



# THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
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## JOHN THOMASON'S WACO ON FLOATS AT OSHKOSH

Devon Watkins, who celebrated her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday during Oshkosh, gets the first ride in John's beautiful Waco YKS-6 on floats at Ron Price's cousin's house on Lake Winnebago

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The August meeting will be this Tuesday, August 11, at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. The program for this month will be a report on the EAA fly-in and airshow at Oshkosh. Several Skyrafter's members made the trip back and will have pictures and stories to tell.

Dinner will be tube steaks provided and prepared by Ray Gallivan and Roy Myers.

On a more serious note, I've just received an email from Jeanette Woods saying Hal is in the hospital in serious condition with pneumonia. WE hope to have more information at the meeting but ask that all of you keep Hal and Jeanette in your thoughts and prayers.

## **DINNER SCHEDULE**

The schedule so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
August '09	Roy M.	Ray G.
September '09	Darrel J.	Gary McD
October '09	Walt L.	Marilyn
November '09	?	?
December '09	XMAS	PARTY!

Roy Meyers generously volunteered to coordinate the dinners and is looking for cooks.

Let him know by email to [Flyboyroy@aol.com](mailto:Flyboyroy@aol.com) or phone at 415-897-2983 which month you want and we will finish filling in the list for the rest of the year!

**"Without munitions, the USAF would be just another expensive flying club."**

## **YOUNG EAGLES**

August Young Eagles will be this Sunday August 9 from 9 a.m. to noon here at Sonoma Skypark.

We always need two to three people to rotate to cover greeting the Young eagles

and parents, as well as helping them register. Come out Sunday and give us a hand!

BK White has taken over as Young Eagles coordinator, so give him a call at 707-996-1335 or email him at [BkandCarol@vom.com](mailto:BkandCarol@vom.com) to let him know you will be flying and helping.

## **OSHKOSH 2009**

Well, Oshkosh 2009 is over and most of the Skyrafter members are back home or en route.

I didn't get any takers for my offer to fly back together, so my retired Air Force/ham radio buddy Jim Hill and I took my Stinson back along the same route we followed last time.

We headed up through Oregon and finally, after seven years, made Cavanaugh Bay for our first night. Other than a little mid-night food poisoning, it was a lovely stay on a grass strip on the water.

Second day took us through Glacier Park Pass to Havre City; third day we over-nighted in Owatonna, Minnesota, where we had a tour of Roy Redman's Rare Air antique and vintage aircraft restoration facility. After a fuel stop in Monroe the next day, we spent three nights at Brodhead, Wisconsin for the Pietenpol fly-in.

We made it up to Oshkosh Sunday morning and among other things to see, went by the seaplane base to take a look at John Thomason's beautiful Cabin Waco YKS-6 on newly installed floats.

Jim and I left Oshkosh Thursday, and other than some 30 to 40 MPH headwinds and turbulence over Wyoming, had an uneventful flight home.

Come to the meeting to hear from other members about their Oshkosh experiences!

## 2009 CALENDAR

If you are going to one of these please let me know and we will find some pilots and planes to fly with you.

Aug 14-16, **Northwest Antique Airplane Club Fly-in**, Pearson Field, Vancouver, WA  
Sep 4-6, **McMinnville Aircraft Fly-In**, McMinnville, OR,  
Sep 24-27 **Dawn Patrol Rendezvous**, Dayton, OH  
Oct. 3, **EAA Chapter 1476 Pancake Breakfast and Fly-in**, Rancho Murieta, CA  
Oct 4, **Wings and Wheels**, Rio Vista, CA  
Oct 15-17, **Parade of Planes**, Hayward, CA

Send your information on any other fly-ins or destinations and we will update our calendar during the year.

## EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

**July 14, 2009**

1930 hrs Great meal of Brat, Beans, potato salad, garden salad, chocolate cake, and ice cream served.

President Darrel Jones thanked BK White for the meal preparation and help from Marilyn Avrit , Marsi Fahraji, and Roy Myers.

Darrel is requesting volunteers for meal prep, and that they give him a call, if you are willing to do the month of November.

Introduction of guests: Jennifer Casper , her grandfather Rodger was one of the founding fathers of the Wings of Hope program, she will be actively recruiting pilots for the program at Petaluma and will have a display at the Wings and Wheels fly-in Petaluma airport Saturday July 18.

Treasures report: Bob Avrit states the chapter has \$6658.14 in the general fund with a ,bank deposit of \$10,dinner receipts \$106, membership dues\$15, and expenses of dinner \$111.14, and EAA Air Explorers to Air Academy donation of \$500.

Young Eagles: BK White said that they had a 13 young eagles and thanked pilots Andy Smith, David Meeks, Trevor Meeks, and ramp control Rich Cooper, and Paul Seibert for the help along with the airport girls Devon Watkins and Jasmine that kept the paper work straight. BK explained to Jorge how to get his log book registered at Sportys to be eligible for the free course to pass the written exam.

Air Explorers: Walt Lewis was not able to attend as he and John Thomason were driving the Waco floats up to Brodhead to have them installed in time for Oshkosh. John Carmichael reported that Air Explorer Andrew Walker just got his commercial, multi, instrument ratings this past week and he also graduated from high school this spring.

Guest Speakers: Paul Seibert introduced Napa airport tower operators Mike Soto and Shane Shannon. Shane was a navy controller at Fallon and worked at Oakland center, and at the FAA for 6 years. Mike was with the DOD for 10 years and the FAA for 2 years. They had some interesting stories and answered questions about the airspace. Mike requested that you give him a call ( 255 1534 ) if any thing concerning the airspace or airport is a question. They also mentioned that they like it when you call and give them a heads up if you are going to cross above the airspace even though it is not required just in case there may be a jet descending for an approach or other contingency. They also do not have a problem with transition through the airspace with a call before entering and would also appreciate a call when exiting in case they loose you on radar. Mike has a experimental that he acquired and is still in storage in Montana.

**"Mankind has a perfect record in aviation; we've never left one up there!"**

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**REMEMBER! THE AUGUST MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 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.**

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