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of the Sonoma Skycrafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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ALL HANDS ON DECK! FAMILY FUN DAY SEPTEMBER 21!!

If Kathy or Robin haven't called you yet, give them a call to let them know you'll be there to help out.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, September 10**. 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 Ron Willis and John Thomason, who will be serving up their "Road Kill Blue Plate Special". Sounds mouth-watering.

We will have the EAA Airventure One Week Wonder visiting us Tuesday, so I encourage you to come out early and see the Van's RV-12iS that was built and flown by volunteers during the week of Airventure this summer.

The airplane is touring the west coast and will be stopping at Sonoma Skypark to visit Chapter 1268. Come out before the meeting and talk to the EAA staffers flying the airplane on the tour.

Our speaker for the evening will be local author Jeane Sloan who has written historical novels about women's roles in World War II. She will talk about the Wasps, or Womens Air Serive Pilots, but also has written books about women working in the war industries and serving as spies and photographers behind enemy lines. Jeane sent the following short biography.

Who were the Women Airforce Service Pilots during WW II?

Please join the EEA at Sonoma Skypark on Sept. 10 at 7 PM for a slide presentation of the WASPs story.

Jeane Slone is author of "She Flew Bombers from the factories to the Army Bases During WW II."

Jeane Slone is the past Vice President and present board member of the California Redwood Writer's Club, a member of the Healdsburg Literary Guild, The Pacific Coast Air Museum, and The National Women's History Alliance. She has received the prestigious Jack London award.

Ms. Slone has published the historical novels, *She Flew Bombers*, finalist of the National 2012 Indie Book Award and *She Built Ships During WW II*, *She Was an American Spy During WW II*, and *She Was a WW II Photographer Behind Enemy Lines*, Indie Excellence Book Awards Finalist. Jeane Slone has produced an audio book of *She Flew Bombers* available on audible.com. She is

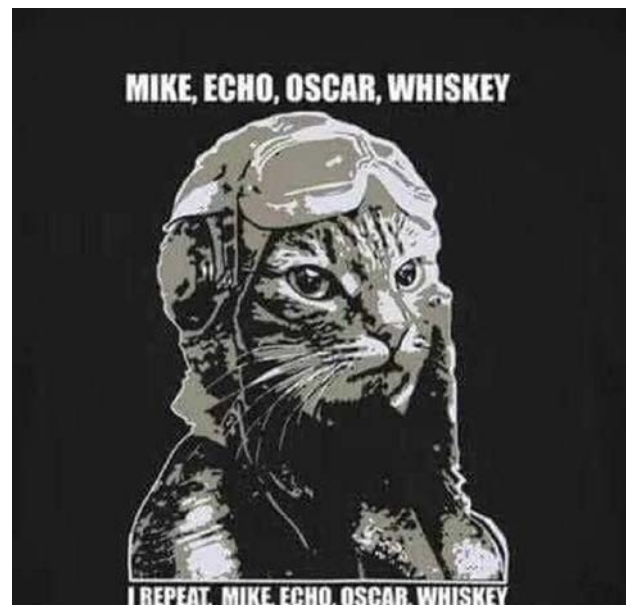
owner of ESL Publishing for English language learners.

Ms. Slone met and interviewed many of the WASPs. In 2009 she received a grant from the Sonoma County Arts Council to gather six WASPs to the Santa Rosa Vets Building. There was standing room only as the Santa Rosa Cmedia Lab filmed this historical event.

Jeane Slone's historical novels will be for sale at the end of the presentation.

Please bring your friends and spouses to this informative slide show about the amazing women pilots.

PRESIDENT'S/AIR EXPLORER REPORT



EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT

September 2019

Treasurer's Report For the month of August we had a deposit of \$298 which consisted of \$15 in dues, \$133 in dinner proceeds and \$150 in donations.

The lone disbursement was a check for \$140 to EAA National for Air academy tuition.

We now have chapter funds in the following accounts:

\$7796.47 in checking
 \$103.69 in savings
 \$5037.30 in CD account
 These three accounts total \$12,937.46 total chapter funds.
 That's all for now – see you at the meeting,

Bill Wheadon
 EAA 1268 Membership Chairman and Treasurer



Flying airplanes for a living is such a highly respected profession. Kind of like vaudeville actors. (Don't take this too seriously. I know professional pilots are very sensitive.)

YOUNG EAGLES

Same Oh, same oh...Come on out and pitch in. Everyone is welcome. Let me know if you can bring your aeroplane! Always need help with registration, ground school, flight line, set up and tear down.
 B.K. Eagle1@vom.com

Young Eagles day is Sunday, September 8. 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.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

Movie night for September is **Saturday, September 28 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, Spetember 28** 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 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.
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 special
OCT	Air Explorers
NOV	Richard, Sandra & George
DEC	XMAS PARTY

Standby	?
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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-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 AFB
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
9/8	Young Eagles 9 am
9/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/11-15	Reno Air Races
9/21	Skypark Family Fun Day!
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 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
July 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Robin Tatman. Treasurer Bill Wheadon and Board members Jeanette Woods and Roland Gangloff were also present.

Robin talked about planning for the upcoming Family Fun Day open house on Saturday September 21. Sonoma Skypark Assistant Manager Colin Traynor will contact the pilots and shareholders through email and the monthly newsletter to remind them of the rescheduled date.

Young Eagles will be this weekend. BK will not be there but Robin and Roland will coordinate with the regular volunteers handling registration, ground operations and flying.

EAA Airventure at Oshkosh and the Pietenpol fly-in the weekend before will be later this month. A number of Chapter 1268 members will attend one or both events. Chapter 1268 members can meet at Ron Price's campsite in Sally's Alley in the Vintage Camping area.

Darrel is cooking dinner tonight so isn't present at the Board meeting.

The speaker for the evening is Glenn Gathright of the FAA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Dinner was barbecued chicken and sausages, with corn salad, cabbage salad and cookies for dessert. A special treat were the delicious grilled lamb ribs brought by Bruce and Marcia Mc Glochlin.

Robin called the general meeting to order at 7:30.

Guests included Dr. John Schafer, local Aviation Medical Examiner.

The officers present repeated their reports for the members.

General discussion included planning for the rescheduled Sonoma Skypark Family Fun Day open house Saturday September 21 and Airventure at Oshkosh.

The mineral membership meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The speaker for the evening was Glenn Gathright, FAAST manager for the Oakland FAA FSDO. Glenn covered a broad range of subjects on the resources available for pilots and aircraft owners through the FAA and the local Flight Standards District Office.

EAA 1268 Board of Directors Meeting
August 13, 2019

The Board Meeting was called to order by Vice President Darrel Jones at 6:30 pm. as President Robin Tatman was preparing dinner.

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

Absent: Directors, Paul Siebert and Jeanette Woods

Darrel asked for an update on which board members were in possession of keys to the building after he had distributed them several months ago.

Treasurer report by Bill Wheadon: balance in checking account \$7,638.47, savings account \$103.69 and \$5,037.30 for a total of

\$12,779.46. This does not include the Jack Strehl fund.

Questions regarding the distribution of the scholarship to Fabiola Chavez and contribution by Tom Goodblood.

Young Eagles report for Sunday, August 11, by BK. White. We gave 26 Young Eagle rides with pilots being Don Booker in his Cherokee, Tim Goodblood in his light sport, Robin in her Cessna 120, new pilot to our group, Kevin Horn, in his RV and Darrel Jones in Jeanette Woods Cessna 172. BK mentioned that on average we fly about 20 kids each YE day, repeats and new, and this Sunday a new very appreciative mother and son. Ron Willits brought toys for all the Young Eagles. It was a clear and beautiful day. Details and names of ground crew helpers can be found in the August Newsletter.

Air Academy report by Darrel Jones. We have \$1,000 on deposit and we received \$60 worth of credits for their YE rides from the Gness Field Chapter. Our Chapter is securing 6 slots for next summer and still need \$140 to cover. Reserved slots are 4 slots for the Advanced Camp, ages 16-18, and 2 slots in Basic, ages 14-15, for which there are 2 different time sessions. At this time no slots for 12-13 years olds as it involves extra expenses charged by the airlines for flying as Unaccompanied Minors in the amount of \$600 per student. A discussion regarding a possible mini-camp here for the younger group.

Family Fund Day, on September 21 will need volunteers and the same jobs people signed up for will be on the schedule. Robin and Kathy are in charge, however, Kathy will not be in town the day off.

Will Campbell was present and it was the Premiere showing of the beautiful photos he took at this year's Air Venture, many of which will be used for official Oshkosh publications.

Congratulations to Ron Price, for the Award for his beautiful restored Luscombe-4 at Oshkosh.

Board Meeting adjourned 6:55 pm.

General Meeting called to order by Darrel at 7:50 pm. while Robin managed to save the evening by preparing dinner as our scheduled cook, Richard Craig, was called away due to the sudden passing of his father. Our condolences go out to Richard and his family.

Darrel thanked Robin for a delicious dinner of Tacos with all the trimmings. Beef, pork, chicken, salsa, guacamole, chips, rice, beans, tortillas and ice cream bars. Bill Wheadon, Nelleke and several other people helped.

Guests for the evening: Brent Mason, Gere Starks, Wayne Flower, old member and RC flyer, who recently purchased a Glasstar and Ken Short.

Robin introduced Marc Ashton, who informed the members of an upcoming ground school, being held at the Petaluma Community Center on Thursdays, from 7-9:00 pm. The program is a computer based Knowledge test and Marc will leave flyers. Information to be found at the Petaluma Training Center Website.

The officers gave their reports to the Members including YE, Treasurer report, Air Academy.

Roland Gangloff informed us he is in contact with our previous speaker Miles Geldard and it was National Elephant's Day yesterday.

Our speaker for the evening was Lew Jennings, who gave a fascinating account of his experiences flying Helicopters for the US Army during the Vietnam War. Lew is the author of "19 Minutes to Live."

Vietnam is a beautiful country with rice paddies, forests, mountains and in the monsoon

season areas that are one big lake. Lew explained that for that reason troops movement would be difficult and treacherous as there were no roads to speak of in Vietnam. Robert McNamara, the Secretary of Defense, decided helicopters would be the most efficient mode of operation in Vietnam. Lew had his Private Pilot's license at age 19 and when he was about to be drafted tried to join the Air Force and Navy as a pilot. Alas, he didn't have his 4 year degree yet, but the Army was very happy to enlist him to fly helicopters. Among other events, Lew talked about the infamous 11 day battle of Hamburger Hill, which against all odds the US Airborne group took causing heavy casualties to the People's Army of Vietnam and the US soldiers. Lew flew 726 helicopter combat missions in a Cobra Gunship and was awarded over 50 combat decorations, including three Distinguished Flying Crosses and 36 Air medals.

There were many questions for Lew and copies of Lew's book "19 Minutes to Live" were quite popular with the members.

General Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm.

Wayne Flower sent me this email:

Darrel,

Do you know if you have any members that have built a Glastar or Sportsman from Glasair? I have put in an offer to take over a Glastar kit that is partially built and would love to chat with anyone that has experience with these. Figure it is a bit of long shot, but worth asking.

Wayne
rotozuk at gmail dot com

Send me your news for your newsletter!



Kathy Carmichael tooling the airport around on the latest word in transportation, Lee Schaller's Model TT truck, on Family Fun Day last year. See you on the 21st!

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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 SEPTEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 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: _____

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

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