



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
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THE BIG NEWS IS THAT FAMILY FUN DAY IS NEXT SATURDAY!  
We will need lots of help but can promise maximum fun.

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, May 14**.  
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 chef for the month will be Jeanette Woods and Mrs. Shackford (sorry, I don't have your first name in my notes.).

The program will be a talk by Darren Stevenson about the story of the lowest ranked person on America's tiniest and first hunter-killer nuclear submarine.

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

Greetings everybody!

Happy Mother's Day to all you mom's out there! As usual Young Eagles soldiers in, and I

was sorry to miss it. I know we had pilots but fog looked like it played a factor.

Family Fun Day is coming up this coming Saturday May 18. If you've already signed up to volunteer, thank you! If you're available give me a call. I'll be sending out reminders this week and posting the schedule at the airport.

See you at the meeting!

Robin

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN  
AND TREASURER REPORT**  
**March and April 2019**

This month you receive a bonus double treasurer's report due to the fact that your treasurer had typed up a report last month for the newsletter and attached it to an email to the newsletter editor but neglected to press "send". Consequently it didn't make it into the newsletter but remained in my draft file. So enjoy my two reports.

For the month of March we had a net deposit of \$340.35 which consisted of the following:  
\$105 – new member dues and dues renewal  
\$100 – Air Academy donations  
\$100 - donation in memory of Leon Scarbrough – Air Academy  
\$35.35 – excess dinner proceeds  
\$340.35 net deposit

Our checking account balance on March 31 was \$10434.47 and our savings account balance is \$7907.12 in which \$7805.40 is in the Jack Strehl memorial fund and the remaining \$101.72 are chapter funds.

For the month of April we had a net deposit of \$3903.00 which was made up of the following:  
\$115 - new member (Michael Wray) dues and dues renewal  
\$50 – Air academy donation

\$1000 – member donation to the general fund in memory of Harry West  
\$2500 – donation to the clubhouse audio visual improvement fund  
\$238 – excess dinner proceeds – an all-time high!  
\$3903 net deposit

It was decided by the Board of Directors at the April meeting to move \$5000 from the non-interest accumulating checking account into a 2 year certificate of deposit earning 2.760% annually. Interest earned monthly on the CD will be deposited in the CD or "share certificate account".

Balances for the three accounts are:

Checking - \$9337.47 (of which \$2500 is in the Chapter clubhouse audio-visual improvement fund)

Savings - \$7907.12 (of which \$7805.40 is in the Jack Strehl memorial fund and the remaining \$101.72 are chapter funds.

CD account - \$5002.98 (earned \$2.98 in April)

That's all for now folks – any questions, see me at the meeting Tuesday.

Bill  
Membership Chairman and Treasurer

**YOUNG EAGLES**

Young Eagles day for May was Sunday, May 12. We had two pilots, Don Booker in his Cherokee and Darrel flying Jeanette's 172. We flew fifteen Young Eagle rides, which was a bit down from last month's thirty-eight.

Marsi and Gretchen made the long drives up to help John Thomason with the registration. It is always a delight to visit with them both. Ron Willis kept the peace on the ramp and BK, in quite a lot of pain with his bad back, soldiered (or Marine'd) on getting everything organized and the donuts out. BK always brings long stemmed roses for the moms who come out for the May Mother's Day Young Eagles rally.

I am planning on helping the Napa EAA Chapter 167 with their Young Eagles rally on May 25. Greg Murray asked me to register on the EAA Young Eagles Day website : [youneaglesday.org](http://youneaglesday.org)

When I did, I found that our Youth Protection training is a recurring requirement, along with the background check.

I did the training and background check at different times, so only had to renew the training. It is still a simple format with updated information presented and then questions asked to confirm the pilot understands the policies. I think it took about 10 to 15 minutes.

You will need to have an EAA member account. If you are already registered, go to your profile page and go to the Training Information: Go To Training link to access your training record and expiration dates.

If you need to complete or update your training, go to: [EAA Youth Protection Program](#)

You will see the instructions and FAQ links there to take the on-line training course.

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 for May is Saturday, May 25at 6pm in the Sonoma Skypark clubhouse. The May movie will be “Strategic Air Command” with Jimmy Stewart, in dazzling Blu-ray. The new screen and projector have elevated the Skypark movie experience to an entirely higher plane.

Strategic Air Command is a 1955 American military aviation film starring James Stewart and June Allyson, directed by Anthony Mann, and released by Paramount Pictures. It was the first of four Hollywood films that depicted the role of the Strategic Air Command in the Cold War era.

**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, May 25** at 6 p.m.

### **DINNER SCHEDULE**

We have our celebrity chefs for 2019 but let us know if you want to be listed as our emergency standby cookie. Hot dogs, chili or pizza are perfectly fine. 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>2019 DINNER SCHEDULE</b> |  |
| JAN                         | Marsi, Abel, George, Les, Ruth, Howard |
| FEB                         | Bill & Jan W.                          |
| MAR                         | Nelleke & Rich                         |
| APR                         | Ernie Ganas                            |
| MAY                         | Jeanette W and Mrs. Shackford          |
| 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](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

| Month                        | Speaker/Member/Subject           |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>2019 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b> |                                  |
| JAN                          | 2019 Air Academy & year's plans  |
| FEB                          | Yayoi West- NASA-solar probe     |
| MAR                          | John Shackford-F84/F86-Korea     |
| APR                          | Miles Geldard                    |
| MAY                          | Darren Stevenson-killer nuke sub |
| JUN                          | FAA-?                            |
| JUL                          | Rich Cooper- Kai Tak             |
| AUG                          | Your name here                   |
| SEP                          | Once more, or else...            |
| OCT                          | Air Academy participants' report |
| 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                |
| <b>5/18</b> | <b>Skypark Family Fun Day!</b>   |
| 5/25        | Napa EAA 167 Young Eagles        |
| 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                |

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 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 <sup>st</sup> Flight |
| Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm<br>Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse! |                                       |

### **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

EAA 1268 Board of Directors Meeting  
April 9, 2019

The Board Meeting was called to order by Vice President Darrel Jones at 6:10 pm.

Present were: Vice President Darrel Jones, Treasurer and Membership Chairman Bill Wheadon, Secretary Nelleke Cooper, Directors Jeanette Woods and Roland Gangloff, Young Eagles Coordinator BK White.

Chapter Member: Marc Ashton

Absent: President Robin Tatman , Director, Paul Siebert

Bill Wheadon, Treasurer's Report  
Net deposit \$340.35 which included \$105 – new member dues and dues renewal, \$100 – Air Academy donations, \$100 – donation in memory of Leon Scarborough – Air Academy,

\$35.35 excess dinner proceeds.

As of March 31 checking account balance was \$10,434.47. Savings account balance is \$7,907.12, of which \$7,805.40 is in the Jack Strehl Memorial Fund and \$101.72 are Chapter funds.

Funds from the Jack Strehl Memorial Fund are to be used for Memorials at Sonoma Skypark. This includes the John Carmichael bench, a picnic table under the oak at the end of the taxiway and a Monument under the base of the Tower in the parking lot. After the memorials have been funded the funds are to be used in the public interest including educational purposes for our members.

Darrel reported that our Air Academy Applicant, Fabiola Chavez, is receiving a scholarship from EAA National for Room and Board. In order to reserve slots at the Academy, our Chapter sent \$1200 (6 slots at \$200/each) this year, of which \$200 will be used. Reservations for next year's applicants will be made after the Oshkosh Air Venture and the remainder of this year's deposit will be applied towards 2 spots in the middle camp and 4 spots in the advanced camp.

Marc Ashton presented the Board with a proposal to include Chapter 1268 in a monthly IFR and VFR program sponsored by EAA National. It will be hosted by Marc and fellow flight instructors at Petaluma airport. The program is a 1 hour Powerpoint Program and will provide valuable information in the format of an organized hangar flying session. Marc and fellow instructor are the coordinators and EAA provides all the information and will email the participants. Anticipated start of the program is in a few months. The board unanimously approved to support Marc and accept his proposal to include us.

Marc also mentioned that Petaluma Display day is mentioned on Facebook under "Things to Do this Weekend," and that they have lots of visitors, creating good PR for the airport.

Our Young Eagles day is now under the monthly notices in the Sonoma Index Tribune.

Board meeting adjourned 6:50 pm

The general meeting called to order by Darrel Jones at 7:30 pm

We had a huge turn-out, approximately 40 people, at the meeting.

The officers gave reports from their meeting to the members.

There were multiple guests: Michael Wray, Betty Geldard, our speaker Miles Geldard's mother, Steve Lyons, Andrea Potts, Camilla.

Dinner consisted of Tri -tip steak, roasted potatoes, Caesar salad, French bread and ice cream, provided by Ernie Ganas.

Richard Craig's Safety Minute question was: "What do you do when you run out of fuel?" #1 Fly the airplane, but there is always some unusable gas in the tank and by changing attitude or slipping it becomes available and will give you a few more minutes to get to where you're trying to go.

BK White invited everybody to come by and help for the coming Young Eagles day as he expected a large turn-out, including the Devil Pups, under the leadership of Clint St. Martin. Robin Tatman and Kyle Cooper's schedule will allow them to fly that day.

Kathy Carmichael gave an account of the history of Family Fun Day. It was started 20 years ago as an outreach to the community as there were forces intended to close the airport. Today, Sonoma Skypark has a good relationship with the community. Approximately 450 people show up at Family Fun day. A sheet was available to sign up for the different jobs. Set-up Friday, May 17 at 4:00 pm and lots of volunteers are needed for both days.

We have wonderful prizes for the Raffle, including a ride in the Travel Air by Bob Berwick, a Hot Air balloon ride, a flight to Cash Creek Wild Mustang Ranch, dinner at Jacobs, trip to Half Moon Bay for lunch. Proceeds from the raffle now go to our local youth interested in aviation.

Our speaker for the evening was Miles Geldard. Miles was in town to get his tailwheel endorsement from Richard Craig, while visiting his mother, Betty. Miles has a special relationship with Sonoma Skypark. In 1994, Miles obtained his Private Pilot license in 40 hours (11 day) with John Carmichael. Miles was managing the Central Bank of Botswana and after not being able to find a safe airplane there he commissioned John to find him a Cessna 172. John found one in a little town, coincidentally named Miles, Ohio. It was transported to Italy and from there John and Miles flew the airplane over the Mediterranean, the Egyptian Desert, Luxor, Eritrea to name a few and all across Africa to Botswana.

Today, Miles is involved working with children from the slums of Nairobi, where he currently lives, but his endeavors with Save the Elephants was his reason for the tail-wheel endorsement. The program involves tracking elephants by planes to help ensure their survival and catch and prevent ivory poaching. The elephant population in Africa has dropped by 90% in the last few decades. Research is scientifically driven and special antennas installed on the airplanes indicate where the elephants are. This involves very low flying, often at 200 ft. and needless to say places to land are difficult to find. Tail-wheel airplanes, such as the Cessna 185, are best suited for grass strips and other rough terrain landings.

One of the main objectives of the organization is for humans and elephants to live together. Creating corridors for the elephants and beehives (elephants are sensitive around their ears) around farmed fields are examples of this.

Elephants are part of the ecosystem, i.e. they are able to dig for water with their tusks. There were many questions for Miles and we all hope he will return to Skypark for another presentation in the future.

General Meeting adjourned at 9:20

### More news...



#### **Smiling! Another beautiful day in Sonoma.**

I had intended to run this picture of Erika Davis before but always ran out of room. Erika was down in Sonoma with Brad Buchannan recently and I met up with her at Sonoma Skypark. Erika told me that she and Brad are still living on an island in Puget Sound. She said that most of their travel involves a ferry, but they occasionally get to use the airplane to skip the line at the dock. They were very active in the chapter when they lived in Sonoma. It was a delight to see Erika again. I hope they can join us for Saturday hamburgers in the not too distant future.

**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 MAY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, MAY 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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