



THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter
of the Sonoma Skyrafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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WE WERE THERE- WE WILL BE BACK AGAIN
Saturday hamburgers are postponed for January due to COVID

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this Tuesday, January 11 on Zoom. The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m.

The general membership meeting will start at 7 pm. A link will be sent to all current members for the Zoom meeting.

Use this link to join a Zoom test meeting to try out your connection.

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/115002262083-Joining-a-test-meeting>

Our guest speaker will be Marc Ashton from the Petaluma Pilot Training Center. I have asked Marc to talk about requirements for the PPL (Private Pilot License). Things have changed quite a bit in the last 10 years, and the check ride process has REALLY changed.

If you know anyone who is interested in getting a license, this will be a great meeting to listen in on. Marc is the only professional instructor that I know. He is also the most knowledgeable personal that I know of regarding all aspects of pursuing his license. Even if you have your license, it will be interesting to see how the process has evolved. More details in the newsletter. -Robin Tatman

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that 2022 is here. When I think about the upcoming year in relation to the chapter, two goals immediately come to mind. The first is to grow the Chapter and increase membership. The second is to continue the work of the newly formed Scholarship Committee. There are lots of other things of course, but not much will be accomplished unless we have a broader base to draw volunteers from.

Fortunately, there are some great tools that EAA National makes available for us. Before the meeting on Tuesday, I'll be watching a webinar that they have on ways to recruit new members. I'll share those with you at the meeting. There is another webinar on the Ray Scholarship program that I want to watch as well before the February meeting.

I'll be meeting with Marc Ashton tomorrow morning to discuss ways to keep our two Ray Scholars on track including helping them prepare for their written test, and keeping them on track to get their PPL before their birthdays. Future grants from EAA National for others to get their PPL depend on the success of these two. While it is not a requirement that they become Commercial Pilots in the future, the pilot shortage is real. Starting now will be a tremendous advantage for a great career in aviation for anyone who chooses to pursue it.

We had a lovely Christmas Party in December, and I am so grateful for all the people who volunteered to make it a success. First and foremost is Darrel Jones who secured a warm, clean, well lit, and comfortable place to have it. He also made sure that everything got set up, broken down, and cleaned up afterwards - especially when I ran off to fly a trip to Sydney that night. Kathy Carmichael was crucial to planning, Marilyn Avrit designed and set up all of the decorations for the table, and no less than a dozen other of you were there at various stages to help out. Thank you so much!

I also want to thank and welcome Yayoi West to the new Secretary position of the Chapter. Your help is much appreciated. And a big thank you as well to Nelleke Cooper for all of her work as the previous Secretary.

Due to the recurring COVID boom, we are opting back to Zoom to have our meeting online on Tuesday. I am hoping this will be temporary! Marc Ashton will be our guest speaker. He'll be outlining and talking about the road to becoming a Private Pilot. Many things have been changing over the last 10 years, and I have given him a list of questions to cover that parents at Young Eagles regularly ask me. If you, your kids, grand kids, or friends are interested in flying, this will be a good one to tune in on!

See you there!

Robin

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
AND TREASURER REPORT**
JANUARY 2022

For the month of December 2021, we had one deposit of \$550 in our checking account which consisted of \$45 in dues renewal and two donations totaling \$505 to our scholarship fund.

We also received two ACH deposits of \$2000 each in our checking account from EAA National as a first payment for our two Ray Scholarship recipients, Sebastian Johnson and Philip Lachman.

Total chapter funds are \$35,986.84 distributed in the following accounts:
Checking account - \$23057.35
Savings account - \$ 7629.80
CD account - \$ 5299.61

That's all for now – any questions? If so, shoot me an email or give me a call – bill.wheadon@gmail.com. 707-224-3901

Bill,
Membership Chairman and Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES

The January Young Eagles Day was cancelled due to COVID.

This from BK:

Once again, I don't have any "STUFF" to send. Just waiting in the warm-up area to get flying again. Jeez, by the time we get to fly again all our current planes will be antiques. Keep up the good work.....B.K.

We are all looking forward to flying Young Eagles again. As always BK White is looking for volunteer pilots, ground crew and registration helpers for our monthly Young Eagles events for when we get back in operation.

Let him know you will be joining us this year and helping out by sending BK an email to eagle1@vom.com or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

WOMEN IN AIRPLANES



Marvel Crosson

MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

Movie night for January has been postponed due to the latest COVID surge. Hopefully things will be better next month so we can get back to the clubhouse for more of Rafe's classic aviation films.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We have some of our celebrity chefs for 2022 but let us know if you want to take an unfilled month. 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.

This month we are having the meeting at home, so you'll be having whatever is in the fridge.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cooks/Meal
2022 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Dinner at home
FEB	?
MAR	?
APR	?
MAY	?
JUN	?
JUL	Darrel- barbecue
AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	?
NOV	?
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
2022 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Marc Ashton
FEB	?
MAR	?
APR	?
MAY	?
JUN	?
JUL	?
AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	?
NOV	?
DEC	XMAS PARTY

2022 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
1/9	Young Eagles 9:30 am
1/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
1/22	Skypark Movie Night
1/31	Air Academy application deadline
2/13	Young Eagles 9:30 am
2/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
2/26	Skypark Movie Night
3/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
3/12	NAF El Centro Air Show
3/13	Young Eagles 9:30 am
3/26	Skypark Movie Night
4/5-10	Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL
4/10	Young Eagles 9:30 am
4/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
4/23	Skypark Movie Night
4/24	Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show- Half Moon Bay, CA
5/7	Estrella Warbirds Wings & Wheels- Paso Robles, CA
5/8	Young Eagles 9:30 am
5/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
5/13-15	Thunder Over the Bay Air Show- Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA
5/20-22	Oregon Int'l Air Show- Hillsboro, OR
5/28	Skypark Movie Night
5/21 ?	Skypark Family Fun Day!
6/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am
6/25	Skypark Movie Night
7/10	Young Eagles 9:30 am
7/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/21-24	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in
7/25-30	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
7/23	Skypark Movie Night
8/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am
8/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/27	Skypark Movie Night

9/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/11	Young Eagles 9:30 am
9/14-18	Reno Air Races- Reno, NV
9/23-25	MCAS Miramar Air Show- San Diego, CA
9/24-25	California Int'l Airshow- Salinas, CA
9/24	Skypark Movie Night
9/17-18 ?	Wings Over Wine Country
9/30-10/2	California Capital Air Show- Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA
10/7-9	San Francisco Fleet Week- San Francisco, CA
10/9	Young Eagles 9:30 am
10/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/15	Benton Air Fair- Redding, CA
10/15-16	Central Coast AirFest- Santa Maria, CA
10/22-23	Planes of Fame Air Show- China, CA
10/22	Skypark Movie Night
11/13	Young Eagles 9:30 am
11/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/26	Skypark Movie Night
12/2	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/23	New Years' Day 1 st Flight

Every Saturday (usually) Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse, but suspended this month due to the latest COVID surge.

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

December 3, 2021

These will be easy minutes to write up.

The December meeting was the combined Sonoma Skypark/EAA Chapter 1268 holiday party. It was between COVID surges and after vaccinations and boosters, so was fairly relaxed.

I haven't had any reports of anyone getting COVID from the party. I hope we keep it that way.

Everyone had a good time and pitched in with the clean-up.

The meeting was adjourned, the lights turned off and everyone went home looking forward to the holidays.

Send me your news for your newsletter!

From Phil Danskin

Question for Sonoma Sky Park newsletter: When was the first landing at the newly opened Sonoma Sky Park airport?

Answer: 15 September 1967 (From Thomas' logbook entry)

EQUIPMENT FLOWN				FLIGHT AREA		REMARKS: MANEUVERS, ENDORSEMENTS AND ETC.	FLIGHT TIME BREAKDOWN						TOTAL TIME ALL CLASSES		
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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, UNTIL WE'RE BACK TO DINNER MEETINGS, SEND A CHECK AND THIS RENEWAL FORM TO BILL TO **PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2022!**

REMEMBER! THE JANUARY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 7 P.M., ON ZOOM. LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP GETTING ON ZOOM. 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: _____

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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