



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
21870 Eighth Street East  
Sonoma, CA 95476

JULY 2010



## SONOMA STAND BY ME MENTORING BRINGS KIDS FOR A RADIO CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT DAY AT SONOMA SKYPARK

Radio controlled aircraft enthusiasts from around Sonoma County came to Sonoma Skypark April 17 to fly this jet and many other airplanes for the Mentors and Mentees

### **CHAPTER OFFICERS**

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## FIRST THINGS FIRST

The July meeting will be this Tuesday, July 13, with dinner starting at 7 p.m.

Roy Myers will be barbecuing chicken, with Jeannie Williams bringing salad and Catherine Jones sending cookies.

The July program will be a talk by our very own Gardner Bride about his experiences as a crop duster back in the days when they used Piper Cubs and surplus Stearmans instead of turbo-powered Ag Cats and Air Tractors with GPS and air conditioned cockpits.

## YOUNG EAGLES

From B.K. Eagle 1:

Young Eagles this month happens the Sunday before the meeting, July 11. BK always brings donuts, but you'll need to get to the airport before the hoards of hungry kids arrive to get one.

Last month was something of a record for one of our single day events. I think the final tally came in at forty-two kids flown.

At the Board meeting at 6 p.m. meeting night, we will be discussing a means of limiting the number flown, dependant on available pilots, and giving out rain checks to the overflow so they can be assured of a flight the following month for our future Young Eagles flight days.

Other chapters fly Young Eagles in conjunction with a chapter event or once or twice a year. I'm very proud of the fact that Chapter 1268 has consistently flown every month except December, weather permitting, since we were chartered back in 1993.

BK White is always looking for members who want to spend an enjoyable Sunday morning at the airport so give him a call at

707-996-1335 or email him at [bkeagle1@vom.com](mailto:bkeagle1@vom.com) to let him know you will be flying and helping.

## DINNER SCHEDULE

The schedule for next year so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
July '10	Roy M.	Jeannie
August '10	Larry N	Todd W
September '10	Walt	?
October '10	Ron P	?
November '10	?	?
December '10	XMAS	PARTY!

Let Roy know which month you want at [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!

## SPEAKERS

Paul Siebert is taking to summer off to be in the thick of the flying. He will be part of the Barnstormers Tour starting this month. Paul has asked me to take over scheduling speakers so I need some volunteers to come forward, either at the meeting or with an email, to let me know they or someone they know will give a thirty to forty minute presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Are you building or have you ever built an airplane? Had an interesting/wonderful/exciting/terrifying flying experience? Know something about aviation or the associated technology? You can come brag and show pictures and go home with a bottle of wine and our undying gratitude. Well, the bottle of wine anyway.

Please let me know and I will happily schedule you into our speakers' bureau.

Month	Speaker	Subject
Jun	Barnstorming	Video
Jul	?	?
Aug	?	?

Sep	?	?
Oct	?	?
Nov	?	?
Dec	Sandy Claws	FAA lists

**COMBINATION TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT**

**EAA 1268 June, 2010**

Bill will have his report at the meeting and it will be sent as a supplemental email afterward.

**2010 CALENDAR**

- Arlington EAA Fly-in, Arlington, WA: July 9-11
- Airventure 2010: July 26-Aug. 1, Oshkosh, WI
- Wings Over Wine Country, Santa Rosa, CA: Aug. 27-28
- Watsonville Fly-In and Airshow, Watsonville, CA: Sep. 4-5
- Booneville, CA Annual Fly-in, Booneville, CA Aug 14, Fly-in and dinner

Start sending me your information on your favorite fly-ins and air shows for next year.

**OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST**

Paul, Ron, Andy, Vina, JT, Walt and Travis all back from the Barnstormers Tour--a great time was had by all!

Some local news you might want to publish; Jay Caldwell (after a long and arduous 2 year training period) took his PP check ride last Thursday (June 3) and passed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!-----in his Father's Luscombe 8A. Warn all pilots at Skypark to give him lots of room to land----- and taxi!

Regards,  
Richard Craig

Dolittle Raider Frank Kappeler flies west at 96. Frank and his wife were guests at a EAA

Chapter 1268 meeting years ago. Frank was on of Jimmy Dolittle's Raiders who made the first strike back on Tokyo after Pearl Harbor during World War II. Frank kept the whole chapter membership enthralled with his stories of the training, flight and escape through China.

From the Napa group:

Dear Napa Pilots -- Keeping with our July tradition, the Napa Pilot's Association will have a dinner flight this month in lieu of a dinner meeting. Our destination is Willows-Glenn County (KWLW), for dinner at Nancy's Airport Cafe. Please RSVP to me by July 15 with your particulars (number in your party, number of available seats in your plane for guests) -- details are in the flyer below.

Hope to see you on the 20th! -- Kristen,  
Home Phone: 707 557 5859

Also from Napa: N.A.P.A. member David McCallum would like to know if anyone from the local EAA chapters or N.A.P.A. is going to OshKosh. Give him a shout at [cg36498@hotmail.com](mailto:cg36498@hotmail.com) if you are.  
Bill Wheadon

**EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**  
**June 8, 2010 Minutes**

Board of Directors Meeting 6 p.m.

- Present:
- Darrel Jones
  - B.K. White,
  - Ron Price
  - Paul Siebert
  - Marsi Fahraji

Not Present: Vice President Jorge Oros

TOPIC: Air Explorers  
Scholarship input regarding underwriting rest of tuition and air fare. Interested participants: David and Patrick from the Air Explorer Post. Funds are available. Prepare

early for next year by reserving slots in October. And require a formal application process and commitment from Air Academy applicants.

Topic: Walt Lewis talked about a Fly-mart sale at Sonoma Skypark. He will have more information at a later meeting.

Topic: The clubhouse upgrades, including paneling, insulation and patio awning were discussed. Darrel will talk to the Skypark Board of Directors about sharing the materials costs.

TOPIC: Standard Operating Procedures manuals for each office should be completed by the end of the year to make them available for the new officers. We need a file and officer's copy of each.

TOPIC: Bank Matters  
Darrel is still working on getting the Chapter 501C3 non-profit status re-activated.

Regular Meeting, 7:40 p.m.

DINNER: by Jeannette Woods and Marsi Fahraji  
Tri Tip  
Couscous with Saffron (raisins; apricots & cranberries marinated in rum; sautéed onions, carrots & celery)  
Mast O Key R - - Yogurt Dip (plain yogurt, onions, cucumbers, mint)  
Stuffed Grape Leaves - - Dolmeh  
Dates  
Pistachoes  
ICE CREAM!!

Visitor: Dwayne Green and his guests Dave, Justin and Christina from Santa Rosa. Christina has made over 750 parachute jumps.

TOPIC: Young Eagles  
Travis Morton has been attending the Sonoma Tuesday Farmer's Market the week before Young Eagles to distribute Young

Eagles and EAA information and answer questions

TOPIC: July Speaker  
Aeronautical Amateur Radio by Darrel Jones, if no other speaker can be arranged. Request from the President for speakers.

TOPIC: Clubhouse Revamping. Discussed interior paneling and insulation the club members can install this fall to make the clubhouse warmer for winter meetings. Request for a volunteer to replace Dick Sullivan as Clubhouse Facilities Chairperson.

TOPIC: Movie Night(s)  
Suggested movie nights once a month. Movies: include "The Rocketeer". Alternatively, Friday nights, or second Saturday - - matinee. There is also the Roger Rohten monthly Sebastiani Film Classic. Also Rafe Thomset has some beautiful old movie posters that he might be able to show during the Sebastiani Classic Movie night. Darrel will talk to Rafe at the Skypark Board meeting about participating.

TOPIC: Airport Swap Meet  
Walt Lewis reported it is currently on hold until fall.

TOPIC: Young Explorers / Young Eagles  
Suggested that we supply interested parties with "Information Cards". Also, if the Sunday Young Eagles flight become overwhelmingly popular, we will need to limit the amount of flights being provided. It may come need to be a first come, first serve basis with a maximum number set.

TOPIC: Travis Morton  
Congratulations on receiving his Certified Flight Instructor rating.

TOPIC: Facilities Chairman  
We need a Facilities Chairman who coordinates clubhouse projects.

TOPIC: Treasurer's Report / Membership Report

Same as prior report.

Note: Mark Henderson is close to flying his R12.

Don Dorman was given military honors.

Treasurer's Report - not different.

\$9,915.48; with credit of \$1,500 which Ron recalled from Hal Wood's memorial.

TOPIC: Young Eagles

Fog is expected for Sunday. We need help with flying, registration and ground crew.

TOPIC: Air Academy

Walt Lewis

Emmanuel Burke and Amir Fahraji were both candidates. Unfortunately, slots in their age groups were already filled. Next year we will have advance planning and reservations by October/November. We will also resolve the Young Eagle credit distribution.

TOPIC: West Coast Model Engine Show in Vallejo at the Veterans' Memorial Building.  
July 10 - July 11

TOPIC: Young Pilots of Sonoma

New program introduced by Ron, Andy, Walt and Travis. A reduced cost of flight instruction to teenagers (16-18?) to enable interested young pilots to fly at a cost of 10% of actual fee. Funding/donations welcome.

Les Goldner volunteered to do a future presentation on the LSA flight from Petaluma to Moab, UT at a future meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15. The program was the film "Barnstorming" about antique airplanes flying into a farm pasture each summer in the Midwest.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsi Fahraji, Recording Secretary



Our May speaker was Lt. CMDR Stephanie Lincoln, USCG, who gave a wonderful talk about her experience flying C-130's in the Coast Guard over the last fifteen years. She is transferring to Mobile, AL to instruct there.

#### **Just a note in closing.**

We surveyed our membership and found you overwhelmingly enjoy the social aspect of Chapter 1268.

I do also.

I have had some feedback from the Christmas party that some of the guests had more to drink than was appropriate at a gathering with kids and family present. As with all activities at a family-oriented airport, responsible behavior, including drinking, is unmentioned but expected.

We've had a good influence on a lot of kids who have gone on to enjoy aviation. Let's all work to continue that proud tradition.

See you at the meeting.

Darrel

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**DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE!**

**WE HAVE A FEW OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP.  
PLEASE GIVE BILL WHEADON YOUR \$15 AND ANY CHANGES OF  
INFORMATION SO WE CAN BRING THE ROSTER CURRENT!**

**REMEMBER! THE JULY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER  
1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JULY 13, AT 7 P.M., AT THE SKYCRAFTER'S CLUBHOUSE  
HANGAR G-1 AT SONOMA SKYPARK AIRPORT.  
DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM, SO DON'T BE LATE!**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE 6 P.M. BEFORE THE MEETING  
SKYCRAFTER MEMBERSHIP**

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

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

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

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

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