



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
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Sonoma, CA 95476

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## YOUNG EAGLES FLYING AT ITS BEST!

Looking at this photo Frank Russo shot of his Young Eagles passenger getting to fly his beautiful Cub makes my stomach tickle...

For all the right reasons! This, friends, is why we SHOULD fly!

To share the joy...

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### **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The next meeting will be this Tuesday, March 10 in the Skyrafters' clubhouse, Hangar B-5. Dinner will be provided by our Membership Chairman Bill Wheadon. Thanks again bill for everything you do to help out the Chapter, including cooking dinner!

Our March speaker will be; Ray Peterson, CFI, from Petaluma. Ray is connected with the FAA's FAAST Team which is dedicated to Safer Skies through Education. He will bring us the latest information on: the FAASTeam program; Transition to Sport Pilot; Conversion of paper Airman's Certificates to the new plastic cards; and the new FAA Wings program. Check out the website; [WWW.faasafety.gov](http://WWW.faasafety.gov) for information on the FAASTeam.

### **DINNER SCHEDULE**

Roy Meyers generously volunteered to coordinate the dinners so give him a call at 415-897-2983 or email to [Flyboyroy@aol.com](mailto:Flyboyroy@aol.com) to reserve your month. We look like we have meals covered through June, so we can start working on the second half of the year.

Chapter members preparing the meals are often pairing up and working together to provide dinner. If you don't feel that you can prepare the entire dinner yourself, go through the roster and give another members a call to ask them to help you.

Meeting attendance is usually between thirty or forty people and the club will reimburse our cooks for their out-of-pocket expenses preparing the meal.

We've only had to go out for pizza once, and that was due to a communications lapse on my part, so the system is working well.

The schedule so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
January '09	Jeannie W.	Jeanette W.
February '09	Nelleke C.	Rich C.
March '09	Bill W.	?
April '09	Jack C.	?
May '09	Larry N.	?
June '09	Darrel J.	?
July '09	?	?

Please let Roy Myers know by email to [Flyboyroy@aol.com](mailto:Flyboyroy@aol.com) or call 415-897-2983 which month you want and we will finish filling this in!

### **YOUNG EAGLES**

November Young Eagles will be this Sunday, March 8 from 9 am to noon, weather permitting.

We always need two to three people to rotate to cover greeting the Young eagles and parents, as well as help them register. Come out Sunday and give us a hand!

Call or email Rich Cooper if you are able to help March 8 either by flying or as ground crew. Remember that Daylight Savings time starts this Sunday!

Rich's email is [cooper@vom.com](mailto:cooper@vom.com) and his phone number is 707-938-5587.

### **OSHKOSH 2009**

July 27 through August 2. Clear your calendar, we're going flying!

### **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

1930 hrs Excellent Bachelor Casserole dinner served and prepared by Nelleke and Rich Cooper, salad by Jeannie Williams and help from Roy and Linda Meyers.

President Darrel Jones thank every one for the meal preparation and help. Darrel is requesting volunteers for meal prep, and that they give him a call, if you

are willing to do one of the months that are available.

City of Sonoma community disaster response planning process committee has been notified that, Skypark would like to be part of the team, we can be a valuable asset in this area.

Scholarship committees are looking for donations and the Schellville scholarship will be open to candidates in any field of aviation from Sonoma and Napa valley

Introduction of guests: Darrel introduced journalist student Cortney Kenney. She will be doing articles on people around the airport and about the airport. Rich Cooper introduced Marsi Fahraji, our new member from Larkspur. Also welcomed were new members Craig MacDonald, Yayoi West and Roland Garglough

Treasures report: Bob Avrit states the chapter has \$6775.82 in the general fund with a bank deposit of \$641, dinner receipts \$243, membership dues \$393, and expenses of dinner \$66.21, and EAA Membership \$321.

Bob said that Tim Bennett, past treasure, is living in Washington state and has sent in his dues this year.

Bob requested that you pay your \$15 dues so that the roster can be completed by March.

Young Eagles: Rich Cooper said that they had a group of Boy Scouts that needed one flight to get their merit badge, but they had to cancel this past Sunday due to weather, and have rescheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Air Explorers: Walt Lewis was not able to attend, but had Paul Seibert continue with tool education, Frank Russo and John Thomason did a show and tell on airspeed calibration, and Roger Willis talked about the PAPA scholarship application requirements. The Air Explorers even got in some RC flying at the end of the meeting. Travis Morton just received his LSA CFI rating in a Champ. Travis also delivered a

Stinson 108 to Florida, took four days 25 hours and a ramp check from the friendly FAA.

Fly out; Don Cooley is planning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week end in April for a Woodland Watts to Vacaville visit to Duncan Millers hangar.

Ron Price reminded all that Casa Grande fly in is March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Guest Speaker Ben Freelove talked about his air show work with Shawn Tucker in a 4 ship routine. They did air shows last season at Dayton, Oshkosh, Atlanta, SFO, Chicago, and a little demo at Petaluma. He had a great DVD presentation from the perspective of the air show pilot. Ben also works at King City, CA where they offer spin training to a full aerobatics course.

Frank Russo, Secretary

### **SKYPARK DISASTER RESPONSE DRILL SATURDAY MARCH 14**

Sonoma Skypark is now officially a member of the City of Sonoma's Disaster Council. The Council is an official organization of different groups and agencies that meet monthly to plan for the response to an area-wide disaster involving Sonoma Valley.

The most likely disaster will be a major earthquake. Sonoma Skypark is preparing to be a resource to the local community when that happens.

We have scheduled our first disaster drill for Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at the airport. We will be working with the Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club to set up a communications and disaster relief station at the airport.

Please plan on coming out to the airport to help plan how Sonoma Skypark can be used in and emergency.

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**REMEMBER! THE MARCH MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA  
CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 10, AT 7 PM, AT THE SONOMA  
SKYPARK SKYCRAFTERS CLUBHOUSE, HANGAR B5.  
DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM, SO DON'T BE LATE!**

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**SKYCRAFTER MEMBERSHIP**

**EAA CHAPTER 1268**    Membership Dues:    \$15 per year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ APT: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EXPIRATION DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your check should be made payable to:    **EAA 1268**

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