



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport

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## FIRST THINGS FIRST

The September meeting is this **Tuesday, September 12**. 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. Dinner will be another surprise. Our scheduled cooks had an unexpected complication and couldn't do dinner. Don't worry, we'll have something good for all who come to the meeting.

Our speaker/program will be Michael Knight from Skydive Golden Gate this Tuesday.

### **AIR EXPLORERS/PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Air Explorers

As I have mentioned before, the Air Explorers are on hold until I finish my training in November. I am hoping to have a planning meeting in December for next year.

Nathan Wilson has been flying regularly with Richard Craig. After switching from the Taylorcraft to the Pacer, he is shocked to find out that a tricycle gear is not much of a challenge to land...That's what I love to hear!

Next month you'll hear reports from our Air Academy attendees at the October meeting.

Everyone had a great time. Unfortunately I will be in training by then, but the Explorers and their parents will be doing dinner.

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Richard Martin took the airplane down to Monterey over the Concours d'Elegance car show event last month. She was the star of a special party at the airport and about 200 people came on board over 4 hours to take a look at the inside. The airplane is currently at the Capital Airshow at Mather this weekend.

After that she will start flying air tours out of Napa (this coming weekend) and Oakland on alternating weekends. Check out [www.goldenagetours.com](http://www.goldenagetours.com) for some great photos.

Robin

### **EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT** **September 2017**

Our effective checking account balance increased \$104 in August due to a \$50 donation to the Air Academy fund and \$54 in dinner receipts. Our effective balance is \$9972.30 which does not include \$6500 held in the Jack Strehl Memorial Fund and \$100 payable to the Air Explorers.

That's it for now. See you at the meeting,

Bill Wheadon, EAA 1268 Membership Chairman and Treasurer

### **YOUNG EAGLES**

Young Eagles day is today, September 10. BK will have his 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.

### **MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK**

Movie night is **Saturday, September 23 at 6pm. The movie is to be announced, but is sure to be another good one.**

**Free admission.** 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, September 23** at 6 p.m.

### **DINNER SCHEDULE**

We are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2017 so let us know if you would like to be one of our

famous chefs for the upcoming year. Contact Robin at [robntat@aol.com](mailto:robntat@aol.com) or 707-553-2747. 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	Cooks/Meal
<b>2017 DINNER SCHEDULE</b>	
SEP	A surprise!
OCT	Air Explorers
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
<b>2017 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b>		
SEP		
OCT	Air Explorers	Air Academy
NOV		
DEC		

### **2017 EAA 1268 CALENDAR**

Send me any exciting, thrilling, terrifying or just plain fun events you have for the calendar.

DATE	EVENT
9/10	Young Eagles 9 am
9/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/23	Skypark Movie Night
10/8	Young Eagles 9 am
10/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/28	Skypark Movie Night
11/12	Young Eagles 9 am
11/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/25	Skypark Movie Night
12/?	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/17	New Years' Day 1 <sup>st</sup> Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!	

## **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

### **EAA Board of Directors Meeting**

August 8, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm

Members present: Vice President, Don Booker, Treasurer, Bill Wheadon, Secretary, Nelleke Cooper, Young Eagles Coordinator, BK White, Directors, Darrel Jones, Paul Siebert and Jeanette Woods.

Absent: President, Robin Tatman

General discussion regarding the dinner not being pizza as was mentioned in the Newsletter. Thanks to Ron Price stepping in, Pasta and Caesar Salad from Mary's was provided by Ron Price. The cost of the July dinner, provided by Darrel Jones, had to be raised to \$8.00 as the food purchased was more expensive. A decision was made to make a suggestion to the membership to permanently raise the donation for dinner to \$8.00 and the surplus to be used for scholarships to the Air Academy. The tuition for the Air Academy has increased and there have been years in which we did not receive scholarships which would make the costs to our Chapter substantially higher. Darrel normally reserves 6 slots for the program with \$200 deposit per slot. The Treasurer mentioned that since the beginning of the year there was a small surplus from the dinner donations.

Discussion of a permanent mentioning in the Newsletter that we are a 501c3 organization.

Treasurer and Secretary report approved as in the Newsletter.

BK mentioned Young Eagles coming up the next Sunday and for pilots and volunteers to come help.

Paul Siebert mentioned that most Oshkosh attendees had returned and suggested that in the future they would give a report/presentation at the August meeting.

Don Booker discussed the fact that it appeared that the general membership does not seem to read the Newsletter.

The big project this year will be to get a Flying Club started at Skypark. Progress has been made with John Thomason's Tripacer.

Paul Siebert brought up the fact that in a previous survey our members see our Chapter's mission as a social club that also promotes aviation in the community. As it is difficult for members to have a conversation while the Board meeting is going on, it was suggested to have the Board meeting in Ron Price's hangar, and for the members to meet and socialize prior to the meeting and dinner at the Club house. Possibly wine and chips could be served at low cost during the social hour.

Board Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm

Chapter 1268 General Membership Meeting Minutes, August 8, 2017 8:40 pm

Vice President Don Booker thanked Ron Price for the delicious dinner of pasta and salad from Mary's. Coffee, pies and ice cream provided by Howard and John.

Paul Siebert introduced our speaker Rich Beach.

Darrel made a suggestion to raise the dinner donation to \$8 due to the higher cost of purchasing food and the surplus to be used for dues for the Air Academy. There were no objections, although there were several jokes about cheap airline pilots.

Cooks: September - Richard Craig and Les Lucas  
November - Bill Wheadon  
Next year - Yayoi

Ernie Ganas- February

Don Booker said to read the Newsletter for the Treasurer's and Secretary reports.

Ron Price mentioned running into several of the Air Academy attendees at the Oshkosh Air show. For some it was their first time and they all said they had a great time.

Fly-ins and Pancake breakfasts:

Boonville Fly-in, Friday night and Saturday, August 11-12

The Nut Tree pancake breakfasts are the last Saturday of the month during the summer with the last month being September. The schedule is in the Newsletter.

Taylorcraft Frazier Lake fly-in, located NW of Hollister, September 23.

General Membership meeting adjourned 8:55 pm

Speaker for the Evening Rich Beach, Aviation Safety Chair, Member NTSB

Rich's presentation was very timely in lieu of the Cirrus aircraft accident near Skypark several weeks ago. As a member of the NTSB Rich was asked to investigate the accident. Questions arose as to at which altitude the pilot had pulled the cord for the parachute. As they are looking for witnesses Ron asked Rich to do a take-off as to where he thought the aircraft was when he engaged the parachute. It appeared to be at about 300'.

Rich's presentation of the design of the CAPS (Cirrus Airframe Parachute System) was accompanied by slides of incidents and accidents and the accident rate in the Cirrus is much lower than in General Aviation. When CAPS is engaged the tail of the aircraft drops to level during the descent, clearly a well-designed safety feature for landing. Many pilots and their passengers have walked away with very minor or no injuries. The biggest problem seems to be that the pilots are waiting too long to engage the chute and in some cases not at all.

Rich answered many questions and received hardy applause after his presentation. It was greatly appreciated.

Just a note of thanks to Nelleke for all the good work she does for the Chapter. She is currently

on the mend from a hip replacement, but said she would try to make the meeting if possible.

Here's wishing you a speedy recovery. With Rich as your private nurse, what could possibly go wrong?

**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 2017!** SEE YOU THERE!

**REMEMBER! THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 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.**

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EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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