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DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT

It was a dark and stormy night. I had walked ten miles through the snow, uphill both ways.

I'll think of another good excuse for leaving out some important news from the regular December newsletter, but here is the rest of the story, as Paul Harvey used to say.

AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM ROLAND

MAYDAY! MAYDAY! Chapter 1268 needs your participation in an effort to recruit new members and bring back members who have fallen by the wayside. The chapter is in the process of developing several new and exciting programs and is in great need of attracting younger and more diverse members to stay vigorous and healthy as an organization.

If you agree, I as chair welcome your calls and emails. Please contact Roland Gangloff @ 707-935-1832; email: rgangloff38@gmail.com

THE BIG FUNDRAISER!

We are planning on renovating the clubhouse restroom and need your help, both physically and financially.

As I said in the regular newsletter, we need \$30,000 for materials for the renovation. We are planning on disassembling the existing restroom structure, saw-cutting the concrete, re-

installing plumbing, pouring a new concrete top slab, and reframing the walls and ceiling.

By bringing the structure down to ground level, we can eliminate the foyer, freeing up more floor space. We will have one room with a toilet and sink, and the other with toilet, sink and shower, just as we have now.

By eliminating the foyer, we will have enough floor space that we would comply with most ADA codes.

I am counting on finding members with some construction experience to help with the plumbing, framing and sheet rocking. I may have the concrete poured by a local contractor. If the budget works as planned, we can have a nicely finished restroom that will serve us for years to come, and maybe some left over to refresh the kitchen.

The current restroom was a compromise when it was built, but it has served its purpose well for nearly twenty years. If you've used it recently, you notice the floor sags as you walk across because of rot caused by a leaking water heater, the doors sag and stick, and the toilets have seen better days.

If you would like to donate the entire amount, we will even dedicate the restrooms to you and put your name on a plaque next to the door.

If you can only donate a portion of the amount needed, Chapter 12268 and the Air Explorers will match your donations up to the first \$7,500.

Send me an email or text, or give me a call at 707-799-6382 to let me know how much you can donate and how you can help with the construction.

You can send a check to Bill Wheadon, 1021 Stonebridge Drive, Napa, CA 94558, and mark it "Restroom fund".

I would like to start work in January with the goal of having it substantially complete by the end of March.

THE WORKSHOP

I mentioned in the December newsletter that we are planning on cleaning out the restroom hangar to get it ready for a Chapter airplane build project.

We got a start when Tim Bloodgood and I got the chairs out and started the clean-up. I had advertised the chairs on Craigslist, Facebook and NextDoor as free to the first person to pick them up. I had someone drive over from Valley with a pickup and trailer and we loaded them all in, he tied them down and drove away.

The next step is to make a dump run to haul away the two water damaged desks and the rest of the miscellaneous junk that has accumulated over the years. I have my daughter's full sized pickup available, but will need a few people to help load and one person with a good back to help unload at the dump.

My schedule is flexible, so if someone can help during the week, give me a call or send me an email and we will make that happen. If no one is available on a weekend, we can always make the run on a Saturday or Sunday.

I would also like to get this done by the first of the year, or no later than the first week in

January. We already have a nice workbench, a Shop Smith, a sander and some other tools in the hangar, so we can start the Chapter build project as soon as we get the restrooms renovated.



There they go!



Looking better already!

FLYING CLUB AT SKYPARK

The last bit of news is that the flying club at Skypark is a go. Josh Little took the lead and he tells me the money is in the bank and that they are ready to sign the sale documents with Don Booker for his Cherokee as soon as it's back from Ukiah, where it is undergoing some necessary repairs.

They may still have space in the club for additional members, so email me if you are interested and I will forward your email to Josh.