



THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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SONOMA SKYPARK AIRPORT, CIRCA 1969

All that gravel is now covered with asphalt, there are more hangars, and that “new” airport office building is now very old and ready for renovation.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this Tuesday, February 8. The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

The general membership meeting will start at 7 pm., also on Zoom. You will receive a link to join the meeting. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces, and look forward even more to sharing dinner with all of you in March.

Our program this month will be the February EAA Chapter video.

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>

WOMEN IN AIRPLANES



I believe this might be a woman pilot in a Tiger Moth. What do you think?

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT February 2022

Membership Report – Even though we haven't had an in-person meeting this year, the expenses incurred by our chapter continue. One of our biggest expenses is the annual fee we pay to EAA national for dues and insurance.

This is what our dues pay for. We've managed to keep our annual dues at \$15 only by having a large participation by our membership.

On another matter, I've had difficulty contacting some of our members to clarify an issue but have been unable to do so. This is due to either a change in email address or, if by phone, the number I try is invalid. Many people have gone to their cell phone as their primary and have either discontinued their land line or don't bother answering it.

So, if you're renewing your dues by mail to me, please attach an updated membership form (found on the last page of this newsletter) if either of these two have changed.

Also, if you mail me the dues, please do not make out the check to me. Make it out to EAA 1268. Because of our free banking arrangement with Redwood Credit Union, they won't accept a check made out to an individual. Any checks I receive made out to me I have to cash at my bank and reimburse 1268 – a mini hassle

Treasurer Report: For the month of January 2022 we had one deposit of \$555 in our checking account which consisted of \$75 in dues renewal, one donation of \$100 to our scholarship, and proceeds from the Saturday BBQ (back when we were having them) totaling \$380.

Total chapter funds are \$36,468.14 distributed in the following accounts:
Checking account - \$23535.85
Savings account - \$ 7630.88
CD account - \$ 5301.41

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

Young Eagles is postponed again for February. It looks as if we will be able to get the year started in March with the declining COVID infections.

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.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

Movie night for February 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	At home
FEB	At home
MAR	Bill W. – corned beef (?)
APR	?
MAY	?
JUN	?
JUL	Darrel J. - 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 – FAA training regs
FEB	EAA Chapter video
MAR	Capt. Matt Paradise - NAF
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

Board of Directors Meeting
January 11, 2022

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:12pm on January 11th, 2022 on Zoom

Present were President Robin Tatman (RT), VP Darrel Jones (DJ), Secretary Yayoi West (YW)

RT explained about Ray Aviation Scholarship's 2021 recipients. DJ and Roland Gangloff had a meeting with Marc Ashton of the Petaluma Training Center where the recipients are going to finish their private pilot training. DJ is scheduling tutoring for preparation for the written exam. Both 2021 recipients are very busy. Sebastian is a competition level gymnastic athlete, and needs to attend gymnastic training 4 days/week. Philips live in Albany and is involved in wrestling and Scouting. It is long distance for him to come to Skypark or Petaluma. We are trying to come up with a more structured program.

YW How have those two recipients were chosen?

DJ They were flying with Richard Craig at Skypark. And they were flying many hours,

25hours and 40hours each already with Richard.

YW Are those recipients going to Petaluma for ground school?

RT No, because of Covid, Marc can't do it and we need to tutor them. Marc is on the PAPA scholarship committee and our Ray Scholarship recipients also received \$3500 each from PAPA.

RT and DJ have been talking about, and I am also interested in, increasing the Chapter membership. There is a Webinar talk about how to increase members. (RT, DJ, YW will be taking it).

Regarding center piece decorations for the Skypark Christmas Party, if we can find old style wood airplanes, we can make an activity for Young Eagles to paint them for decorations for the next Christmas party. 60 airplanes can be purchased for \$80, which is a good deal. RT will place an order.

(Going back talking about Ray Scholarship)

YW Please explain about the Scholarship.

RT The scholarship goes to the chapter to train youth private pilot students. If we are successful one year, it makes easier to be approved for a scholarship by EAA for the following year.

DJ Ray Scholarship is one-\$10,000 award for a single student, or two-\$5000 awards for two students. We chose two for 2021 after successful the Chapter's 2020 recipient, Nathan Wilson, completed his private pilot check ride.

RT We also make sure the Ray Scholarship recipients to apply for the PAPA scholarship. Then they will receive a total of \$8500 and Chapter contribute \$5,000 to each candidate.

DJ The recipients have to finish flight test by November 2022. They can study and fly every

Sunday until summer, then can increase their training during summer vacation.

DJ has already applied for two \$5000 2022 Ray Scholarships. Chapter 1268 will contribute up to \$5,000 to each scholarship recipient.

RT What will be the best way to receive donation? I heard it works better if we ask individually.

YW It would be good to know how much we need. Then members have some idea and a goal to donate. How about online auction? How much do we need?

DJ We don't need any additional funds for the 2021 Scholarships, but we need \$10,000 toward the 2022 Ray Scholarship.

RT Family Fun Day would be helpful, too.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

General meeting called to order at 7 pm

The program for the evening was a presentation by Marc Ashton, from the Petaluma Pilot Training Center, on the increasingly rigorous training and testing required for the private pilot, as well as all other, pilot ratings.

OTHER NEWS

It's late Monday evening, and I can't think of another thing to go into the newsletter.

See you tomorrow evening on Zoom (hopefully for the last time).

OK, she might not be driving it, but she is definitely "on" it.

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, UNTIL WE'RE BACK TO DINNER MEETINGS, SEND A CHECK, **MADE OUT TO EAA CHAPTER 1268**, AND THIS RENEWAL FORM TO BILL TO **PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2022!**

REMEMBER! THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 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

SKYRAFTER 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**

Please mail your dues to:
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