



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
21870 Eighth Street East  
Sonoma, CA 95476

OCTOBER 2022

DATE	AIRCRAFT	DEP. POINT	ARR. POINT	FLITE TIME	REMARKS
1-3 DEC 41	N18606	SFO-SAN PEDRO-HNL		22 HRS 58 MIN	
4-5 DEC 41	N18602	HONOLULU	CANTON IS.	12 HRS 57 MIN	
5 DEC 41	"	CANTON IS.	SUVA, FIGI.	8 HRS 38 MIN	
6-7 DEC 41	"	SUVA	NOUMEA	6 HRS 13 MIN	OVERNITE ACCOMODATIONS NOUMEA
7 DEC 41	"	NOUMEA	AUCKLAND	7 HRS 43 MIN	ABOARD FORMER CURTIS PUBLISHING CO. YATCH. RADIO OPERATOR, LISTENING ON "CW" TO PRESS DISPATCHES, INTERCEPTED NEWS OF PEARL HARBOR ATTACK.
15 DEC 41	"	AUCKLAND	NOUMEA	8 HRS. 10 MIN.	PURPOSE OF THIS FLITE, TO EVACUATE PAA PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS.
15 DEC 41	"	NOUMEA	GLADSTONE AUSTRALIA	6 HRS 36 MIN.	EVACUEES SENT TO SYDNEY BY TRAIN LATER HOME TO US, BY BOAT. TWO STAT. MECHS CONTINUED WITH US, ONE WAS LEFT IN KARACHI, THE OTHER IN BAHRAIN, TO SET UP MAINT. BAS.
16-17 DEC 41	"	GLADSTONE	DARWIN	11 HRS 11 MIN.	
17-18 DEC 41	"	DARWIN	SURABAYA	8 HRS. 41 MIN.	HEY BOB - REMEMBER THE SHOTGUN INJECTED THE DUTCH M.D. SAVE US!
21-22 DEC 41	"	SURABAYA	TRINCOMALEE	20 HRS. 26 MIN.	
24 DEC 41	"	TRINCOMALEE	TRINCOMALEE	1 HR 08 MIN.	CYLINDER FAILURE #3 ENGINE.
26 DEC 41	"	TRINCOMALEE	KARACHI	9 HRS 40 MIN.	
28 DEC 41	"	KARACHI	BAHRAIN	8 HRS 09 MIN.	
29 DEC 41	"	BAHRAIN	KHARTOUM	11 HRS 16 MIN.	PASSED OVR MECCA, PILGRIMAGE IN PROGRE
1 JAN 42	"	KHARTOUM	LEOPOLDVILLE	10 HRS 23 MIN.	LANDED IN CONGO RIVER
2-3 JAN 42	"	LEOPOLDVILLE	NATAL	23 HRS 35 MIN.	LANDED NATAL WITH APPROX. 2 HRS RES. FUE
3 JAN 42	"	NATAL	TRINIDAD	13 HRS 52 MIN	
5-6 JAN 42	"	TRINIDAD	NEW YORK	15 HRS 46 MIN	TOTAL FLYING TIME ACCORDING TO MS LOGBOOK 207 HRS. 22 MIN.

## TIM STEERS' DAD'S FLIGHT LOG FROM THE PAN AM CLIPPER

Look closely at the dates and locations. It was a heck of a flight.

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## FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, October 12**. 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 \$10.00 per person. Our chef for the month will be Roland Gangloff, who will be serving up stroganoff, salad and dessert

Our speaker will be Mark Speer, who will talk about his flying career. Mark is a new member of Chapter 1268, so this will give us a chance to get to know him better.

## WOMEN IN AIRPLANES



Louise Thaden. I'm starting the book "Fly Girls", which is about five pioneering women aviators who broke into the male-dominated world of air racing and proved they could compete with and beat the best pilots flying.

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Lots happening with Chapter 1268 this month!

We have two new Ray Scholars, Thomas Rickard and Kate Llodra. Thomas has been taking lessons at Mike Smith Aviation at Napa Airport and just recently soloed.

Kate is signed-up at Mike Smith and had her first flight lesson Sunday afternoon after

attending our Young Eagles Rally and flying there.

Thomas lives in Geyserville and took an introductory lesson last June in Santa Rosa. That was all it took to inspire him to start working on his private pilot certification, with the intent to continue training to be a professional pilot.

He found an after-school/weekend job to pay for his lessons, so he and his parents were grateful for the help from Chapter 1268 and the Ray Scholarship Foundation to allow him to reach his goal of becoming a pilot.

Thomas and his parents, Chelsea and Ian, helped Bill out at the Saturday hamburger barbecue. Be sure to go on-line and sign up for upcoming Saturdays.



Kate is active in school activities and sports, and is focused on math and science with the goal of studying engineering in college. She has been coming to our Young Eagles Rallies



for over a year, and is eager to make flight training her top priority.

Both Thomas and Kate are the type of scholarship recipients Chapter 1268 is looking for, because both are focused, hardworking and motivated to succeed with whatever they are doing.

Both Thomas and Kate are 16-1/2.



This progress report from Sebastian Johnson, our 2021 Ray Scholar:

Hello all!

Last month I wrote of the rapidly approaching private pilot knowledge test. I am happy to inform everyone (that didn't hear at least) that I have since taken the test, and passed with a 92%. Since then, I have completed several

cross countries, including one to Little River, one to Tracy and Davis, and most recently my first solo cross country to Colusa, in the north central valley.

On the first day of October, I will be doing another solo cross country to Lincoln regional, carefully planning it out in order to not accidentally do some formation flying with the fighters up in Beale (at the request of my CFI).

This month, the deadline month for the scholarship, I will be dedicating my time fully to completing my solo cross countries and my instrument time. After that, it's mock check rides and then the hunt for a DPE.

As for volunteering, while the next couple of Saturdays I will be flying, I look forward to seeing you all at the weekly BBQs! While this may be the final month of the scholarship, I cannot feel anything but grateful towards the Skypark community and the support I have received. I look forward to every Saturday that I can go and volunteer in the club house and meet all of the wonderful pilots here in Sonoma. You'll be seeing me plenty post-scholarship.

Adding on to that, I am just about 70 hours, with the only things I'm in need of is an extra 2 hours of instrument time and a little more solo time to look good for the DPE (plus a long cross country).

Until next time,  
You're friendly neighborhood student pilot,  
Sebastian

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

**Treasurer Report** - September was a busy month for the Treasurer and I'll have to modify my normal method of reporting with a tabulation of Receipts and Disbursements accompanied with commentary. We received a substantial donation of \$5,000 that was

facilitated by Travis Jungroth who is a past president of our chapter and also ran a flight school at Skypark airport – thank you Travis!

**Receipts in September:**

\$5,000.00 - Donation through Travis Jungroth  
\$3,000.00 - rcvd from EAA National for Ray  
Scholarship recipient Sebastian Johnson  
\$ 581.00 – Saturday BBQ profits in  
September  
\$ 185.00 – September dinner receipts  
\$ 30.00 – dues renewal  
\$ 5.95 – Amazon Prime Charity  
\$8801.95 - Total receipts in September

**Disbursements in September:**

\$4000.00 – Payments to Petaluma Flight  
School for Sebastian Johnson flight training  
\$ 521.73 – tutoring supplies  
\$ 92.15 – reimbursement for Sept. dinner  
supplies  
\$4613.88 – Total disbursements in September

Chapter funds in our various account as noted  
below total \$36,852.00  
\$23,895.74 – Checking acct  
\$ 7,640.81 - Savings acct  
\$ 5,315.45 - CD account  
\$36,852.00

That’s all for now – any questions shoot me an  
email or give me a call.  
Bill (bill.wheadon@gmail.com, 707-224-3901)  
See you at the meeting,  
Membership Chairman and Treasurer

**YOUNG EAGLES**

Young Eagles Day for October was Sunday,  
October 9. We flew sixteen Young Eagles and  
a couple Eagles flights. Our pilots were Ken  
Thornton, Tim Bloodgood, Robin Tatman,  
George Bachich and Darrel Jones.

Gretchen once again had everything well  
organized. Her son, Hugo, came up with her  
from Half Moon Bay to help on the ramp.  
Roland Gangloff gave ground school briefings  
to the Young Eagles waiting for their rides and

our Ray Scholar Sebastian Johnson helped  
Hugo on the ramp.

As always, we are looking for volunteer pilots,  
ground crew and registration helpers for our  
monthly Young Eagles Rallies. Let us know  
you will be joining us and helping out by  
sending me an email at wd6bor@vom.com or  
by calling me at 707-799-6382.

**FLYING CLUB AT SONOMA SKYPARK**

The flying club starting up at Sonoma Skypark  
is close to collecting money, buying an  
airplane, and actually going flying.

Josh Little, who is currently finishing up his  
private ticket at Mike Smith Aviation in Napa,  
has stepped in to finalize the membership list  
and move things forward while Ben Inglis is  
out of the country for a while.

Josh scheduled a meeting at Skypark last  
Saturday and reported that he has commitments  
for five to seven members to proceed. They  
will invest enough to buy the airplane and get  
things going, and then sell the remaining  
memberships as new members step up until the  
roster is full at ten members.

There has been a lot of interest generated by the  
EAA email blast and an article in the local  
Sonoma Index Tribune newspaper.

Contact me if you are interested in one of the  
remaining slots and I’ll forward your contact  
information to Josh.

**EAA CHAPTER 1268 PUBLIC  
RELATIONS**

We have abundant material for positive stories  
about EAA Chapter 1268 and Sonoma  
Skypark, and the local newspaper gladly prints  
them when we send them in.

I’m looking for a creative member with a flair  
for writing who can do profiles of our members  
and scholarship recipients. General aviation

survives only with the support of the public in the surrounding community. It also thrives when we bring in new people who fall in love with flying and join our aviation community.

Give me a call or send me an email and we'll meet at the airport and talk over some ideas for bringing in the new members Chapter 1268 needs to grow and prosper.

**GROUND SCHOOL**

There are currently two free ground school sessions going for those of you working on your private pilot certificate.

Yayoi West is conducting sessions in the EAA Chapter 1268 clubhouse at Sonoma Skypark on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 pm.

Contact Yayoi at 707-364-9257 for more information.

Mike Smith Aviation is also conducting a free ground school at Napa Airprot Saturday mornings from 9 to 11 am. They sent the following information to share:

New In-Person Ground School

When: Saturday Oct. 8, 9am-11am

Where: Mike Smith Aviation, Napa County Airport Conference Room

This class is geared to the Private Pilot Knowledge Test.

There is no fee for this 12-week ground school.

All students, pilots, prospective pilots, and flying companions welcome!

Required book: 2023 Gleim Private Pilot Knowledge Test Prep book. \$22.95 plus tax, available at Mike Smith Aviation.

Class is limited to 25 students. RSVP 707-345-6526

**MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK**

Movie night is on hiatus for the time being. We will let you know when it starts back up.

**DINNER SCHEDULE**

We have dinners for the rest of the year, but we need to start filling the schedule for 2023. We still need a meal coordinator, so please let me know if you can make some phone calls and fill in the schedule for 2023. Let know at wd6bor@vom.com and I'll put you on the roster.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cooks/Meal
<b>2022 DINNER SCHEDULE</b>	
JAN	Dinner at home
FEB	Dinner at home
MAR	Bill Wheadon, Kristen Gregory
APR	Wayne & Don (with lots of help)
MAY	Robin T
JUN	Ernie Ganas - tri-tip barbecue
JUL	Darrel - barbecue
AUG	Dinner at home
SEP	Don Booker- chili
OCT	Roland Gangloff- beef stroganoff
NOV	Bill Wheadon
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](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

We're still looking for a speaker coordinator, so let us know if you can help out.

Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
<b>2022 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b>	
JAN	Marc Ashton – FAA training regs
FEB	EAA Chapter video

MAR	Social hour
APR	Captain Matthew Paradise
MAY	Another social hour
JUN	Lt Col Jim Avrit, USAF, (Ret)
JUL	Nathan Wilson- Ray scholar
AUG	?
SEP	Don Booker- heli's in Columbia
OCT	Mark Speer
NOV	Ivy Morrison- Air Academy
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
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 <sup>st</sup> Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!	

**EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:15pm on September 13th, 2022 at the Harry F. West Jr. Memorial Clubhouse

Present were Donald Booker (DB), Darrel Jones (DJ), Bill Wheadon (BW), Robin Tatman (RT), Yayoi West (YW)

At the beginning of the meeting, the board members interviewed Thomas Rickard, Ray Scholarship Applicant for 2022.

Thomas (16years old) lives in Geyserville, has 22 hours of flight time, and is almost ready for solo. His mother Chelsea said flying is his main interest and she doesn't mind driving for him to take flight lessons.

After finishing the interview, the board members started the Board Meeting at 6:45pm.

BW moved to approve Thomas as one of our Chapter 1268 2022 Ray Scholarship recipients.

RT seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the Board.

RT Ivy Morrison and Finley Skaggs need to come as speakers to talk about their experience at Air Academy.

DB We need a sign in the clubhouse to indicate that the Saturday hamburgers are funding flight training scholarships for local youth.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Dinner was furnished by Don and Ligia Booker.

Don presented a program with photos of his career flying helicopters in Colombia and doing helicopter training for the military.

**OTHER NEWS**

Marilyn Seibert sent a list of suggestions for meeting programs.

Four topics that we used when I was VP.

- Aircraft construction
- Safety & Flight
- Aircraft tech.
- History

Open Meeting-People introduce themselves and talk about their projects. This has always been a real success.

#### Topics for Aircraft construction

Welding

Metal working

Fabric

Fastening systems (a local fastening company came to a meeting and gave a demonstration. Dynamite meeting. Lots of goodies.

#### Safety and Flight

Float plane, amphib training, proficiency, licensing

Flight planning for a trip

Weather

Soaring

#### Aircraft tech.

Authorized owner maintenance — FAA guest speaker

Weight and balance

Cockpit gadgetry... weather/terrain avoidance, warning systems.

#### History

Lots of people we haven't asked to speak who have interesting stories and experiences.

### **GNOSS FIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Take a trip over to the Gness Field website at <https://gnessfieldcommunityassociation.org/> and catch up on what's going on over at that friendly field where we do all our crosswind practice.

They have a great newsletter with lots of interesting information. This month they announced that they were having a breakfast and speaker on Saturday, October 8.

We missed it this month, but it sounds as if they will be continuing. Be sure to check out the traffic patterns and information for pilots. They have noise-sensitive areas around the

airport and want everyone to work at being good neighbors to the surrounding community.

### **PAPA- PETALUMA AREA PILOTS ASSOC.**

<https://papapetaluma.org/>

This month's PAPA meeting is going to be held at Buffalo Wild Wings located at 401 Kenilworth Dr, Suite 810, Petaluma starting at 6 PM. Wednesday Oct 12. Invite a friend! Let's all put an effort into getting friends, neighbors (kids too) and coworkers pumped up about aviation. The usual \$10 dollars will be collected to be put towards food; you will be responsible for your own drinks. (Please take care of the bill for any food you order yourself.)

### **WOMEN ON MOTORCYCLES**



I'm losing track of which of these I've put in, so let me know if you've seen it before. I think it's a neat photo. I could probably use an editor.

I just helped my son-in-law Zac sell two of his motorcycles, so I'm looking at that poor, neglected Yamaha in the hangar that hasn't run in years, and wondering if I need to get it going again.

It's probably much safer if I didn't.

**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 2023! SEE YOU THERE!**

**REMEMBER! THE OCTOBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 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!**

**THE 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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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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