



THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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BRODHEAD WAS GREAT, AS USUAL!

Michael Wray, our Pietenpol team leader, attended. He'll have to tell us all about it at a future meeting.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, August 8**. 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 Rony Kurniawan. Rony made some incredible po'boy sandwiches for the clubhouse kitchen remodel crew, so we know that dinner will be a real treat.

Our program will be Paul Hollingworth, our newest Young Eagles pilot. He will be telling us about flying gyrocopters.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Oshkosh 2023 is done and several Chapter 1268 members attended. We'll get reports for the newsletter as they get home and settled back into normal life.

I don't have much for my report other than to ask for donations to the building fund so we can get started on the restroom renovation.

Sindy Mikkelsen emailed "And just as an aside, Iris (and I) came back from Oshkosh last week. That girl was over the top excited about flying after camp. Ivy is there now and really enjoying herself, can't wait for everything to really get rolling tomorrow and Monday.

I think since the girls now live up in Hopland, it might be best to schedule them to do their presentation via Zoom (or whatever program works best). They could do them together, each taking about 10-15 minutes. What do you think?"

I think we can have Iris and Ivy as part of our program next month, along with our other Air Academy participants, Finley Skaggs and James Kurniawan. We might also have an update from our Ray scholars, Luis Membrila and Kate Llodra.

Just a last reminder to contact Marilyn and Marsi about volunteering to help with the

Saturday barbecue. It is not only fun, but our major fundraiser for Chapter 1268's scholarships.

See you at the meeting!

Darrel

EAA 1268 TREASURERS REPORT

August 2023

One bank deposit was made in July totaling \$761. Included in the deposit was \$700 in receipts from the Saturday BBQ in parts of June and July, \$15 in a dues renewal, and \$46 in receipts from our July dinner. We did receive \$15.69 in interest income on our CD account.

Expenses totaling \$1174.56 were attributed to: \$232.39 for reimbursement for supplies purchased for the Pietenpol chapter project, \$157.27 for additional checks, and \$785.90 for air travel for one of our Air Academy attendees.

Total chapter funds are \$42,097.66 distributed in the following accounts:
Checking account - \$ 29,071.26
Savings account - \$ 7,648.65
CD account - \$ 5,377.75
Total account funds \$42,097.66

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

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles Day is **Sunday, August 13**. 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 Gretchen at gretchen.mcdougall@gmail.com or me at wd6bor@vom.com.

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. Our meal coordinator is Sindy Mikkelsen at sindymikkelsen@att.net. Let her know you can provide the meal for a meeting and she will put you on the schedule. Copy me at wd6bor@vom.com so I can include you in the newsletter dinner schedule.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cooks/Meal
2023 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Will Campbell, Nelleke Cooper
FEB	Sindy Mikkelsen
MAR	Marilyn and Bob Avrit
APR	Don and Wayne (+Ligia and Cecilia)
MAY	Sindy Mikkelsen (again)
JUN	Marsi Allard
JUL	Darrel- barbecue
AUG	Rony Kurniawan
SEP	Marsi Allard
OCT	?
NOV	Gene Marcinkowski
DEC	XMAS PARTY
Standby	?

SPEAKERS

We are always, continually, everlastingly looking for speakers for our monthly programs.

Contact Speaker Coordinator Roland Gangloff 707-935-1832 and 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
2023 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Yayoi West- Chapter build project
FEB	Pietenpol video "Finding Flight"
MAR	Yayoi West- total eclipse Apr 20
APR	Stephen Brosseau. 5000hrs flying w/o an engine
MAY	Art Hayden, Mt. Flying, South Africa, Alaska &etc.
JUN	George Bachich. Acrobatic antics; inverted spin recovery
JUL	Bruce Janigian: ret. U.S. Navy Captain; Experiences in Ukraine and Crimea, Russia

AUG	Paul Hollinsworth: Gyrocopters, history of development and his history of flying them. What he flies and why he loves doing so
SEP	Air Academy report?
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
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!	

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

July 11, 2023

EAA 1268 Board of Directors Meeting

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Don Booker at 6:05 pm. Darrel Jones set up the Zoom meeting.

Present: President Don Booker, Vice President Darrell Jones, Treasurer Bill Wheadon, Directors Roland Gangloff and Nelleke Cooper
Present on Zoom: Yayoi West

Roland will check with Staples to get information on prices and designs of the proposed signs needed at Skypark as discussed at the previous month meeting. He will email pictures of the signs with the suggested wording to all Board Members prior to have them printed. 4 Signs will be needed and will be especially helpful on Young Eagles Sundays.

Roland and Michael Wray have been working with Teen Services and are planning to bring a group to Steve Silver's, a United Captain, hangar next Friday. The emphasis is the exposure of the group to careers in aviation. There are also plans to visit the North Coast aviation Museum in Santa Rosa.

Our scholarship recipients, Kate Llodra and Luis Membrilla-Martinez are preparing for their Private Pilot checkride in August. They both are in the process of completing the required Cross-country flights.

As previous mentioned our Treasurer Bill Wheadon will retire and a new Treasurer will be needed. It is mentioned that we need to get younger people involved.

Rony Kurniawan, father of James, a regular participant in the Young Eagles program, has stepped up and has been helpful at many Chapter functions, including Saturday BBQ's, EAA meetings etc.

Yayoi mentioned more plywood was needed for the Pietenpol project and Darrel ordered T-shirts for the participants.

Richard Craig is in the process of adding on to his hangar.

Board Meeting adjourned 6:55 pm

Membership Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm by President Don Booker.

He thanked Darrel Jones for the delicious dinner of Barbequed Chicken and Sausage, green salad, potato salad and Snicker Doodle Cookies made by Catherine.

Don welcomed the guests for the evening Tom Weaver, Anan and Antoine Bigirinana.

Darrel gave a report on the Young Eagles Flights of last Sunday. The pilots flew 33 flights total, 25 Young Eagles and 7 adults.

Darrel explained the mission of the Young Eagles program to interest young people in aviation careers and Roland explained that he was in the process of trying to recruit from the Teen Services program.

Darrel introduced our scholarship recipients, Luis and Kate, to the members and they explained their experiences of their successful Cross-Country flights. When the students complete a milestone in the Ray Scholarship program, they receive a LightSpeed headset, which both Kate and Luis have received and Kate demonstrated. Darrel also explained our scholarships and that our organization has been able to provide \$11,000 for scholarships for each of the students.

Funds for our scholarship are raised by the proceeds from the Saturday BBQ's, donations and Ray scholarships.

Luis reported that he had to convert his planned landing at Little River airport due to fog and landed at Ukiah instead. Kate has

completed 2 of her long cross-country flights and gave Darrel lots of credit for supporting her. Both of them were introduced to flight participating in our Young Eagles program. Bill Wheadon asked them if they were allowed a GPS on their flights, which they were, but theirs were antiquated and they ended up doing it without their GPS.

Wayne Schake introduced the speaker for the evening, local attorney, Bruce Janigian. Bruce is a retired Navy Captain, Adjunct Professor at the University of the Pacific and Golden Gate University and Scholar at Stanford's Hoover Institute of War, Revolution and Peace.

The subject of his presentation was from "Crimea to Crimea" the connection between the war in Ukraine and the History of Crimea. It was a fascinating report on the complicated history of the relations between Great Britain, Russia and China.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:
Nelleke Cooper

WOMEN IN AIRPLANES

Tammie Jo Shults is an American retired commercial airline captain, author, and former naval aviator. Known for being one of the first female fighter pilots to serve in the United States Navy, following active duty she became a pilot for Southwest Airlines, retiring in 2020. While in the U.S. Navy, she served as an instructor pilot flying the F/A-18 Hornet and EA-6B Prowler, achieving the rank of lieutenant commander.

On April 17, 2018, Shults successfully landed a Southwest Boeing 737 after an engine exploded at high altitude, causing multiple system failures and a rapid depressurization. Her successful landing of Flight 1380 at Philadelphia International Airport saved 148 lives including passengers and crewmembers. Since her retirement,



Shults continues to fly privately, serves as a volunteer pilot, and along with her husband, serves as board members for the nonprofit organization, Angel Flight South Central. Captain Shults was also appointed to the Women in Aviation Advisory Board, an organization that seeks to develop and provide independent recommendations and strategies to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to inspire young women to pursue flying careers.

ONE MORE ITEM



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 AT THE MEETING!

REMEMBER! THE AUGUST MEETING OF SONOMA SKYRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 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.**

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