



THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
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RICH AND NELLEKE'S GRANDDAUGHTER HALEY

She flew into Skypark in her new-to-her Pitts for hamburgers. Did a low pass with two rolls and a loop after takeoff. Rich and Nelleke aren't too proud. (Yeah, right...)

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The March meeting is this **Tuesday, March 11**. The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. after the Board of Directors' meeting, and is \$8.00 per person this month. Our chefs for the month will be Rich and Nelleke serving up a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings. Because this is a gourmet Irish meal, the ingredient costs require us to charge a bit more, \$8, but it will be more than well worth the price!

Our speaker will be Nancy Wilson, who wrote a fascinating book about an early British aviatrix named Mary Petre Bruce. Nancy's book, "Queen of Speed, The Racy Life of Mary Petre Bruce" moves right along as she chronicles Bruce's early adventures on her brother's motorcycle through her auto and boat racing experiences, through learning to fly and then taking her biplane bought through the local department store around the world, with many thrilling adventures along the way.

You don't want to miss this one.

MORE FIRST THINGS FIRST

Our secretary, Marsi Fahraji's mother in Texas is experiencing some serious health issues so Marsi won't be at the meeting this month. We need someone who will take notes of the meeting and then write up simple minutes for the newsletter. Please step up and let us know that you can help out for a while so Marsi can concentrate on helping her mother.

I will be out of town for the April meeting so will need someone to write up a newsletter. I have newsletters formatted in Microsoft Word for each month through the rest of the year, so I can email the template as an attached file for you to fill out. I can even stick a photo in the front page or you can insert one of your favorites. You may have noticed that I use my power of the keyboard to occasionally insert a picture of my granddaughter. There are definite perks to the job. Let me know by email or at the meeting and I'll get the template and email list to you.

EVEN MORE FIRST THINGS FIRST

I received the following email from the national EAA office and replied that "we'd be delighted!" Because we have the facilities to accommodate this event I felt it would reflect well on our Chapter to make the offer.

Jeff Skiles is doing Grass Roots tours to talk to local EAA Chapters and members to tell them about EAA's direction and to solicit feedback from the membership.

The date is Monday, March 31, with a social hour starting at 6 pm and the presentation at 7. Because they hope to have about 100 members attending Ron price and generously volunteered his hangar for the presentation. We need about six to eight members at Skypark at 3 in the afternoon that day to move chairs and to help set up.

We'll talk more about this at the meeting and get an update out to the members before the event.

Jeff Skiles, EAA's Vice President of Communities and Member Programs would like to come to the Sonoma/Napa/Vacaville and Sacramento/Auburn areas April 2-3 (as well as San Carlos on April 1) for the spring schedule of EAA's Grass Roots Pilot Tours. These free events bring together EAA chapters for a presentation focusing on your organization. EAA sends invitations (about 500) to all EAA members and licensed pilots within a 25- to 50-mile radius of the host site. Tour stops are listed on the EAA website (www.eaa.org/grassroots) with the ability to RSVP electronically. All local pilots are invited to attend so we can engage more aviators, invite them to be a part of the EAA, and participate in aviation by joining and supporting their local EAA chapters. This is a great way to promote your chapter and expose your chapter members to a broader segment of the aviation community, as well as an opportunity to get to know members of neighboring chapters. Ideally Jeff would present a program each evening; perhaps one in either Sonoma, Napa or Vacaville on

Wednesday or Thursday; and one Sacramento or Auburn the other evening. It is a great opportunity for chapters in an area to work together to coordinate the event.

If your chapter is interested in supporting a Grass Roots Pilot Tour, this is what we would need from you:

- 1 - A location that could hold 100 - 125 people.
- 2 - A projector, screen, and sound system for a PowerPoint presentation. Jeff will bring his own laptop.

If this is something that your chapter would be interested in please let me know as soon as possible which night would work best for you and if you'd like to provide the venue or assist with the coordination and I'll get you more specific information. I look forward to hearing from you.

Jane H. Smith, EAA #832265
Executive Assistant, Communities and Member Programs
EAA—The Spirit of Aviation

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

Pay yer dues and see ya at the meeting! (OK, that was paraphrased a bit.)

YOUNG EAGLES MARCH 9

It didn't rain so I imagine that we had a successful Young Eagles event Sunday. We'll find out when BK gives his report at the meeting Tuesday evening.

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 or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

AIR EXPLORER UPDATE

The latest from the Aviation Explorers:

In December we held a planning meeting for the upcoming year. Those that weren't able to make it sent their input via phone, email, and text! The consensus is that they want to take field trips, and find out what airplane camping is all about. Oh, and they'd also like to know officially how you get from non-flying wannabe pilot to full-fledged professional pilot.

For our January meeting, Gary from Petaluma graciously came over and gave his presentation on Airplane Camping to the group. It was both well attended and very well received. The boys did a great job pooling their computer talent to get his slide show set up and running in the club house. Gary has agreed to help us plan our first endeavor, and suggested Columbia as a good first destination.

In case you missed it, the Explorer's also put on the EAA dinner the following Tuesday. Daniel Shulte and Garrett Porter talked about their experiences at Air Academy last summer and put on great slide shows. Both of them are promising to be excellent photographers. A big thank you goes out to Gillian Shulte, Margo Porter, Marsi Fahraji for planning and putting on the dinner.

For April I am working on a tour of a KC-135 up at Travis. If it rains I'll be talking about pilot certification and ratings.

Robin

There will not be an Aviation Explorer meeting in March. In case you hadn't heard, Robin lost her dear, sweet co-pilot Tat on January 31 and is still dealing with her loss and all that entails. As always, we send our thoughts and prayers her way.

Robin talked about sending a tribute for the newsletter so we'll have that in an upcoming edition.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

Movie night for March will be **SATURDAY, REPEAT, SATURDAY March 29 THIS MONTH!**

Sonoma Skypark is having their annual shareholders' meeting on Friday, March 28, so the clubhouse will not be available for Friday movie night. April movie night should be back to its regularly scheduled programming next month, so don't panic, it'll all be OK.

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, **SATURDAY, MARCH 29** 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 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 | Meal |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 2014 DINNER SCHEDULE | | |
| MAR | Nelleke & Rich | Corned beef & |
| APR | Don & Wayne | |
| MAY | Jeanette | |
| JUN | | |
| JUL | Richard & Bill | |
| 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 so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

| Month | Speaker/Member | Subject |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 2014 SPEAKER SCHEDULE | | |
| MAR | Nancy Wilson | Mary P. Bruce |
| APR | Richard Craig | Wings & lift |
| MAY | | |
| JUN | | |
| JUL | | |
| AUG | | |
| SEP | | |
| OCT | | |
| NOV | | |
| DEC | Chris K. | Night flying |

2014 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

| DATE | EVENT |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| 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! |
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EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

February 11, 2014

Board of Directors meeting: Called to order by President Don Booker at 6:15pm.

Present: Don Booker, Paul Siebert, BK White, Bill Wheadon, Jeanette Woods, Darrel Jones.

Reports:

Young Eagles, BK: February 9 was rained out. Next month will be March 9.

Air Academy, Darrel: Applications are due February 28. We have two Basic and four Advanced camp slots reserved.

Public relations, Paul: He sent the local newspaper article on our Young Eagle and Air Academy participant, Daniel Shulte, to the national EAA office.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Dinner was chili, salad, rolls and ice cream prepared by Bill and Jan Wheadon.

The General meeting was called to order at 7:30.

Guest was JP Caldwell, who is 17 and had already soloed. He is working on his license at Napa.

The officers gave their reports to the membership.

President Booker asked the membership for volunteers to prepare meals for the meetings and to either be a speaker or arrange a speaker for the monthly programs. There were several volunteers for both needs. He then adjourned the meeting at 7:45.

The speaker for the evening was Steve Smith from the Santa Rosa chapter. He gave a presentation and slide show of his LSA flight with two other LSA pilots from Santa Rosa through Nevada, Utah and Arizona and home.

The January 2014 minutes will be in a future newsletter.

Send me your news for your newsletter!



I had a little space at the end so thought I would stick this in. Pony Express and Air Mail.

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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 MARCH MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 11 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: _____

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