



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
21870 Eighth Street East  
Sonoma, CA 95476

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## SONOMA SKYPARK/EAA CHAPTER 1268 CHRISTMAS PARTY

It was great. What else can I say?

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### FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, January 14**. The Board of Directors is scheduled to meet at 6:00 p.m., although a number of officers won't be at the meeting. Any critical business

can be taken care of over Saturday hamburgers or by telephone before the next meeting.

Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. after the Board of Directors' meeting, and is \$6.00 per person. Our chefs for the month will be Aviation Explorer Post 1268 and will consist of lasagna, Caesar salad, and garlic bread.

Our speakers will be Garrett Porter and Daniel Shulte, two of our 2013 Air Academy scholarship recipients and members of Air Explorer Post 1268.

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN  
AND TREASURER REPORT**  
**January 2014**

**Membership Report** So quickly the New Year has rolled around and with it the necessity to get current with ongoing subscriptions, membership dues, and probably the least desired activity in that regard – tax gathering information.

I'm happy to report that the board of directors has not voted to increase dues – still just \$15. When you do renew, please make certain that your membership has not changed, but if it has let me know so I can update the roster. The membership forms are located in the clubhouse – in the envelopes in the basket under the badge board.

**Treasurer's Report** Activity in our checking account in December was limited to one deposit of \$1080.00 which was derived from two dues renewals and two donations to the Air Academy Fund. Our current checking account balance stands at \$6648.82

That's all for now – see you at the meeting,

Bill Wheadon  
EAA 1268 Membership Chairman and  
Treasurer

**YOUNG EAGLES JANUARY 12**

It's a bright, sunny day as this is written. It should be a glorious Young Eagles Flight Day. BK will have the report at the meeting.

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

**AIR EXPLORER UPDATE**

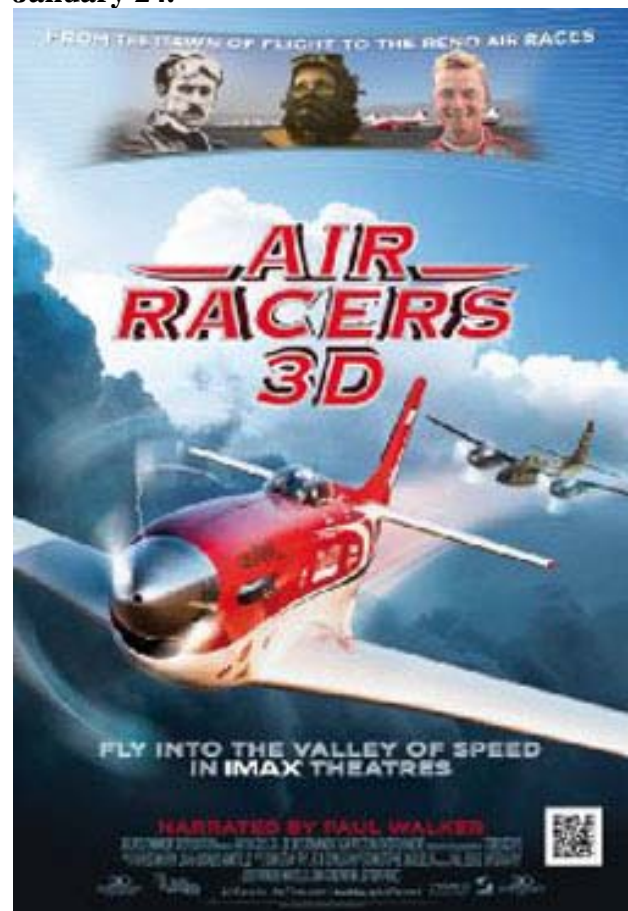
The latest from the Aviation Explorers:

Hello from Air Explorers! We will be furnishing the meal and program at the January meeting.

Robin (OK. It's really Batboy subbing for her)

**MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK**

Movie night for January will be **Friday, January 24.**



The film will be a recent release, "Air Racers", and will start at 7 pm after the latest Sky King episode.

Pizza is always available for \$5 per person, including beverages, and complimentary popcorn just to whet your appetite (or spoil it), courtesy of Walt Lewis and his Amazing Real Movie Theater Popcorn Popping Extravaganza Machine.

See you at the movies on Skypark Movie Night, **FRIDAY, JANUARY 24** at 6 p.m.

**DINNER SCHEDULE**

We are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2014 so let Roy know if you would like to be one of our famous chefs for the upcoming year. Roy can be found at [Flyboyroy@aol.com](mailto:Flyboyroy@aol.com) or by phone at 415-897-2983. You can also let me know at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) and I'll put you on the roster.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cook	Meal
2014 DINNER SCHEDULE		
JAN	Air Explorers	lasagna
FEB	Bill & Jan W.	
MAR	Rich & Nelleke	
APR		
MAY	Jeanette & Jeanne	
JUN		
JUL		
AUG		
SEP		
OCT		
NOV		
DEC	XMAS	PARTY

**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.

Month	Speaker/Member	Subject
2014 SPEAKER SCHEDULE		
JAN	Air Explorers	Air Academy
FEB		

MAR		
APR		
MAY		
JUN		
JUL		
AUG		
SEP		
OCT		
NOV		
DEC	Chris K.	

**2014 EAA 1268 CALENDAR**

Send me any events you have for the calendar and I'll put them in.

DATE	EVENT
2/9	Young Eagles 9 Am
2/11	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
2/28	Air Academy application deadline
3/9	Young Eagles 9 Am
3/11	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
4/8	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
4/13	Young Eagles 9 Am
5/11	Young Eagles 9 Am
5/13	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
6/7	Skypark Family Fun Day
6/8	Young Eagles 9 Am
6/10	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
7/8	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
7/13	Young Eagles 9 Am
7/28	AirVenture Oshkosh 7/28-8/3
8/10	Young Eagles 9 Am
8/12	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
9/9	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
9/14	Young Eagles 9 Am
10/12	Young Eagles 9 Am
10/14	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
11/9	Young Eagles 9 Am
11/11	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
12/	XMAS party at Sonoma Skypark!

**EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

**September 10, 2013 minutes**

Board of Directors meeting

President Don Booker called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm. Officers present were Paul

Siebert, Jeanette Woods, Bill Wheadon, Marsi Fahraji, Robin Tatman, BK White and Darrel Jones.

Bill reported that the Chapter has \$6077.83, with the scholarship fund at about \$1100.

Robin reported that there are two new Air Explorers. She also reported that the Air Explorers will be selling hot dogs at the Petaluma Airport display day September 21, where astronaut Rex Waldhelm will be the featured guest.

Marsi reported that Bill and Jeanette were the only Young Eagles pilots between them on Sunday, September 8.

Paul reported that EAA needs 30 days advance notice of field trips or Chapter activities for insurance coverage.

Don adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Dinner was furnished by Marsi and was a traditional Persian meal featuring sandwiches with chicken cutlets, saffron rice, lentils and raisins and potato salad. Robin brought banana pudding and hot fudge sundaes for dessert.

The general membership meeting was called to order at 7:40 by Don.

The August minutes were approved as published.

The officers gave their reports from the Board meeting.

BK's daughter Debbie was a guest.

Robin reported that the Air Explorers are raising funds to pay for beginning flight and glider lessons for the Air Explorer members.

BK read letters from the Chapter's Air Academy participants. Ben Presten received dual training from Andrew Walker in a Cessna 162 Garrett Porter worked in the shops and made a spark plug holder.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The speaker was Tom Ryan, who talked about his experiences as a parachutist in 1959 jumping in a conical parachute and his work developing controllable parachutes. He pioneered photography while jumping and had a job on the television show "Ripcord".

### **October 8, 2013 minutes**

Board of Directors meeting

President Don Booker called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Officers present were Paul Siebert, Jeanette Woods, BK White, Bill Wheadon and Darrel Jones. Ron Price was present as the Sonoma Skypark Airport Manager and Chapter 1268 member.

Ron reported that Ed Steiger is donating a computer to the Chapter to use for presentations and videos.

Paul reported that articles about the Chapter members were in the two local newspapers.

Bill is working on an updated roster. Don reported that nominations for officers for 2014 will take place during the general membership meeting.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Dinner was furnished by Ron Price and Roy Myers and consisted of hot dogs, German potato salad, cabbage, beer, German chocolate cake, apple pie, Rice Krispy treats, with coffee brought by Gardner Bride.

Don called the general membership meeting to order at 7:45. September minutes will appear in a future newsletter.

The officers presented their reports from the Board meeting.

Bill Wheadon announced that Asian Airlines will open a training center at Napa Airport in 2014.

BK announced that Young Eagles Day will be Sunday October 13.

Robin reported that the Petaluma open house was rained out so the Chapter had hot dogs available for this evening's dinner. The Air Academy presentation is rescheduled for the January meeting.

Don asked for nominations from the floor.

There were no volunteers for officers for 2014. Elections will be at the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The program was the EAA October Chapter video.

### **November 12, 2013 minutes**

## Board of Directors meeting

President Don Booker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Officers present were Bill Wheadon, Marsi Fahraji, Paul Siebert, Jeanette Woods, Robin Tatman, BK White and Darrel Jones. Member Kathy Carmichael also was present.

Bill Wheadon reported that there is \$6322.82 in the treasury.

Robin reported that the Air Explorers will provide dinner and the program for the January meeting. She will also have the Air Explorer members join the national EAA as student members and then have them complete membership applications for Chapter 1268 and will forward them to Bill Wheadon, Membership Chair, to have them added to the local roster and email newsletter list.

Darrel reported that he has received the laptop computer donated to Chapter 1268 by Ed Steiger and will load the EAA Chapter videos on it and leave it in the locked file cabinet in the clubhouse.

Kathy Carmichael reported on plans for the Christmas party and will ask for volunteers at the general membership meeting.

Paul reported that John Tiller, who is taking lessons with Travis Morton, helped Marsi and Gillian Shulte with Young Eagles registration. He also reported that Young Eagles parent ride liability release forms are available and must be completed and signed to allow parents to ride with their child on a Young Eagles flight.

BK reported that Ron Price, Frank Russo, Walt Easland, Travis Morton and Tim Goodblood gave a total of 29 Young Eagles rides last Sunday.

Don reported that no other members had volunteered to serve as officers for 2014. Robin offered to serve as Vice President and Jeanette offered to serve as a Board Member. All other officers agreed to continue in their present offices for 2014. Don will ask the members at the general meeting to vote to accept the unopposed nominees as officers for 2014. The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Dinner was provided by Ron Price and Frank Russo and consisted of pork loin roast, mashed potatoes, green salad, fresh green beans, applesauce, bread and pumpkin pie. Gardner Bride provided coffee.

President Don Booker called the general membership meeting to order at 7:30. September and October minutes will appear in a future newsletter. Don then asked for a motion to accept the nominees for 2014 officers. John Thomason made the motion and Les Lucas seconded to accept the officers. The motion passed unanimously.

The officers gave their reports from the Board meeting.

BK reported that Frank Russo initially was the only pilot for the October Young Eagles Day until Rich Cooper and Trevor Meeks brought their airplanes out to give rides. There were 16 Young Eagles flow in October and 29 in November.

Kathy Carmichael talked about plans for the December combined Christmas party and asked for volunteers for the various tasks. There will be no regular meeting or newsletter in December.

Don adjourned the meeting at 8:00.

Eric Presten was the speaker for the evening. He had flown his 1909 Bleriot replica before the meeting and talked about building and flying the Bleriot around the country. He also talked about how special Sonoma Skypark and Chapter 1268 were with the high level of activity and community involvement at the airport. With monthly Young Eagles flight days and EAA Aviation Explorer meetings, Air Academy sponsorship, weekly RC modeling activity and the annual open house, there is more aviation-related activity than at airports much larger than Sonoma Skypark. After Eric's talk he opened his hangar and showed the Bleriot to the members, explaining the wing-warping controls and general handling characteristics of the Pioneer-era airplane.

**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 2014!** SEE YOU THERE!

**REMEMBER! THE JANUARY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 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**

**Please mail your dues to:**  
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