, Sonoma 95476.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

We've had a report that our own Building Chairman, Don Youngs, broke a leg. We talked to him recently and he seemed to be in good spirits and on the mend. He said that he did a half loop and a half roll and landed gear-up. He also told me to spread the word that when he comes back out to the airport that people had better be careful since he's now a bionic man with that titanium in his hip.

Don is looking forward to being at the EAA meeting in August. Give him a call for an update.

YOUNG EAGLES

May Young Eagles will be Sunday, July 13 from 9 am to noon, weather permitting.

We have had fewer helpers lately and could use some members to help the Young Eagles participants fill out their forms and prepare the certificates for their return. Please come on out for a few hours and visit and give us a hand.

Call or email Rich Cooper if you are able to help either by flying or as ground crew. His email is cooper@vom.com and his phone number is 707-938-5587.

EAA CHAPTER 1268 JUNE MINUTES

June 10, 2008

1900 hrs: Great dinner served yet again! The cooks this time were Gardner Bride and Sam McIntosh who did a great dinner burrito for the members.

Guests were Ed Steiger, Leslie and Dean Thomas, who live just to the east of Skypark and drive a Howard in their spare time, Sherry Harriman, Christian and Lisa Nelson and grandson Jackson, Sindy Mikkelsen and Tim Bloodgood. If any of them have joined Chapter 1268, welcome!

President Darrel Jones talked about Oshkosh and let people know that Bob Gutteridge from Santa Rosa Chapter 124 is getting a group together to fly back. He also gave a report on the Sonoma Skypark Family Fun Day May 31, which was a great success. Thanks were given to those Chapter 1268 members who helped out.

Treasurer Bob Avrit reported that the chapter has \$6,980.83 in the treasury and that we have fifty-five paid members to date. He reminded everyone to get their dues in in order to be included in the next roster.

Rich Cooper gave the Young Eagles report, and informed the members that nineteen Young Eagles were flown on June 8.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Paul Seibert encouraged new members to join through the chapter so we can get a signing bonus from the national EAA.

Sheri Secrist fell from her horse and broke some bones but is home recovering.

Don Youngs did a half loop and half roll and has a broken leg and hip joint replacement, but is also on the mend.

Gary McDonald announced that Petaluma is having a display day on June 21 from 10 am to 3 pm. Food and drink will be available and the event is hosted by PAPA.

Eric Presten reported that several Sonoma Skypark airplanes and pilots will take part in the Barnstormers' Tour starting soon in the mid-west.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

The speakers for the evening were Sarah Ratzenberger and Kelly from NOAA, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. They gave a presentation on the importance of maintaining minimum altitudes when flying over sensitive wildlife areas. They talked about the disruptions that occur when low flying aircraft disturb the nesting sea birds and mammals, causing them to abandon their nests.

Sarah pointed out that the minimum altitude for flight over critical areas is 1000 feet, and that the recommended minimum altitude of 2000 feet extends down most of our local coastline.

More information is available at <http://www.farallones.noaa.gov/pilots.html>.

FLY-INS TO CONSIDER

I am planning on making the trip up the Northwest Antique Airplane Club fly-in this August 15, 16 and 17 at McMinnville, Oregon. I haven't been to this fly-in since they closed Evergreen Field and moved.

You can check out the details at <http://www.nwaac.com/>.

Don Cooley has also been talking about having another local fly-out sometime in the near future. His last fly-out to Willows and the Nut Tree was great fun.



Here's that other sexy Sonoma Skyparkian on the Barnstormers' Tour this June.

BONUS MATERIAL!

TASTELESS HUMOR ALERT! STOP READING IF YOU HAVE GOOD TASTE!

So... this old pilot dies and is met at the pearly gates by St. Peter.

"OH! I see you were a pilot", says St. Peter... "Follow me."

St. Peter takes the pilot to a beautiful celestial airport with perfect smooth runways of all descriptions and hangar after hangar filled with the most wonderful aircraft ever made. "The keys are in them, fly anything you want. Fuel is no issue, they don't ever run out". Then he takes him over to a classy little joint at the FBO and brings

him inside. There's a buffet with all the best food and a fully stocked open bar with nothing but top shelf liquor. Sitting around the tables are some of the finest pilots that ever lived. St. Peter introduces him to a few and sits down to have a drink with him.

"Man! This really is heaven?" says the pilot, "Certainly not what I was expecting, this is wonderful!"

St. Peter just smiles and nods and pours him another drink. After sitting and drinking and reveling in it all for awhile, the pilot recognizes an old familiar sensation. Tentatively he asks, "Uh, St. Peter? Uh... I sure wasn't expecting this with this here brand new heavenly body, but I do believe I need to go find a rest room to uh... go relieve myself. I don't see any of the usual signs on doors, where should I go?"

"Oh, no problem", says St. Peter, "Just follow me".

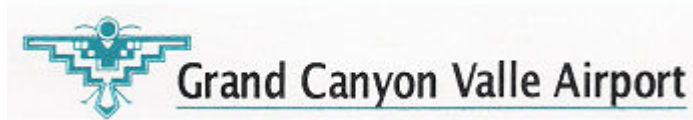
St. Peter takes him out back and shows him to the edge of a little hole in a cloud. "Just go right there".

The pilot walks over to the edge of the hole in the cloud and looks down over the edge. "Uh, St. Peter? There appears to be some people down there... "

"Oh that's OK", says the wise old Saint, "They're from the FAA"

I really feel I should insert a disclaimer here because the preceding story really isn't fair to those conscientious FAA employees who really are here to help.

OK, I'll take a vote at the meeting.



A Special Invitation

You're invited to join our Fourth Annual
"Thunder over the Coconino" Fly-In

SPONSORED BY EAA Chapter #856

Saturday, August 23, 2008; 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Grand Canyon Valle Airport, 40G (just 25 miles south of Grand Canyon!)
(Overnight accommodations are available at area hotels, motels, and campgrounds)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday Night: Early arrival BBQ - Open to all @ \$6.00 per person

Saturday (morning & afternoon):

"Thunder over the Coconino IV" Main Event

- * Pancake breakfast with a variety of other foods available throughout the event
- * Fly-in with vintage aircraft, warbirds, homebuilts, experimentals, & general aviation
 - * Chili Cook-off and tasting*
 - * Car Show
 - * Vintage Tractor Display
- * EAA Young Eagles Flights
- * Ford Tri-Motor, warbird & helicopter rides
- * Planes of Fame Air Museum
- * Vendors

Saturday (Night): Dinner & EAA Silent Auction

(By invitation only - contact us for more information)

- * "Dinner in the Hangar"
- * Silent Auction benefiting EAA Young Eagles

Sunday: On your own

Ideas & Options in Grand Canyon Vicinity:

- * Visit to Grand Canyon National Park (park entrance is approx 25 minutes from Valle Airport)
 - * Grand Canyon IMAX Movie (National Geographic Visitor Center, Tusayan)
- * Scenic Flight over the Grand Canyon (airplane or helicopter) departs @ Grand Canyon Airport
 - * Trip on Grand Canyon Railway from Williams to Grand Canyon Village
 - * Colorado River Float Trip

Please note that all above ideas are not included in the event, and are suggestions for your own enjoyment. They each require separate fees. Please call if we can help with arrangements.

Our goal is to make "Thunder over the Coconino" bigger and better each year, and your club would be a welcome addition to our 2008 event. Should you decide to join us, we will set aside a special area for you, giving event attendees the opportunity to view and photograph your aircraft, as well as visit with pilots and gain a greater appreciation of aviation. Meeting areas are available. Please give me a call at (928)635-5280 or e-mail info@valleairport.com as soon as possible so that we may count you in this year!

Sincerely,
Norm Gobeil, Airport Administrator

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**REMEMBER! THE MAY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER
1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JULY 8, AT 7 PM, AT SONOMA SKYPARK, SKYCRAFTERS
CLUBHOUSE, HANGAR B5!
DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM, SO DON'T BE LATE!**

SKYCRAFTER MEMBERSHIP

EAA CHAPTER 1268 Membership Dues: \$12 per year.

Name: _____ EMAIL: _____

Address: _____ APT: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ **EXPIRATION DATE:** _____

AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: _____

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

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