



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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JAN JOHNSON IN HER BEAUTIFUL STINSON L-5 AMBULANCE

We ran into Jan at a fuel stop and invited her to join us at Brodhead.

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, August 13**. 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 Robin Tatman, and will feature Mexican food and, of course, ice cream.

Our program for this month will be a presentation by Lew Jennings. Lew is an author living in Soquel and flew helicopters in Vietnam

Lew will talk about his book "19 Minutes to Live: Helicopter Combat in Vietnam" and will have autographed copies available for \$20 each.

We should also have some of the EAA crew who built the One Week Wonder airplane at Oshkosh this year. They are visiting in the area and will tell about the project after Lew's presentation.

**Mea culpa, (I confess).**

I didn't send out my usual email asking the officers for their reports, so they will be given at the meeting and will be in the next newsletter.

**PRESIDENT'S/AIR EXPLORER REPORT**

The President's report will be in the next newsletter.

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT**

The August treasurer's report will be in the next newsletter.

**YOUNG EAGLES**

I was at Young Eagles today, so I can give an abbreviated report to hold you over until BK can give his official report at the meeting.

We flew 26 Young Eagles flights, with some of our more enthusiastic Young Eagles going for two and, for some, three flights today.

Our pilots were Don Booker in his Cherokee, Tim Bloodgood in his light sport, Robin in her Cessna 120, a new pilot from Napa, Kevin (Holt?), in his RV, and me flying Jeanette Woods' 172.

John Thomason was again handling registration, with Marsi and Gretchen as invaluable cogs in the great wheel that gets all these kids into the air. Ron Willis took care of the ramp and Roland Gangloff used his years of teaching experience to give ground school instruction in the basics of flight physics.

The day dawned clear and beautiful, with no fog or winds. We had a pilot briefing and then started launching on our rounds of Sonoma Valley, with a 180 degree turn over Glen Ellen and return to Skypark.

The earnest determination of the Young Eagles in the right seat to keep the airplane flying straight and to hold altitude took me back to my first flight with an instructor. Hopefully their enthusiasm will keep them coming back and hopefully take them on to formal flight training and a career as our next generation of pilots.

Young Eagles day is the second Sunday of each month. 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 August is **Saturday, August 24 at 6pm in the Sonoma Skypark clubhouse.**

**Free admission.** Pizza is always available for \$5 per person, including beverages, and

complimentary popcorn just to whet your appetite (or spoil it.)

See you at the movies on Skypark Movie Night, **SATURDAY, August 24** 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
2019 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Marsi, Abel, George, Les, Ruth, Howard
FEB	Bill & Jan W.
MAR	Nelleke & Rich
APR	Ernie Ganas
MAY	Jeanette W and Catherine S.
JUN	Don & Wayne
JUL	Darrel's bbq
AUG	Robin T.
SEP	Ron & John's roadkill
OCT	Air Explorers
NOV	Richard, Sandra & George
DEC	XMAS PARTY
Standby	?

**SPEAKERS**

We are always, continually, everlastingly looking for speakers for our monthly programs.

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Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
2019 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	2019 Air Academy & year's plans
FEB	Yayoi West- NASA-solar probe
MAR	John Shackford-F84/F86-Korea
APR	Miles Gerdard-flying elephants
MAY	Darren Stevenson-killer subs

JUN	Rich Cooper- Kai Tak
JUL	Glenn Gathright-FAA
AUG	Lew Jennings- author
SEP	Jeane Slone- author
OCT	Air Academy participants' report
NOV	Gene Marcinkowski-Hamilton
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
8/10	Booneville Open House
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
9/11-15	Reno Air Races
<b>9/21</b>	<b>Skypark Family Fun Day!</b>
9/28-29	Wings Over Wine Country
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 Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!	

**EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

The July minutes will be in the next newsletter.

**RAMBLINGS**

Since I didn't quite get the officers reports, I will fill the rest of this page with a few observations and notes of possible interest.

First is an abbreviated report on AirVenture at Oshkosh.

I drove up to Cave Junction, Oregon, and flew back with my old Scouting buddy in his original 1958 straight tail Cessna 172. He had the engine rebuilt in 2016 and we flew back then to break it in. We flew again this year just to make sure it still runs.

Paul and I travelled from south-west Oregon to Montana to visit an old friend of his, and then went up to North Dakota to visit some of my friends. We then wound up in Brodhead at the Pietenpol fly-in where we had the chance to help hold down about a dozen Pietenpols tied down outside while a ferocious thunderstorm roared through. Brodhead caught just the southern tail of the storm that hit Oshkosh directly, dumping over five inches of rain on Oshkosh in just a couple hours. When we flew up Sunday, the airport was still closed to arrivals so we overnighted at Fond Du Lac.

We snuck in Monday posing as a general aviation aircraft because the vintage camping area was still under water and closed.

Sonoma Skypark had a good contingent at Oshkosh and Brodhead again this year. Ron's tent was EAA Chapter 1268 central, with Eric Presten there with Ben, Curtis and Curtis' girlfriend. Our own photographer Will Campbell was there, as was old Skypark friend Jim Roberts with his beautiful Swift. Jim and his Swift are featured in the latest issue of Vintage Aviation, the EAA Vintage Division magazine.

Ron has a complete list of the Skypark attendees, so I'll fill out the list next month. Ron also had his newly restored award-winning Luscomb 4 at Brodhead and Oshkosh.

Gretchen had set me up with a blog on the Chapter website, but I just couldn't find the time during the trip to write a post each day, or on any day for that matter. Mea culpa, again. I will try to write up something about the trip and maybe post it on the website and in the newsletter.

The other item is that Robin is still trying to get a flying club going at Sonoma Skypark so we can offer low cost flight instruction to our local youth, as well as affordable flying for local pilots who can't justify the expense of buying and maintaining their own airplane.

Robin, Richard and I bought John Miles's Taylorcraft but we still need to do some work to get it ready for flight instruction. Richard had been using John Thomason's Tri-Pacer for flight instruction but it suffered an engine failure so is out of action.

We were talking over lunch about finding a Cessna 150 or 152 to either buy or lease back so Richard can continue instructing. We would then use the Taylorcraft for tailwheel transition training. Please let us know if you have a line on a reasonably clean, mechanically sound airplane we could use to get the club going.

**Send me your news for your newsletter!**

**THIS FROM GLENN GATHRIGHT, FAA**

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Glenn was our speaker at the July meeting and was able to answer a lot of questions from our members. Glenn has been to Skypark numerous times inspecting and approving some of our members' projects. I really appreciate his helpfulness and dedication to making flying safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

I will schedule Glenn and his coworkers again for future meetings.

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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 AUGUST MEETING OF SONOMA SKYRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 AT 7 P.M., AT THE SKYRAFTER'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 SKYRAFTER MEMBERSHIP**

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

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