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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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LOW TOUCH AND GO AT SONOMA SKYPARK LAST SATURDAY

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The March meeting will be this Tuesday, March 9, with dinner starting at 7 p.m. dinner will be a surprise prepared by Gary McDonald and Ed Steiger, with Bill Wheadon bringing some chili to round out the meal.

Our speaker will be Richard Craig, one of our chapter members, who will give a presentation on "Light Sport Aircraft". Richard will cover the LSA rules and highlights of most of the successful LSA's (sales #'s included).

Roy *IS STILL* looking for cooks to fill out our schedule for the rest of the year, so let him know which month you want.

YOUNG EAGLES

March Young Eagles will be Sunday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. If you know someone who has a youngster age 8 to 17 who would like a free flight to introduce them to the fun and wonder of flying let them know about our Young Eagles rides.

We are also talking about flying out for lunch immediately following the Young Eagles flights. I had planned to go over to the Two-Niner Diner at Petaluma airport last month but the mission was scratched due to low ceilings. We can try again this month.

Come out and join the fun!

BK White has taken over as Young Eagles coordinator, so give him a call at 707-996-1335 or email him at bkeagle1@vom.com to let him know you will be flying and helping.

DINNER SCHEDULE

The schedule for next year so far is:

| Month | Cook 1 | Cook 2 |
|---------------|-----------|------------|
| March '10 | Gary McD | Ed S |
| April '10 | Rich C | Nelleke C |
| May '10 | Darrel J | Catherine |
| June '10 | Jeannie W | Jeanette W |
| July '10 | Marsi F | ? |
| August '10 | ? | ? |
| September '10 | Walt | ? |
| October '10 | Ron P | ? |
| November '10 | ? | ? |
| December '10 | XMAS | PARTY! |

Let Roy know which month you want at Flyboyroy@aol.com or phone at 415-897-2983 which month you want and we will finish filling in the list for the rest of the year!

SPEAKERS

Our April speaker is tentatively scheduled to be Shawna Kelly, Author of "Aviators in Early Hollywood".

Shawna will tell us about, and do a signing of, her new book about the classic aviator actors of motion pictures.

Check out the her book at <http://www.aviators.synthasite.com>

We are always looking for a few good speakers.

Are you building or have you ever built an airplane? Had an interesting/wonderful/exciting/terrifying flying experience? Know something about aviation or the associated technology? You can come brag and show pictures and go home with a bottle of wine and our undying gratitude. Well, the bottle of wine anyway.

Please let Paul Seibert and/or Jorge Oros know and they will happily schedule you into our speakers' bureau.

| Month | Speaker | Subject |
|-------|---------------|-----------|
| Mar | Richard Craig | LSA |
| Apr | Shawna Kelly | Hollywood |
| May | ? | ? |
| Jun | ? | ? |
| Jul | ? | ? |
| Aug | ? | ? |
| Sep | ? | ? |
| Oct | ? | ? |
| Nov | ? | ? |
| Dec | Sandy Claws | FAA lists |

COMBINATION TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT

For the month of February we had deposits of \$231 - \$150 for 10 dues renewals and a cash deposit of \$81 for meal receipts. Expenses for February were two checks totaling \$458.27. One check for \$321.00 to EAA National and one check to Darrel Jones in the amount of \$137.27 for reimbursement of materials purchased. Total checking account balance is \$8019.93.

As of March 4, 2010 the Chapter has 49 paid up dues members for 2010 versus 46 at this time last year. This month will begin the transition to new name badges. This year the color for paid- up members is green. If your name badge is still straw colored it means that my records show that you are not current with your 2010 dues. I have been known to make mistakes so if you have paid, let me know. Also if I've got your name wrong on your name tag, tell me and I'll correct it – making new badges is a simple matter.

Past members who have renewed are Didier Makowski and Tim Bennett. Didier is building a Piper L4 Replica and Tim Bennett, the treasurer who preceded Bob Avrit, is living in northern Washington close to the water and is pursuing his interest in float flying.

Report submitted by Bill Wheadon

2010 CALENDAR

Cactus Fly-in, Casa Grande, AZ: March 5-6
Sun-n-Fun, Lakeland, FL: April 13-18,
Pacific Coast Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay, CA: April 25

Los Angeles Aero Meet: June 12-13
Arlington EAA Fly-in, Arlington, WA: July 9-11

Airventure 2010: July 26-Aug. 1, Oshkosh, WI

Wings Over Wine Country, Santa Rosa, CA: Aug. 27-28

Watsonville Fly-In and Airshow, Watsonville, CA: Sep. 4-5

Start sending me your information on your favorite fly-ins and air shows for next year.

OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST

This from Board member Paul Seibert

FEMALE PILOTS TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL BY "PAYING IT FORWARD"

Around the world, women plan to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first time a woman earned a pilot certificate by taking a woman or girl for her first flight in a general-aviation aircraft during the week of March 6 to 12. Raymonde De Laroche, a French balloonist, learned to fly a fixed-wing aircraft and was the first woman to receive a pilot certificate, on March 8, 1910. So far, pilots from the U.S., France, Spain, Mongolia, and many other countries have signed up to participate in what they hope will be a world-record-setting event. The Ninety-Nines, Women in Aviation International, the International Society of Woman Airline Pilots, EAA, and other groups have signed on to help with the effort. "Nothing can inspire a woman to learn to fly more than meeting a woman who became a pilot," say the organizers of the Centennial of Women Pilots. Women who want to participate in the record attempt must pre-register at the group's [Web site](#).

Related Content:

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EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

The February minutes will be sent in an email Monday so you will have a chance to look them over before the meeting.

ONE LAST NOTE

With regret we report the death of Bud Field on February 10th. Bud was one of the most enthusiastic flyers and antique airplane buffs I've ever known. His joy in sharing his love of flying was contagious. We will all miss his smile and good cheer and wish him clear skies and following winds on his flight west.

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DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE!

REMEMBER! THE MARCH MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 9, AT 7 P.M., AT THE SKYCRAFTER'S CLUBHOUSE HANGAR G-1 AT SONOMA SKYPARK AIRPORT.

DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM, SO DON'T BE LATE!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE 6 P.M. BEFORE THE MEETING

SKYCRAFTER MEMBERSHIP

EAA CHAPTER 1268 Membership Dues: **\$15 per year.**

Name: _____ EMAIL: _____

Address: _____ APT: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone number, home: _____ work: _____

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

AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: _____

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

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