



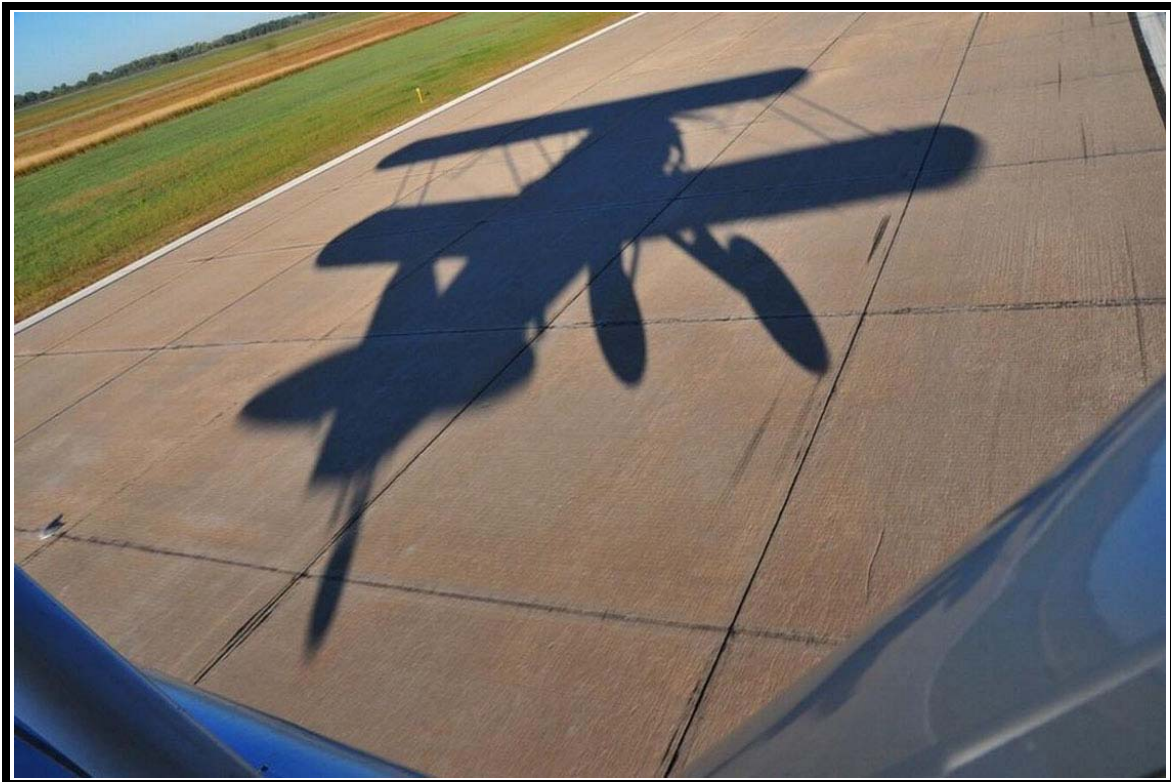
THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter
of the Sonoma Skycrafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
21870 Eighth Street East
Sonoma, CA 95476

FEBRUARY 2012



THIS IS A PHOTO FROM GARY MC DONALD FROM MY FILE

My collection of good EAA Chapter 1268 photos is pretty well used up. Please take some nice photos of our friends and planes and send them in for the newsletter.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The February meeting will be this Tuesday, February 14, with dinner starting at 7 p.m. in the Chapter 1268 clubhouse, B-5, at Sonoma Skypark.

Dinner will be chili, corn bread and salad by Bill and Jan Wheadon, with dessert by Marsi Fahraji.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This meeting, I'll be talking to all of you about Light Sport. What the heck is Light Sport? Can I fly as a Sport Pilot? Is my plane Light Sport? I'll answer all of these questions for you Tuesday night. I'll also cover how airspace has changed in the last fifteen years. This way, you won't be the guy on the radio asking Bay Approach if you can enter the TCA.

Other news is that Sonoma Skypark now has a weather camera! It's mounted up in the flight school, and takes a picture of the view to the south every 30 seconds. You can see it at www.sonomaflying.com/weather . The top of the hills it's pointing at are 916' MSL, so you can use that to figure out the ceiling. How high does it have to be to be legal to fly? You'll have to come to the meeting to find out!

Travis

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER'S REPORT

EAA Chapter 1268
February 2012

Treasurer - Our treasury has a calculated value of \$5846 versus a bank statement value of \$5577.10. The difference is due to the January deposit being made after the cutoff for the January cycle. Credits were accrued by member's dues renewal. Also dinner receipts were slightly in excess of expenditures. A check to EAA National to cover our annual chapter renewal (\$390) was the only debit.

Membership – 17 members have renewed in January which leaves a lot who need to pay their \$15 in order to be current. Remember your dues help to sustain our organization by paying for such things as

our annual chapter renewal with EAA National (\$390) as mentioned in the previous paragraph.

If you're not sure you have paid, check the color of your name badge. If it's blue you're paid, if it's white you're not.

Also if you've had changes to your email address, telephone #, etc. please put it on the form that comes with the newsletter or pick up one in the clubhouse (in the basket under the name badge board).

Bill Wheadon
EAA 1268 Treasurer and Membership
Chairman

YOUNG EAGLES, FEBRUARY 12

Young Eagles was Sunday, February 12 from 9 a.m. to noon. BK will give his report at the meeting, but we had twenty-seven Young Eagles flown by seven pilots; Jeanette Woods, Ron Price, Bill Wheadon, Trevor Meeks, Frank Russo, Nerio Festa and Darrel Jones.

The morning was solidly foggy at the airport but the sun had warmed things up enough that the fog burned off by 10:30 and the pilots started loading and going. Having some four place airplanes once again made getting this many Young Eagles into the air possible. The waiting list was cleared by noon and the day finished successfully before the clouds started blowing in again in the afternoon.

Registration was once again able handled by Jasmine Villasenor and Marsi Fahraji.

The Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club had their demonstration station set up and operating and were able to work multiple long-distance contacts during the morning. Any member of EAA Chapter 1268 interested in earning an amateur radio license can stop by on the Young Eagles second Sunday of the month and get more information about the license requirements and the hobby.

As always BK White is asking for volunteer pilots, ground crew and registration helpers at our monthly Young Eagles events. Let him know you will be joining us and helping our by sending him an email to eagle1@vom.com or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

The February movie night will be Friday, February 24, with popcorn and an exciting aerial adventure serial at 6 p.m. and the 1927 Best Picture Academy Award winner “Wings” as our feature film starting at 7.

There will be pizza for \$5 per person, and popcorn just to whet your appetite (or spoil it).

See you at the movies on movie night, **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24** at 6 p.m.



DINNER SCHEDULE

We are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2012 so let Roy know if you would like to

be one of our sugar cookies. Roy can be found at Flyboyroy@aol.com or by phone at 415-897-2983. 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	Cook 1	Cook 2
2012 DINNER SCHEDULE		
FEB '12	Bill W.	Jan W.
MAR '12	Marsi F.	Amir F.
APR '12	Rich C.	Nelleke C.
MAY '12	?	?
JUN '12	?	?
JUL '12	?	?
AUG '12	?	?
SEP '12	?	?
OCT '12	Air Explorers	?
NOV '12	?	?
DEC '12	XMAS	PARTY

SPEAKERS

We are still looking for speakers, so send Travis an email at Jungroth@gmail.com and copy an email to me at wd6bor@vom.com so we can get your information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker	Subject
2012 SPEAKER SCHEDULE		
FEB	Travis Morton	Light Sport
MAR	Rich Cooper	Pan Am
APR	?	
MAY	?	
JUN	?	
JUL	?	
AUG	?	
SEP	?	
OCT	Air Academy	OSH report
NOV	?	
DEC	FROSTY	ICING OPS

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

EAA Chapter 1268 BOARD MINUTES
January 10, 2012 6:00 p.m.

Officers present: Darrel Jones, Jeanette Woods, Travis Morton, Bill Wheadon, B.K. White, Gardner Bride, Roy Myers.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Voting for Board of Director positions.

Incumbent BOD members have been elected.

Scheduling of dinner cooks and speakers a priority.

A call to members will be made at the general meeting. Current schedule:

EAA renewals due January 15, 2012; \$15 Renewal. Blue badge= Paid; White = Unpaid

Grass Roots Fly-in weekend after Labor Day.

Offered by EAA National

Sporty's online ground school

Pay for 1-flight lesson, approx.. \$160 (voucher)

Young Eagles ride entitles you to log into Sporty's

If completed exam via Sporty's, EAA will reimburse test cost

One flight lesson / 1 written exam

Announcements to be made

EAA Chapter 1268 Air Academy applications are being accepted.

IRS 501.c.3 – currently pending.

Standard Operating Procedure manual – pending.

Meal accounting for 2011, net proceeds almost \$600.00

January 27, 2011's Movie Night feature Spirit of St. Louis

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TREASURER'S REPORT See, *The Flying Times* Newsletter

BOD Announcement (by Paul Siebert) EAA Chairman Hightower is meeting with Boy Scouts of America to work together to get more young people into aviation.

John Cabo "J.P.", about 22 years old was licensed by Ray. He's at ATP flight school in Sacramento and obtaining multi-ratings.

BOD Announcement (by Walt Lewis) Red Tail (Tuskegee Airmen) to open January 20, 2011. Would like to have a movie night for same.

Also regarding Air Explorers - - would like our members to introduce themselves to the Air Explorers. Embrace a friendship.

YOUNG EAGLES

EAA Chapter flights provided from Day 1 in 1992 to present; approximately 2,180.

On Sunday, January 8, 2012 FROM 9 A.M. to noon. BK will give his report at the meeting, but we had nineteen Young Eagles flown by five of our pilots.

We estimate that in 2011 we accrued approximately 587 credits towards the Young Eagle flight fund.

YOUNG EAGLES (by B.K. White)

Chapter's continued support requested.

Renewal is \$20 and fee is requested from Chapter.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sonoma Community College (Petaluma Campus) – is offering a course entitled, Private Pilot's Ground School, 13-sessions \$153.00, commencing January 26, 2012, from 7-930 pm. This course will prepare you for the written exam.

Meeting adjourned 6:55 p.m.

EAA CHAPTER 1268 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:54 p.m. by President Travis Morton.

Gardner Bride moved to ratify minutes for October-November 2011 meetings.

Building Chair / Board Member Darrel Jones

Acknowledges club members for the Clubroom's new look. Insulation, painting, electrical (separate circuit breakers, yeah!) - all installed.

Air Academy applications (ages 12-18) – six spots are open. We kindly ask that all applications be submitted by February 28. Decisions will be announced in March.

Young Eagles – November 13, 2011, we had 25 Young Eagles; 9 pilots.

Young Eagles – January 8, 2012, we had 19 Young Eagles; 5 pilots.

Trivia Since 1992 EAA 1268 Club has flown approx.. 2,180 Young Eagles. We are in top 20% in Nation.

CUPCAKE LADY

A Young Eagles mom named, Nancy Ariaspeters who has twins, (Dante and Teya) baked and decorated beautiful cupcakes for the January 8 Young Eagles event. Thank you very much! Greatly appreciated.

Baked Chicken, beans, salads by Roy Meyers. Homemade cookies by Catherine Jones. Yum, Yum!

Guests Scott and Marc Dubois.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Current balance \$6,000.
Renewal of membership fees are now due. (Blue tags indicate Paid // White indicate unpaid. Please submit with forms in envelopes provided.

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AIR ACADEMY (by Walt Lewis)

As members of EAA 1268, please introduce yourselves to the Air Explorers and become a friend. Let them know who you are.

Walt proposed that we have a movie night showcasing, Red Tails, a George Lucas movie based on the Tuskegee Airmen. Jack Caldwell donated funds to sponsor some of the Air Explorers and Young Eagles to a showing of the movie. Thank you Jack!

Ron Price announced that on January 11, 2012; Wednesday, there will be a meeting for the Petaluma Airport Pilots Association. 5:30 cocktails; 630 Dinner; 7:15 speaker. Ken Mangin, (Maintenance Operations) and Don Smith (Head Chef).

January 12, 2012; Thursday, AOPA Meeting at Flamingo Conference Resort. 7-9 pm.

March 2-3 – Cactus Fly-In to Arizona (800-Miles).

Ron Meyers has suggested we increase the meal cost, as cost of living has increased. Under consideration.

Meeting adjourned 8:29 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Marsi Fahraji, Secretary

NOTES:

Ray Spengler returned to Skypark Feb 5th and picked up his Stinson 108 for ground transport to its new home airport at Midland/Odessa Texas.

Ray is now President/Chief Flight Instructor of Skypark Aviation LLC located in Midland Tx.

While here on the 5th, Ray renewed his membership and said to say hello to all in Chapter 1268.

Paul Seibert

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 IS STILL A MODEST FIFTEEN BUCKS, SO BRING SOME CASH FOR DINNER AND A BIT MORE TO PAY YOUR DUES. SEE YOU THERE!

REMEMBER! THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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!

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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