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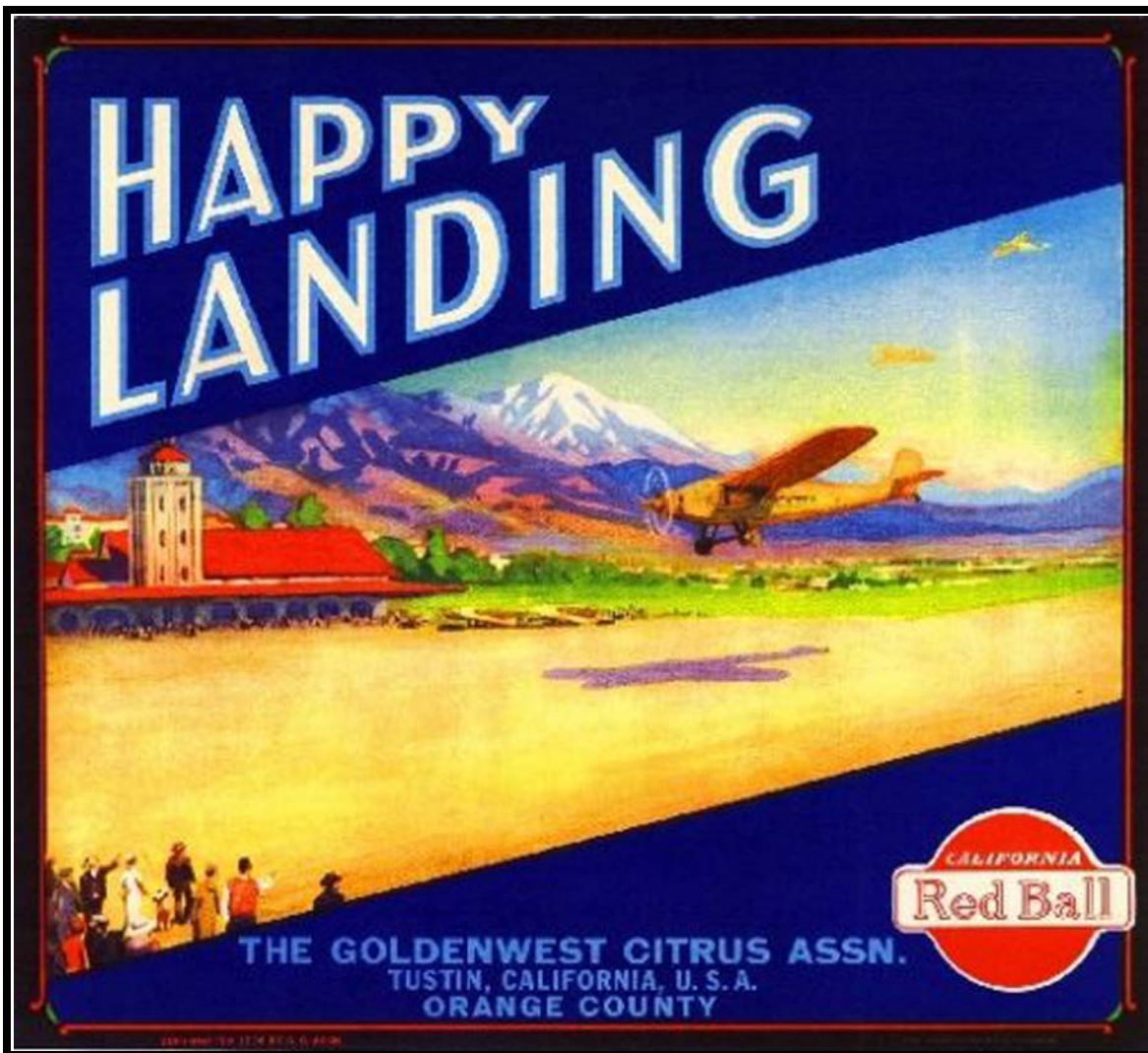
EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport

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COME ON SUMMERTIME!

It's cold and rainy outside. I need some sunshine and flying.

(Written on a cold, wet Saturday afternoon.)

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, February 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. Our chefs for the month will be Bill and Jan Wheadon, helped by Jack Shackford.

Our program will be a presentation by long-time member Yayoi West. Yayoi is interested in many fields, including space and space exploration. She has been volunteering as an advocate for NASA for several years. She will give a presentation about NASA and space exploration.

I suggested that we could have some telescopes at a future meeting when the weather warmed a bit to do some celestial viewing.

PRESIDENT'S/AIR EXPLORER REPORT

Hi everyone

Everyone in aviation has stories to tell. It doesn't matter whether you have 50 hours, or 50,000 hours, there are noteworthy things that happen along the way as you fill up your logbooks. My favorite stories are ones where

we introduce another unsuspecting soul to aviation - and they get bit.

My first "real" airline job was flying a Super Jetstream 3200 turboprop out of Washington Dulles for United Express. I had 5000 hours, but a good 3500 of that was flight instructing in California. The weather I flew in those first two winters back East was daunting. I used to think they made up things like Freezing Fog, Thunder Snow Showers, and Heavy Freezing Rain just to mess with us. But I saw all of that, and then some. Just to make things more sporty, the J-32 was the most unstable instrument platform I have ever flown. I used to think it was on a par with standing on a bowling ball with socks on.

Fortunately there were a few others that came with me from the flight school I ran in California at the same time, among them Brent Anderson. We spent 5 years there altogether before I graduated to Northwest and he moved on to Southwest. In the meantime he married, had a few kids, and we have remained close friends ever since.

I had the pleasure of taking his daughter Mia for her first flight in my Cessna 120 last fall. I had a great time, and she was hooked. I had forgotten that Brent put a Go-Pro camera in the cockpit, so I was really surprised to get the postcard below in the mail a few months later. Since then she has had 5 Young Eagles flights in the Dulles area and will be coming out again this spring to fly with us out here and come to a meeting. I am hoping she will apply for one of our scholarships to Air Academy next year. She can't wait to start her PPL training.

Today at Young Eagles the number was 11. I think everyone we flew was 11 years old (except Fabiola, our sole Air Academy applicant). They all signed up for information about Air Explorers, so I am hoping this will be the new group for the year. They seem enthusiastic and motivated. For once we had

lots of airplanes (see BK's report) and everyone got to fly twice. This new group seems to already have been bit, and I am looking forward to continue the momentum this year.

Robin



She looks like she's smiling...

Dear Ms. Robin,
Thank you so much for taking me up for my first flight! It was such a special day and one I won't ever forget. Daddy always talks about you and Tat and tells stories of flying and being friends with you. I am so glad that, since daddy wasn't able to, YOU were the one to take me up! I love Tallulah 2 and can't wait to do it again. I am scheduled for my Young Eagles flight on September 8. I am very excited about that! Thank you again for a great day!!
Love,
Mia

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
AND TREASURER REPORT**
February 2019

Membership Report: Our dues renewals are running slightly behind last year pace - we have 36 members who are paid up (blue badges) and 36 members who were current in 2018 who have not renewed yet (white badges) A .500 average might be good in baseball, but not in membership dues accounting. If you have recently changed your email or phone number, please let me know by sending me an email or

by using the membership form on the last page of the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The financial health of the treasury is stable. For the month of January we had deposits of \$387 which was comprised of dues (\$225), Air Academy donations (\$100), and excess dinner receipts (\$62).

A check to EAA National for \$545 covered our chapter certification and insurance leaving us with a checking account balance of \$9488.12 That's all for now – see you at the meeting.

Bill Wheadon
EAA 1268 Membership Chairman and
Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles was this Sunday, February 10. BK will give his report at the meeting.

The late breaking report is that the weather cleared early Sunday morning and we had glorious, severe clear skies at the start of the Young Eagles rally, although it was bumpy with the front moving through the area.

We again had six pilots in five airplanes with Don Booker, Ron Price, Frank Russo, Tim Bloodgood, Robin Tatman and your editor flying everything from a Vagabond and C120 to a C172, Comanche and Skycatcher.

Since we only had six Young Eagles, they were all able to fly twice each.

There were actually five pilots at the January Young Eagles rally, but only three Young Eagles, so each of those three was able to fly twice also.

Sometimes the weather is uncertain enough that people, pilots and Young Eagles, don't come out to the airport. I encourage all of you to come out anyway. We almost made ourselves sick eating all the donuts BK brought.

Young Eagles day next month is Sunday, March 10. 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.

BK is having chronic back pain and told me that he doesn't know how much longer he will be able to serve the Chapter as Young Eagles liaison. John Thomason wasn't able to do the registration today, so BK had to handle those duties as well.

Our Young Eagles rallies are some of the most important work the Chapter does to introduce young people to aviation. We need two or three people to handle registration and another two or three to work on the ramp, escorting Young Eagles to and from the airplanes and keeping everything safe on the flight line.

We will be asking for more helpers at the meeting, but please send me an email if you won't be there and let me know what you would like to help with.

Four hours a month on a Sunday morning isn't much time out of your schedule, but it makes all the difference in the world to our mission of making new pilots.

AIR ACADEMY REPORT

We have an application for a scholarship from a young woman who is graduating high school this year, Fabiola Chavez. She has been flying with Tim Bloodgood and is mentored by Sindy Mikkelsen, who has been bringing her to Young Eagles.

Fabiola is enthusiastic about flying and is considering a career in aviation. She was at Young Eagles again this month and flew twice. I believe Sindy told me that she has a 4.6 GPA.

The Board will review her application at the meeting and then schedule an interview with her during February.

In other news...



Norah, a young seaplane pilot, sporting her tattoos and adopting a real pilot's attitude. Don't mess with her! She's merciless.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

Movie night for February is **Saturday, February 23 at 6pm in the Sonoma Skypark clubhouse.**

Rafe and Richard have been working to make the movie an even more enjoyable experience. Rafe has his large screen up in the corner and the projector has been moved to make the movie image even larger and brighter, and more easily viewable by the whole audience. There is even a rumor that the meal will be something special for the premier of the new Skypark Clubhouse Theatre.

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, February 23** at 6 p.m.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We have our celebrity chefs for 2019, but let us know if you can be our standby chef in case something comes up. Hot dogs or chili are perfectly fine. Contact Robin at robntat@aol.com or 707-553-2747. 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	Cooks/Meal
2019 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Marsi, Abel, George, Les, Ruth, Howard
FEB	Bill & Jan W. & Jack Shackford
MAR	Nelleke & Rich
APR	Ernie Ganas & Steve Smith
MAY	Jeanette, Darren & Catherine S.
JUN	Don & Wayne
JUL	Darrel's bbq
AUG	Richard, Sandra & George
SEP	Ron & John's roadkill
OCT	Air Explorers
NOV	Robin
DEC	XMAS PARTY
Standby	

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
2019 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	2019 Air Academy & year's plans
FEB	Yayoi West- NASA
MAR	Rich Cooper- Kai Tak
APR	Darrel Jones- something????
MAY	Darren Stevenson
JUN	Steve Smith? (maybe)
JUL	Your name here (that's a threat)
AUG	Same again...

SEP	Once more, or else...
OCT	Air Academy participants
NOV	Last chance to shine...
DEC	XMAS PARTY

2019 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
1/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
1/13	Young Eagles 9 am
1/26	Skypark Movie Night
1/31	Air Academy application deadline
2/10	Young Eagles 9 am
2/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
2/23	Skypark Movie Night
3/10	Young Eagles 9 am
3/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
3/23	Skypark Movie Night
4/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
4/14	Young Eagles 9 am
4/27	Skypark Movie Night
5/12	Young Eagles 9 am
5/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
5/18	Skypark Family Fun Day
5/25	Skypark Movie Night
6/9	Young Eagles 9 am
6/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/22	Skypark Movie Night
7/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/14	Young Eagles 9 am
7/18-21	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in
7/22-28	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
7/27	Skypark Movie Night
8/11	Young Eagles 9 am
8/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/24	Skypark Movie Night
9/8	Young Eagles 9 am
9/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/28	Skypark Movie Night
10/13	Young Eagles 9 am
10/15	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/26	Skypark Movie Night
11/10	Young Eagles 9 am

11/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/23	Skypark Movie Night
12/6	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/19	New Years' Day 1 st Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!	

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

EAA 1268 Board of Directors Meeting
January 8, 2019

The Board Meeting was called to order by
President Robin Tatman at 6:25 pm.

Present were: President Robin Tatman, Vice
President Darrel Jones, Treasurer Bill
Wheadon, Secretary Nelleke Cooper, Director
Jeanette Woods, Young Eagles Coordinator BK
White.

Absent: Directors, Paul Siebert and Roland
Gangloff

Treasurer Report: Checking account balance
\$9,900.40

Bill submitted 4 End of Year 2018 Reports:

1. Bank Deposit Summary
2. Running Balance Report, with the
explanation that the 6th Column is the effective
balance.
3. Air Academy Accounting
4. Meal Accounting

The Air Academy application for 2019 will be
available on the website this week. The current
Air Explorer group may not have any
candidates as they are busy Seniors and have
already gone to the Academy in previous years.
Recruiting possibilities will be explored. Robin
will check with the Napa Chapter, Darrel with
pilots at Gness Field and Bill will check with
Mark Ashton.

Activities for the upcoming year.

As we have the Saturday Hamburger Fly-ins,
we could have occasional lunch Fly-outs on

Sundays. Various airports with restaurants
were mentioned: Andy and Vina's new
restaurant in Redding, Columbia, Livermore,
and Half Moon Bay.

For an Air Explorer Fly-out, Robin would have
to notify the BSA. Various suggestions were
made to obtain extra seats for Air Explorers etc.
and we will also coordinate with the Petaluma
and Napa Chapters.

Board Meeting adjourned 6:55 pm

General Meeting called to order by President
Robin Tatman at 7:50 pm

Robin thanked the cooks, Marsi, who with help
of George Thomson cooked a delicious meal of
Chicken Curry with vegetables and herbed rice,
Darrel Jones for the Pavlova cake, and ice
cream and coffee by Howard for dessert.

Mark Shackford introduced his father John
Jack Shackford, who was a fighter pilot in the
Korean War.

Darrel got lots of kudos for the great January
Newsletter.

Bill Wheadon mentioned that fees were due
and those with blue name tags were paid up,
and with white tags were not.

Robin talked about the recent break-ins at
Skypark and Ron Price gave a more detailed
report. There were 4 hangars that were broken
into within the last 2 weeks. The common
denominator was that all those hangars had pad
locks and so far no break-ins with keys. Ron's
own hangar had been targeted. The most
valuable items stolen were musical and
electrical equipment and tools. One of the
hangars had a security camera, which showed a
video of the intruder. There had also been
break-ins in the warehouses next to the airport.
Ron notified the Sheriff and they will patrol the
area more often. Future prevention ideas -
more lights and security systems. Ron reported
that in the last 32 years there were very few
problems with break-ins at Skypark.

Richard Cooper complimented Ron and Rafe on the progress on the Gas station in the parking Lot.

Skypark is a beneficiary of the estate of Jack Strehl and there is still money available for improvements at the airport. The idea of an AWOS (Automated Weather Observation System) would be helpful, especially once the Flying Club becomes operational. However, according to Ernie Ganas, the costs are prohibitively high.

Flying Club update.

The propeller of the Taylorcraft has cosmetic damage and is being repaired. Information on how to operate a Flying Club is on the EAA website.

Passing out of Award Certificates by Robin.

Darrel received a Certificate for the continuous Creation of the Newsletter and supervising the Website, although Gretchen McDougall is actually administering the club website.

Bill Wheadon for his position as Treasurer Nelleke Cooper got a certificate for being the Secretary which advertently had her husband's name on it. Darrel will correct the record with EAA.

BK White for being the Young Eagles Leader.

Marsi Fahraji was presented with a well-deserved certificate for being the club's "Most Valuable Person."

Darrel Jones thanked John Thomason for his dedication to our airport, his support for young people in their desire to fly and for always handling the registration at the Young Eagles, Richard Craig for Flying Lessons, Ron Price and Paul Siebert for volunteering in many capacities and George Thomson for helping with the meals.

Darrel - update on 2019 Save the Date Events:

- Skypark Family Fun Day, Saturday, May 18

Kathy Carmichael leaves 1 week before, so Robin will need help

- Pietenpol Fly-In at Brodhead, July 18-21
- Air Venture Oshkosh, July 22-28
- Report by officers regarding possible Sunday Fly-Outs
- New Years Day 2020 Fly-In?

As if January 1, 2020, the new ADS-B requirements will go into effect.

Guest Speakers schedule and discussion:

Richard Cooper – March, on flying into Kai Tak, the old airport in Hong Kong with Pan Am and UAL.

Darrel Jones will speak in April

Darren Stevenson will speak in May

Les Goldner suggested asking Steve Smith to speak as he has flown to many unusual and different places and always takes great pictures of his adventures.

Ernie Ganas will ask his friend, Lew Jennings, who wrote "19 Seconds to Live" about flying Helicopters in Vietnam.

Upcoming cooks: March - Nelleke and Richard Cooper, August – Richard Craig, Sandra, George Thomson, September – Ron Willis and John Thomason

Robin thanked all of those who worked on the Christmas party as she was flying and missed the event.

General Membership Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

The program for the evening was a discussion of the schedule for 2019 and the activities planned.

THE REST OF IT...

Last month we remembered Leon Scarbrough.

This month we remember Susan Scarbrough.

Although Leon and Susan were divorced years ago, Susan remained a good friend to many people at Sonoma Skypark. Kathy Carmichael

also knew Susan from church and told me that whenever she was asked for help, Susan was always willing and eager to lend a hand. Susan was a rodeo girl from Texas who worked for Hap Arnold's grandson, Robert, at Chandelle Winery.

Susan had the thrill of her life recently with a DC-3 flight with Capt'n Bob Berwick in Richard Martin's DC-3/C-41A. Nothing bad, just thrilling.

Our condolences go to Susan's son and daughter, Brad and Erinn.



Susan, looking thrilled. Photo by Kathy C.

... (three dot journalism for item break)

Another old ham radio friend we lost last week was Alan Young, K6KLL. Alan and Sanford Smith, N7PIB, came to Saturday hamburgers for many years, and were good friends with Ron's mother-in-law, June.

Alan always intrigued me by talking about his experience renting a Fleet biplane and going out to fly a little aerobatics. If only we could still do that today. I'll ask San if I can take a look at Alan's log book.

Alan had a long career in broadcasting in San Francisco and until recently had his own show on the local radio station, KSVY, playing music from the 30's and 40's. He flew west not long after his 90th birthday.

A little good news after the obits...

A big thank you goes to Frank Russo for scoring a 65" LED TV for the clubhouse at Sam's Club.

The members approved a replacement for the old plasma TV that was starting to show its age at the November meeting. We hadn't been able to get one until Frank called and said there was one on sale at Sam's Club.

Frank picked it up, brought it to the clubhouse and helped get it installed. The screen is as big as the old movie screen we were using with the projector, so the projector now is relocated to show movies on Rafe's 8' wide screen for movie nights.

The neat thing is that we can now stream content from the Internet, like You Tube and funny puppy videos. We may not need to ever talk to each other again. (Just kidding. We're limiting your screen time during meetings and before bedtime.)

Thanks Frank!

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Those are the last three dots for the month, although I could go on,...and on,...and...

See you at the meeting

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 2019!** SEE YOU THERE!

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

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

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