



THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
21870 Eighth Street East
Sonoma, CA 95476

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GEORGE BACHICH SMILING ABOUT ALL THAT JUNK

We weren't sure it would all fit, but it did! George is a master packer.

Thanks to him, the club shop hangar is a lot cleaner now.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, January 10**. 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. We don't have a chef for January, so I'll pick up some pizza or something.

Our program will be Yayoi West, with a presentation on the club airplane build project she's heading up. Yayoi bought the materials kit to start a Pietenpol. I'll have my Pietenpol plans at the meeting for people to look over.

I'll email a Zoom link for the meeting.

WOMEN IN AIRPLANES



Kimberly Smith, from Mike Smith Aviation at Napa, came over to help with the registration for the November Young Eagles because Gretchen was out of town. Kimberly is a great example of one of our local women in airplanes. Thank her for helping us out when you see her.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have a number of things to talk about first.

One is the membership drive headed up by Roland Gangloff. He needs people to call pilots here at Skypark, as well as past members, to get that new blood the Chapter needs to continue. EAA national can send out an email blast to members within any radius we request. Call

Roland at 707-935-1832; or email him at rgangloff38@gmail.com.

The next question is: pizza for dinner? Really?? Obviously, we haven't had anyone step up to make a few phone calls to line up our chefs for the year. All that person needs to do is to fill in eleven slots on the dinner roster, then they can retire for the year. We even have two months already scheduled. Easy, peasy.

Same thing for our speaker coordinator. It takes a just a little time to ask our own members or surrounding chapters if they can or have someone to do a presentation. You volunteer, and I'll help you get started. Again, easy, peasy.

Our fundraising drive to freshen up the kitchen and restrooms is off to a great start with a \$100 donation. You have the chance to get your name on the donors roll and bask in the fame, love and adoration of the Chapter. We only have another \$29,900 to go.

\$100, \$1,000 or \$10,000. Send your check, in whatever amount you can afford, to Bill Wheadon, 1021 Stonebridge Drive, Napa, CA 94558, and mark it "Restroom fund".

Don Booker is soldiering on as President, although he is doing so only until we can find another President to finish the year. Please step up and volunteer to fill this important position.

Chapter 1268 has accomplished a lot up to now, and we need help with our leadership to keep us going strong and successful. Again, the rest of the Board are there to help, so you won't be left out there all alone.

We have an aircraft build project to do, partly to bring in and educate local Sonoma Valley youth. Yayoi got the project off to a good start, and this is one Chapter project that we've already had some volunteers express interest.

Scott De Bel from Petaluma just generously donated the materials for a Pietenpol project he

had purchased, so we have the materials to build the fuselage, with most of the metal fittings needed.

I have a couple core engines that we can use as well, so we've got a good start. We will need a project lead and several others to direct and do the work. We have some tools already in the shop hangar, so we have a huge head start.

Let me know if you want in on this and I'll put you in touch with the rest of the build group.

That photo on the cover is of George Bachich, who offered his pickup and help to get all the junk that had accumulated in the shop hangar out and to the dump.

We had already found someone to take all the old restaurant chairs and the old ice cream cart has found a home, so we have just a little more to do to get the shop up and running.

As far as the fundraising is concerned, as soon as we reach something around \$15,000 we can get started on the restroom renovation. I think that we can get that done in two months working two or three days a week.



Don Youngs making a square out of a T.

We will need maybe three or four members with some construction experience for the restroom, but I think it should go together pretty easily. Here are some photos of previous members putting the clubhouse together in 2005.



That's Roger Rhoten performing his magic act during an early Family Fun Day. You can see what the clubhouse looked like back then.

I'm trying to find a stainless sink for the kitchen to replace the ratty cabinets and sink we have now, so we can keep that part of the kitchen cleaner and make it easier to have our dinners and Saturday barbecue. Again, I'll ask for help when we tackle that project.

I've tried to put these items in somewhat of a priority order. First is to get the membership back up and going. COVID decimated not only our organization, but every club and group that meets in person for friendship and good times.

Let's get things going for 2023 and make this another great year!

Darrel

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
AND TREASURER REPORT**
January 2023

Membership – As sure as the sun rises in the east (unless you take off just after sunset in a fast-climbing jet), January brings a request to pay your annual dues -still just \$15. So far 18 out of 77 members have paid 2023 dues. Your dues go primarily to pay our ongoing housekeeping expenses such as EAA national dues and insurance.

I'll be collecting dues on Tuesday and I still have the same deal – I'll give you \$5 after you give me a twenty. If you're not sure whether you've paid or not, check your badge color – blue if you have paid and white if you haven't. Payment information is on the last page of this newsletter. If you've had a change of address, phone number, email address, etc, please fill out one of the membership forms which is also on the same page.

Treasurer – For the month of December 2022 we had three donations – two totaling \$9739 for our scholarship fund and one for \$100 to go toward the clubhouse building fund. Dues renewal contributed \$97 and proceeds from the sale of burgers to a member generated \$40. Total deposit for the month was \$9976. There were no disbursements.

Total chapter funds are \$36,398.49 distributed in the following accounts:

Checking account - \$23,434.74

Savings account - \$ 7,642.96

CD account - \$ 5,320.79

Total chapter funds \$36,398.49

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

This will be a sad Young Eagles report because I have to report that BK White passed away December 27. Nelleke saw a notice posted at Parkpoint. I tried calling BK's wife Carol, but wasn't able to talk to her. BK had been having physical issues for the past several years

We knew BK was ailing and had been in an assisted care facility.

BK took over the job of Young Eagles liaison from Rich Cooper in 2009, and we could always count on him being at Young Eagles with a box of donuts and a big smile.



BK keeping everything in order at Young Eagles

I'll try to get more information for the next newsletter. Meanwhile, could someone bring a sympathy card for Carol to this meeting?

Young Eagles was supposed to be this Sunday, January 8. I checked the TAF at Napa and it looked like rain on and off all day, so I sent an email cancelling it for this month to save people from a long drive.

Sunday dawned bright and clear, naturally. I did go to Skypark to tape a sign on the window and found that Mark Shackford was already there answering the phone to let people know that Young Eagles was cancelled for this month.

As is usual, we are looking for volunteer pilots, ground crew and registration helpers for our monthly Young Eagles events. Let us know you will be joining us and helping out by sending an email to me at wd6bor@vom.com.

SATURDAY BARBECUE

Marilyn Seibert is still looking for a co-chairperson to share the planning duties.

I received this email from Marilyn about a recent Saturday:

Hi Gentlemen,

Yesterday was a very successful Burger day. We had 32 people attend. We made \$227 after expenses.

It started out rough however. I had been told by Ian Rickard that he, his wife, and son, Thomas, would come yesterday and do the whole event, giving me a day off. He confirmed it at the Christmas party on December 3. But when 11:15 came and no one had shown up, I called Don Booker to ask if he could call them to see if they were on their way. (I didn't have their contact information.) The news came back that they had all gotten Covid and had forgotten to notify me. No fault of their own really, I don't believe they have my info. I have no contact information for the helpers who sign up, or a list of emails to confirm, as well. I feel it is essential to have this to avoid situations as this.

Last week was very stressful for me as my septic system leach field at home had failed and needed a total redo. That was completed and as a result, I had my gardener, Carlos, in my yard on Saturday (yesterday) working to repair the destruction of my garden.

My stress level was pretty high already without a panic feeling at 11:30 yesterday morning. We have Ric Wallace and Don Booker to thank for stepping up and helping at the last minute. Don Booker had volunteered to help for the month of November, and is now only available on standby status.

Any info you gentleman could share with me would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Marilyn Seibert
In Love and Light

Let's step up and give Marilyn a hand here. This is where we raise most of our scholarship funding.

CHAPTER BUILD PROJECT

This is from Yayoi West, our Chapter Build Chairperson:

EAA Chapter 1268 Members

Happy New Year!

I have great news for 2023. We are going to build an Airplane as a EAA Chapter 1268 project.

The aircraft to be built is a Pietenpol Air Camper. As you have already read in the Chapter News Letter, I volunteered to be the Chairperson for " Build an Airplane "

Our chapter has a lot of fun together, but I believe we can have more fun by building an airplane together. The project will hopefully attract current members and new members. In addition, we have many youth who want to be a pilot or are already in training for their Pilot License. I think building an airplane will be a great opportunity to learn more about airplanes.

I have already placed an order for an Original Pietenpol Vertical Stabilizer Kit and aircraft glue.

All I need is YOU.

There are two dates for you to join. I hope you can attend both of them.

- 1/10/23 Tuesday, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Harry F. West JR Memorial Clubhouse.

I will be a speaker for this meeting and I like this to be our building meeting.

If you have any useful tools or materials to build Pietenpol, please let me know.
 - 1/14/23, Saturday, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM at Harry F West JR Memorial Clubhouse
 1st Building Day: Vertical Stabilizer

If you are unable to come to either of the above events but are interested in joining for the future building meetings, please let me know.

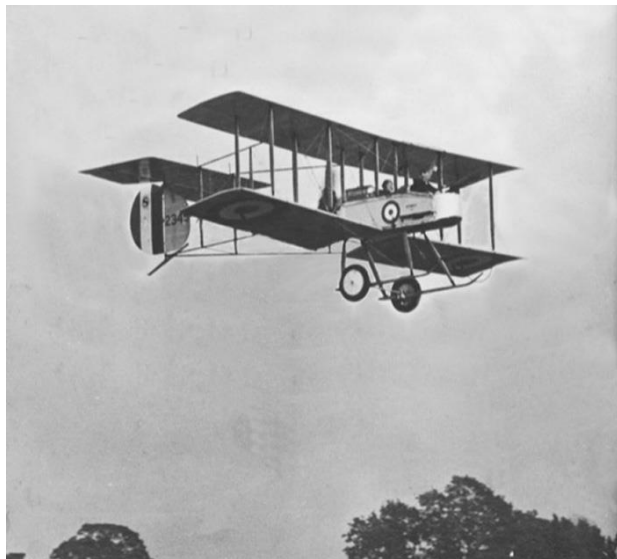
Tailwind and lift
 Yayoi West
 ssayayoi@gmail.com

A related email from Michael Wray:

Hi Yayoi,

I would like to get involved with this project. It has been quite a while since I built an airplane (see attached) but I am sure I can get up to speed. See you on 1/10.

Michael Wray



The airplane Michael helped build. He gave us a fascinating presentaion on it at a previous meeting.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

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

WE HAVE A FLYING CLUB AT SONOMA SKYPARK!

Josh Little got the Sonoma Skypark Flying Club past the goal line.

He worked with Don Booker and the five other new members of the club to complete the purchase of Don's Piper Cherokee and turn the club into a reality.

Thanks to Don for sharing his airplane.



The new members of the Sonoma Skypark Flying Club; Josh Little, Simon Payne, Jeff Spear, Tony MacKinnon and Kevin Mulvey.

2023 DINNER SCHEDULE

We have some of our celebrity chefs for 2023 but let us know if you want to take an unfilled month. Hot dogs, chili or pizza are perfectly fine. Let me know at wd6bor@vom.com and I'll put you on the roster.

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

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cooks/Meal
2023 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Pizza?
FEB	Ernie Ganas- lasagna & salad
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.

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

Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
2023 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Yayoi West- Chapter build project
FEB	?
MAR	?
APR	?
MAY	?
JUN	?
JUL	?
AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	?
NOV	?
DEC	XMAS PARTY

2023 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
1/1/23	New Years' Day 1st Flight
1/8	Young Eagles 9:30 am
1/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
1/31	Air Academy application deadline
2/12	Young Eagles 9:30 am
2/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
3/12	Young Eagles 9:30 am
3/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm

3/11	NAF El Centro Air Show
3/28-4/2	Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL
4/9	Young Eagles 9:30 am
4/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
4/22	Skypark Movie Night TBA
4/?	Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show- Half Moon Bay, CA
5/?	Estrella Warbirds Wings & Wheels- Paso Robles, CA
5/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
5/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am
5/?	Thunder Over the Bay Air Show- Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA
5/?	Oregon Int'l Air Show- Hillsboro, OR
5/27	Skypark Movie Night-TBA
5/?	Skypark Family Fun Day!
6/11	Young Eagles 9:30 am
6/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/24	Skypark Movie Night-TBA
7/9	Young Eagles 9:30 am
7/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/20-23	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in
7/24-30	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
7/22	Skypark Movie Night-TBA
8/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/13	Young Eagles 9:30 am
8/26	Skypark Movie Night-TBA
9/10	Young Eagles 9:30 am
9/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/13-17	Reno Air Races- Reno, NV
9/22-24	MCAS Miramar Air Show- San Diego, CA
10/7-8	California Int'l Airshow- Salinas, CA
9/23	Skypark Movie Night-TBA
9/?	Wings Over Wine Country
9/22-24	California Capital Air Show- Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA
10/6-8	San Francisco Fleet Week- San Francisco, CA
10/8	Young Eagles 9:30 am
10/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm

10/?	Benton Air Fair- Redding, CA
10/13-15	Central Coast AirFest- Santa Maria, CA
10/?	Planes of Fame Air Show- China, CA
10/28	Skypark Movie Night-TBA
11/12	Young Eagles 9:30 am
11/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/25	Skypark Movie Night-TBA
12/2	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/24	New Years' Day 1 st Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!	



You can actually see the floor now. Please don't "donate" anything that's too valuable to throw away without checking first.



The shop hangar is looking better and better. We need a couple volunteers to put up some insulation on the kitchen ceiling.

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

The December meeting was the combined Sonoma Skypark/EAA Chapter 1268 Christmas party.

The program was a white elephant gift exchange.

OTHER NEWS



I just read that Herm Bauer passed away also. Herman was an early shareholder at Sonoma Skypark and a delightful and intelligent member of the Sonoma Skypark community.

WOMEN ON MOTORCYCLES



Something to brighten a rainy day.

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 IN JANUARY!

REMEMBER! THE JANUARY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 AT 7 P.M., AT THE SKYRAFTERS' 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.**

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:

Bill Wheadon, Treasurer
1021 Stonebridge Drive
Napa, CA 94558

2023 YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM



Learn about aviation and take a fun flight around Sonoma Valley

2nd Sunday of the month (Weather Permitting)

January	08th
February	12th
March	12th
April	09th
May	14th (Mother's Day 🇺🇸)
June	11th
July	09th
August	13th
September	10th
October	08th
November	12th

For more information please contact:

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