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EAA'S ONE WEEK WONDER COMES TO VISIT CHAPTER 1268
EAA One Week Wonder tour pilots Serena Kamps and David Leiting flank President Robin Tatman and VP Darrel Jones at the September meeting in front of the EAA One Week Wonder RV-12 built at AirVenture 2018

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, October 8**. 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 the Air Explorers.

Our program will be a report on our Air Academy participant.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone!

Another Family Fun Day is in the books. After an annoying reschedule in May due to seasonally late rain and wind, the event was a tremendous success. The temperature was perfect, and more importantly the wind was fairly light all day long.

Things seemed to go more smoothly than usual for the setup, event, and tear down. Part of that (noted by Eric Presten), is that we've done it so many times that everyone knows what to do. That certainly helps! But also, a huge amount of behind the scenes planning by the airport (Ron and Colin), the Board, and the coordinators (Kathy and myself) paid off.

We had wonderful coverage from the paper - both a press release issued by Darrel on Tuesday, then a great article (front page, no less!) featuring Bob Berwick with the Travel Air and the Airport on Friday. Bob donated both a flight with the reporters as well as a scenic flight for the Raffle.

The tethered balloon rides were a big hit - a first time that the wind allowed it. Sonoma Balloons also made their Bouncy House available. It was a big hit as well and was full of bouncers the entire event. No injuries to report either! Bob had a rare mechanical with the Travel Air and wasn't able to give as many rides as he hoped. However, 'Ole Blue still drew a huge amount of attention out on the ramp.

All the volunteers were fantastic. They showed up on time or early, and stayed longer than they signed up for to make sure that everything was done. We had a great ringer working the Todd Walker's barbecue keeping everything going smoothly and making sure everyone got fed. Here is a big thank you to our airport staff and board members - Ron Price, Colin Traynor, Dave Meeks, Richard Craig, Bob Berwick, Peter Gauthier, and Darrel Jones. And here is a list of our awesome volunteers:

Friday Set Up: Ron Price, Colin Traynor, Dave Meeks, Bob Berwick, Richard Craig, Darrel Jones, Eric Preston, Ben Preston, Bill Wheadon, George Thomson, Yayoi West, Jeannette Woods, Robin Tatman
Registration and Ticket Set Up: Katy Griffin
Registration: Donna Price, Pat Steers
Raffle Ticket Sales: Jeannette Woods, Sparky, Sharon Papich
Sky Diving Bingo Raffle Sales: Colin Traynor
Food Prep: Marsi Allard, Bill and Jan Wheadon, Carole Stevenson
Barbecue Set Delivery/Setup: Todd Walker, Bryan Liss
Barbecue: Bryan Liss, Randy Reyes, Dan Rosalind, George Thomson,
Pop Up Tent Set Up: Tim Steers, Nick Griffin, Mark Shackford, Roland Gangloff
Airplane Set Up: Eric and Ben Presten
Car Set Up: Bill Ewertz and the Model A Club, Lee Schaller, and many members who put their cars out.
Drink Sales: Ron Willis, John Thomason
RC display: Ben Presten
Tractor and Ford Rides: Richard Craig and George Papich
Paper Airplane Contest: Nick Griffin, Darrel Jones
Photographer: Will Campbell
Floats: Mark Shackford, Mack Liss, Roland Gangloff, Devil Pups with Clint St. Martens and 1 mom, Nick Griffin, Wayne Heverly, Wendy and Will Wales
NASA Display: Yayoi West
Tear Down: Everybody!
And here are the stats:
Guests Attending: 436

Raffle Ticket Sales \$820
 Drink Sales: \$381
 Skydive Bingo: \$200
 Total \$ Raised: \$1401

Thanks again to everyone who participated.
 Mark next year's event on your calendar:
 Saturday, September 19, 2020
 It will be here before you know it - time flies!

Robin Tatman

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

Treasurer's Report For the month of September we had a deposit of \$68 which consisted of \$18 in dinner proceeds and \$50 in donations.

There were no disbursements from the checking account in September.

We now have chapter funds in the following accounts:

\$7864.47 in checking

\$105.68 in savings

\$5060.19 in CD account

These three accounts total \$13,030.34 total chapter funds.

That's all for now – see you at the meeting,
 Bill Wheadon

EAA 1268 Membership Chairman and
 Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles day is Sunday, October 13. 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 October is Saturday, October 26 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, October 26** 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

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
10/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/13	Young Eagles 9 am
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
September 10, 2019

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

Present were: President Robin Tatman, Vice President Darrell Jones, Treasurer and Membership Chairman Bill Wheadon, Secretary Nelleke Cooper, Directors Roland Gangloff and Jeanette Woods

Absent: Young Eagles Coordinator B.K. White and Director, Paul Siebert

Treasury Report by Bill Wheadon:
Check to EAA National of \$140 towards Air Academy

Checking account Balance \$7,796.47, savings, \$103.69, CD account \$5,037.30 for a total of \$12,937.46

Discussions on upcoming Family Fun day, September 21.

Friday am; Darrel to promote it at KSVY, the local radio news station as well as a press release in the Sonoma Index Tribune.

Robin will be home on Family Fun Day and with lots of help will be the main organizer. Yayoi needs a table for her NASA presentation materials and Colin is checking on the parachute jumper. Will Campbell will be the official photographer; Bill Ewertz is in charge of the Model A car display; Lee Schaller's Model T truck will be used for hay rides.

At 6:30 pm the EAA One Week Wonder airplane, a Van's RV-12iS, N2018, arrived at Skypark.

Board Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

General Meeting called to order by President Robin Tatman at 7:45.

Robin thanked the cooks; John Thomasen and Ron Willis for a delicious pot-roast dinner, Howard Hull for the coffee and George Thomson for the wine.

Young Eagles report, 23 flights were given, pilots Kevin Horn, Bill Wheadon, Robin Tatman, Don Booker, Tim Bloodgood and Bob Berwick. Robin mentioned that the first activity for the new Air Explorer group took place and it looks like we will have lots of interest for next year's Air Venture Academy. There also was a request from a Vallejo teacher to bring their class to Young Eagles.

Guests for the evening;

Ted Pugh and Ken Mercer, who donated \$100 in addition to the credits they received for Young Eagles rides from their San Rafael EAA Chapter to our Chapter 1268.

Additional guests: Jonathan Clark, his wife, Samia Rahmani, a new aviation enthusiast who is taking flying lessons from Richard Craig, and John Briscella.

Robin introduced the pilots, Serena Kamps and David Leiting, who flew in the One Week Wonder to Skypark. Their presentation included their personal connection to EAA national and its history. To quote Paul Poberezny, “Our organization is one of doers!” To prove that point EAA built the Van’s RV-12iS, in one week with the help of 2500 amateur helpers and a core group of 100 expert volunteers. Van’s aircraft founder is Richard Van Grunsmen. The One Weeks Wonder is on a cross country tour with different pilots flying different sections.

The speaker for the evening was Jeane Sloane, who gave a presentation on her historic fictional novel, “She Flew Bombers, from the Factories to the Bases in WWII”. Jeane had a personal connection to the women pilots of WWII as her mother had joined the Women’s Air Corps and had collected Newsletter from the era on which Jeane based her novel. All on all the WASPS flew 60,000,000 miles in 77 types of airplanes and delivered them to male pilots to be flown in combat. 38 Wasps died during the war. After the war women, who officially were not part of the military, did not receive Veteran Status until 1977. In 2009, President Obama awarded the WASPs the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor, so they could take their rightful place in the history of America.

General Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm.

FROM PETALUMA PAPA
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE—Peggy Bakker

We are all to be aware of low flying over Petaluma. The FAA has contacted me again, so let’s please keep it above the 1000 and fly at 2000 over Petaluma.

We are having wonderful weather so hope that all will come out for the meeting. Remember we cook for the reservations made so if at possible try to come if you say you are coming. We will have a 50/50 raffle this month, hopefully.

Petaluma’s meeting is the second Wednesday of the month and is also a dinner meeting. The next meeting is October 9, the night after our meeting. If you plan to attend Peggy know at 763-7729 or.pegbakker41@gmail.com

ASK, NEVER ASSUME

His request approved; the CNN News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight. He was told a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport.

Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, “Let’s go.”

The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, “Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.”

“Why?” asked the pilot.

“Because I’m a photographer for CNN,” he responded, “and I need to get some close-up shots.”

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment. Finally he stammered, “So, what you’re telling me is, you’re NOT my flight instructor?”

—Unknown

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 2020!** SEE YOU THERE!

**REMEMBER! THE OCTOBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 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!
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE 6 P.M. BEFORE THE MEETING**
SKYCRAFTER MEMBERSHIP

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

Name: _____ EMAIL: _____

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AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: _____

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