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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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SONOMA NEWS MEDIA EYE IN THE SKY!

Bill Hoban, managing editor of the Sonoma Index Tribune, got a bird's eye look at Sonoma Valley thanks to Frank Russo during the Sonoma Skypark

Disaster Drill on Saturday, March 14. Thanks Frank!

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The next meeting will be this Tuesday, April 14 in the Skyrafters' clubhouse, Hangar B-5. Dinner will be provided by Jack Caldwell and crew.

I've misplaced the information on our April speaker, but he has asked for a projector so I know we will have a multi-media presentation. That means there will be pictures.

Come out and meet our mystery guest!

DINNER SCHEDULE

Roy Meyers generously volunteered to coordinate the dinners so give him a call at 415-897-2983 or email to Flyboyroy@aol.com to reserve your month. We look like we have meals covered through June, so we can start working on the second half of the year.

Chapter members preparing the meals are often pairing up and working together to provide dinner. If you don't feel that you can prepare the entire dinner yourself, go through the roster and give another members a call to ask them to help you.

Meeting attendance is usually between thirty or forty people and the club will reimburse our cooks for their out-of-pocket expenses preparing the meal.

We've only had to go out for pizza once, and that was due to a communications lapse on my part, so the system is working well.

The schedule so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
April '09	Jack C.	?
May '09	Larry N.	?
June '09	Darrel J.	?
July '09	?	?

Please let Roy Myers know by email to Flyboyroy@aol.com or call 415-897-2983

which month you want and we will finish filling this in!

YOUNG EAGLES

April Young Eagles would have been on Easter Sunday, so Young Eagles has been postponed until the second Sunday in May, on the 12th. Weather permitting.

We always need two to three people to rotate to cover greeting the Young eagles and parents, as well as help them register. Come out Sunday and give us a hand!

Call or email Rich Cooper if you are able to help March 8 either by flying or as ground crew. Remember that Daylight Savings time starts this Sunday!

Rich's email is cooper@vom.com and his phone number is 707-938-5587.

OSHKOSH 2009

July 27 through August 2. Clear your calendar, we're going flying!

DAVIS OPEN HOUSE APRIL 25

The Friends of University Airport, a local organization devoted to the preservation and enhancement of University Airport, is hosting its 7th Annual Open house on Saturday, April 25th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

Numerous aircraft will be on display and will range from classic aircraft of the 1930's, modern homebuilt aircraft, and military trainers to current civilian models. The event is unique in that visitors will be able to inspect the aircraft "Up close" without the typical barriers used at many such events. Additionally, local pilots will be available to answer any questions the curious might have. Also on display will be 15 vintage Rolls Royce automobiles, as well as a variety of hot-rods and other enthusiast cars. Food will be available for purchase and

convenient parking is available at the airport.

A representative from the Cal Aggie Flying Farmers will be there for those who might be interested in learning to fly. The club was formed in 1947 (the year the airport opened) and is open to the public. The club operates 10 aircraft for instruction and rental.

Davis is the only University of California campus with its own airport. Established in 1947 by C. Harold Hopkins, the airport and surrounding agricultural land was purchased by the University from Mr. Hopkins in 1950.

To get to the University Airport, take Highway 113 to Hutchinson Road and travel west for about one mile. Turn left on Hopkins Road and then left at the University Airport sign.

I received the following invitation for our club members:

We are having an open house at University Field in Davis on Saturday, April 25 and hoped you would inform your members should they care to come visit, show their planes and promote GA and the homebuilding community. We have recently changed some of the FOUA Board and as an Experimental pilot I hope to encourage the homebuilding aspect of aviation at our field. We have several aircraft under construction at this time. Attached you will find an overview of our organization and a flyer for the event. We ask that planes arrive by 9 AM for visitor safety and we'll help push anyone out to the taxiways should they wish to leave early. There will be food and sodas for sale by the Sacramento chapter but we'll have a BBQ set up at one of our hangars to feed anyone that shows a plane and look forward to meeting members of your chapter. Thank you for your interest,

Dave Viglierchio
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Davis, CA KEDU

PETALUMA POKER RUN

As you know our annual Poker Run is going to be held on Saturday, May 9th, starting at our home Petaluma Airport O69

We will start with coffee, muffins and a pilot briefing at 10 AM. at our terminal building; flying at 11 AM. to 6 other airports, (more on them later). 4 PM. ends the flying, we meet back at Joe and Rick's Hanger for results of the winners and losers, time for drinks, then a world class Chicken Barbecue, with all the trimmings at 5 PM. All this, plus a Hat and big prize money, for only \$30.00 per hand, you do not have to fly to purchase a hand.

We are looking for folks to help out with the event, there are lot's of fun things to do, so please e-mail or call me to sign up.

All my best,

Gary 707-333-4464

SPECIAL INVITATION TO CALIFORNIA EAA FROM MINTER FIELD, SHAFTER, CA

Date: 3/1/2009 2:35:50 PM

Subject: Minter Field Fly-In - April 18th, 2009

The Minter Field Air Museum will hold "A Minter Field Aircraft Reunion and Fly-In" Saturday, April 18th, 2009 8AM - 3PM We are inviting aircraft of the type that were at Minter Field during the WW II era ! BT-13 - B-25 - UC-78 - Stearman - Trainers - L-Birds and Others To join us for a reunion of Minter Aircraft.

Rides will be available - See Website to register

We will also invite Tail Draggers, Antiques, Home-Built, Experimentals, RVs, Sports Planes and Ultra-Lites To Fly-in for the day. We will also have a few other surprises. Minter Field will not be closed for the day - This is not an Air Show Format. We are planning a Pancake Breakfast to be served at the Fly-In beginning at 8am. Price for the Breakfast is \$5 - Under 6 Free Watch the Museum website for more information as it becomes available:

www.MinterFieldAirMuseum.com Here are gate admissions for all: (Fly-Ins are Free) Adults: \$10 Seniors & Vets: \$8 - Students 6-17: \$5 Under 6 Free Pilots please register by e-mail at mfam@minterfieldairmuseum.com or by calling (661) 703-5005 We would appreciate a reply if you are planning to fly-in.

4TH ANNUAL CENTRAL SIERRA HELICOPTER MEET

MAY 1-3 2009 IS AN ALL HELICOPTER MEET: It is open to Home Built and Factory ships at all staging of building. We love to have you bring your photo albums if you don't bring a ship. Camping on site is available or motel 2 miles away.. Welcome in on Thursday...
Call Hap or Nancy Miller 707-833-5905
cshelimeet.com

2009 CALENDAR

I've put together a calendar for some nearby activities and destinations. If you are going to one of these please let me know and we will find some pilots and planes to fly with you.

April 18, 2009 **Petaluma Airport Display Day**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Apr 25, 2009 **Tracy Municipal Airport 80th Anniversary Celebration and Fly-In**, Tracy, CA, 68 miles

Apr 26, 2009 **Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show**, Half Moon Bay, CA, 57 miles

Apr 28-29, 2009 **B-17 tour stop**, Stockton, CA, 68 miles

May 1-3, 2009 **COLUMBIA Canard Flyin**, Columbia, CA, 118 miles

May 1-3, 2009 **4TH ANNUAL CENTRAL SIERRA HELICOPTER MEET**, GROVELAND, CA, 145 miles

May 1-3, 2009 **B-17 tour stop**, Napa, CA, 5 miles

May 2, 2009 **Rancho Murieta Airport Day**, Rancho Murieta, CA, 74 miles

May 2, 2009 **EAA Chapter 119 Young Eagles Rally**, Watsonville, CA, 101 miles

May 8-10, 2009 **Gathering of Luscombes**, Columbia, CA, 114 miles

May 9, 2009 **Western Regional Zenith Fly-in**, Cloverdale, CA, 42 miles

May 11-29, 2009 **SLSA/ELSA Repairman Maintenance Course**, Corning, CA, 114 miles

May 15-16, 2009 **Taylorcraft Fly-in, Sonoma Skypark**, Sonoma, CA

May 22-24, 2009 **Watsonville Airshow**, Watsonville, CA, 101 miles

May 23, 2009 **6th Annual Northern California Sonex Fly-In**, Rio Linda, CA, 61 miles

May 30, 2009 **Sonoma Skypark Annual Family Fun Day**, Sonoma, CA

Jun 12-14, 2009 **Golden West Regional Air Show and Fly-In**, Marysville, CA, 84 miles

Jun 20, 2009 **EAA Chapter 124 Young Eagles Flights**, Santa Rosa, CA, 20 miles

Jul 11, 2009 **Nevada County Airfest**, Grass Valley, CA, 100 miles

Jul 18, 2009 **Old Time Fly-in**, Colusa, CA 68 miles

Aug 14-16, 2009 Northwest Antique Airplane Club Fly-in, Pearson Field, Vancouver, WA

Sep 4-6, 2009 **McMinnville Aircraft Fly-In**, McMinnville, OR, 479 miles

Oct 4, 2009 **Wings and Wheels**, Rio Vista, CA, 42 miles

Oct 15-17, 2009 **Parade of Planes**, Hayward, CA 48 miles

Send your information on any other fly-ins or destinations and we will update our calendar during the year.

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2009

1930 hrs Chili dinner served with salad and desert of ice cream and cookies

President Darrel Jones called meeting to order and thanked Bill Wheadon for the great chili dinner and his helpers Roy Meyers and Nelleke Cooper

Guests : Don Cooley's wife, and Ron Prices wife and her mother June Gaylord were introduced along with Kirsten Cooper and Marci's Fahraji's son Bon Mari

Bob Avrit treasurers report stated that there is \$ 6954.82 in the chapter general fund .Dinner receipts of \$192, memberships dues of \$242, and expenses of, dinner \$199.70, kitchen supplies \$11.30, and DVD accessories \$44.

Membership: Bill Wheadon , new name tags have been placed on the board and this year's paid up color is Cub yellow. Last year's was Cessna white so please pay your dues to get it right. We have 60 paid up members so far this year.

Young Eagles: BK is back after a long recuperation from back surgery. Rich Cooper said the weather caused a delay until 10:45 then things got rolling and 15 Young Eagles were given a valley tour.

Air Explorers: Walt Lewis The chapter is going to sponsor two explorers ,possibly three to the EAA Air Academy this year. The group is also planning a visit to Yolo County Airport, to see Jim Rollison's collection, and are trying to get all the paper work that will be necessary to cover the possibility of flying them there. The last

meeting Paul Seibert continued with tool indoctrination and the boys got in some of their first radio control flying. They now have a donated work bench in the hangar. Air Explorer Travis Morton said that they have \$2300 from the BBQ lunches and \$300 from the post for the expense of sending candidates to the Air Academy. The explorers would like to request \$500 from EAA chapter 1268 to help with the amount required and donations through our EAA chapter would be tax deductible.

Rich Cooper also said that Young Eagle Emmanuel age 12 , too young to be an Air Explorer and too advanced for his age group at the EAA Academy, is looking for a way to OSK for Air Adventure.

Fly out: Don Cooley is planning a Watts Woodland lunch and then on to Vacaville for a visit to see Duncan Millers collection around the third week of April.

New Business;

The members present voted and approved that \$500 be given to the Air Explores to help send candidates to EAA Air Academy this year.

The chapter has an offer From Yayoi West for a perpetual Harry West scholarship fund. The chapter will participate in the Disaster Response Drill on Saturday March 14th.

20:30 hrs Meeting adjourned

Guest speaker for the evening was Ray Peterson, an Air Sheriff who flies a Cessna 182 for the CAP search and rescue. His presentation was about FAAST , FAA Safety Team, runway incursions , various accidents and how to avoid or prevent them. to be a resource to the local community when that happens.

Check this out. One of our own.

<http://forum.planetalk.net/viewtopic.php?t=7708>

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**REMEMBER! THE APRIL MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER
1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 14, AT 7 PM, AT THE SONOMA SKYPARK
SKYCRAFTERS CLUBHOUSE, HANGAR B5.
DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM, SO DON'T BE LATE!**

SKYCRAFTER MEMBERSHIP

EAA CHAPTER 1268 Membership Dues: \$15 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**

Please mail your dues to:

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