



# 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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## DEAN THOMAS AFTER GIVING YOUNG EAGLES RIDE

Give me a month or two to clean my desk and I'll find the Post-It note with the names of the two Young Eagles. They are members of Air Explorer Post 1268 based here at Sonoma Skypark. Who will also be cooking dinner for the Tuesday night meeting.

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### **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The September meeting will be Tuesday, September 13 with dinner starting at 7 p.m. in the Chapter 1268 clubhouse, B-5, at Sonoma Skypark.

Walt Lewis and Post 1268 Air Explorers will be cooking dinner, so get ready for hot dogs and S'mores. Just kidding.

Our speaker will be Chris Jurasek from the CDF Santa Rosa firefighting base at Sonoma County Airport.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I don't have to much to report for our newsletter. Our speaker for September is Chris Jurasek, Fire Captain at the Sonoma Air Attack Base at Santa Rosa Airport. He'll be talking about their operations. Their planes include the OV-10 Bronco, and S2 Tracker. (You can grab a photo from <http://www.calfirepilots.com/Gallery.html> if you like.).

The EAA Chapter 1268 site is up and live; you can see it now at <http://www.eaa1268.org/>. There, you'll be able to see each month's newsletter, as well as a calendar of our upcoming events.

### **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

EAA Chapter 1268  
September, 2011

**Membership** – We currently have 65 members who have paid their 2011 dues with no new members since last month.

**Treasurer** – Our current bank balance is \$7619.43 with little activity. A deposit was made on August 31 in the amount of \$237. One check was written by the treasurer for \$150 to reimburse unexpected travel expenses incurred by an Air Academy participant on his return from Oshkosh.

That's all for now,

Bill Wheadon  
Membership Chairman and Treasurer  
EAA Chapter 1268

### **MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK**

The next movie at Sonoma Skypark will be Friday evening, September 30 at 6 p.m. and will feature a surprise aviation movie, as well as selected short subjects.

There will be pizza for \$5 per person, and popcorn just to whet your appetite (or spoil it).

See you at the movies on movie night,  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30** at 6 p.m.

### **YOUNG EAGLES, SEPTEMBER 11**

Young Eagles was today, Sunday September 11 from 9 a.m. to noon. We had an incredible turn out of pilots and airplanes, with Frank Russo, David and Trevor Meeks, Jeanette Woods, Bill Wheadon, Sam McIntosh, Rich Cooper and Darrel Jones flying a total of sixteen Young Eagles.

Jasmine Villasenor did her usual outstanding job handling registration, making everything smooth and easy for the pilots and Young Eagles. Emanuel Burke took over Paul Seibert's duties this month directing the ground crew, and had little problem herding the unruly Roy Myers, Walt Lewis and Bill Laird. Actually, Bill wasn't very unruly, but he was hanging with a questionable bunch. Thanks to Rich Cooper for coming out of retirement and being Young Eagles liaison with BK White out of town.

The ceilings were low so the flights didn't get started until almost 11 but with as many pilots as we had it was no problemo. The weather may have kept more of the public at home thinking we would be weathered out, but we got legal in time to fly.

We had a Boy Scout troop camping at Jack Strehl's hangar Saturday night so twelve of this month's Young Eagles were waiting

even before the pilots showed up. The Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club had it's antenna and radio station set up so the "hams" were able to demonstrate radio operation for the troops. They even made one contact with a station in Germany.

Chapter 1268 continues to give outstanding support to the Young Eagles program. The pilots who donate their time, fuel and aircraft are to be congratulated, thanked, honored and given big kisses for their generosity.

The secret is that it is a kick to take a kid up for a free flight and let some of their enthusiasm wear off on the pilot. My co-pilot today, a young man named Miles, is planning a career in the Air Force and aviation. I borrowed a seat cushion booster from Bill Wheadon and Miles was actually able to work the rudder pedals as well as the yoke. He did a darn good job flying, as do many of the kids who keep coming back to fly with us.

We are helping ensure the future of general aviation by firing these kids up so they will go on to be the next generation of pilots.

Kinda makes you proud. (As well as giving us a great excuse to bore holes in the sky.)

Come out and join us October 9.

**DINNER SCHEDULE**

We are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2012 so let Roy know if you would like to be one of our sugar cookies. Roy can be found at [Flyboyroy@aol.com](mailto:Flyboyroy@aol.com) or by phone at 415-897-2983. You can also let me know at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) and I'll put you on the roster.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
SEP '11	Walt Lewis	Air Explorers
OCT '11	Ron P.	

NOV '11	Jeannie W.	Jeanette W.
DEC '11	XMAS	PARTY!

**SPEAKERS**

We are still looking for speakers, so send Travis an email at [Jungroth@gmail.com](mailto:Jungroth@gmail.com) and copy an email to me at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) so we can get your information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker	Subject
SEP	Chris Jurasek	CDF
OCT	Robin Tatman	Women in Av
NOV	?	?
DEC	Rudolf	Night VFR

**EAA 1268 MINUTES**

EAA Chapter 1268 - Board of Director's Meeting

July 12, 2011; Commenced at 6:15 p.m.

**In attendance:**

Travis Morton  
 Jeannette Woods  
 Bill Wheadon  
 Walt Lewis  
 Paul Siebert  
 B.K. White  
 Marsi Fahraji

**Visibly Missing:**

Darrel Jones

**President's Report**

(by Travis Morton): None at this time.

**Vice President's Report**

(by Jeannette Woods):

-Movie Night was a success with 16 movie goers. Showcased: Twelve O'Clock High (1949). We have opted to try "Papa Murphy's" take-n-bake pizza in lieu of traditional delivery. Precludes delivery-person from trying to locate the Club House; and pizza is hot out of the oven; also priceworthy.

-Jeannette recently returned from her flight out to Lake Pilsbury in Beverly Valley with Andy. It was Jeannette's first visit to the lake.

-Jeannette gave a big THANK YOU! To all for their participation in Family Day.

-Jeannette and Marsi would like to have B.K. White provide the Young Eagle's ground administration with a "review" of procedures and information that is provided to your Young Eagle participants.

### **Treasurer's Report**

(by Bill Wheadon):

Current Bank Balance: \$7,832.83

We have 60 paid members.

### **Secretary's Report**

(by Marsi Fahraji):

-Volunteers for Young Eagles (ground administration) would like to implement coordination among the crew with respect to volunteer support. We (Jasmine /Mary /Marsi /Margo) have agreed to contact each other prior to the 2d Sunday of Month's event to ensure that there are a minimum of two (2) volunteers supporting Young Eagles registration. Ron Price has been consulted.

-Air Academy candidates flew via Delta Airlines (unescorted minor's program). Delta charges a \$100 fee for up to four (4) per booked flight (i.e., \$25 per minor each way). Otherwise, if booked *separately*, Delta charges \$100 per booked flight - each way. [\$200 vs \$800]. Let's keep this in mind for next year's flights to Oshkosh.

### **Young Eagles Report**

(by B.K. White):

Flew 12 Young Eagles. We had for the first time, a runway change. The winds were squirrely.

Pilots: Ron Price; Jeannette Woods; Sam Macintosh; David Meeks and Andy Smith.

Ground Crew: B.K. White, Walt Lewis; Paul Siebert and Roy Meyers.

Ground Administration: Jasmine; Margo & Mary.

### **Air Explorers Report**

(by Walt Lewis):

Post 1268 will prepare dinner for EAA's September 13, 2011 meeting.

It will include a presentation by Air Explorer members (Garrett; Troy & Amir) who attended Oshkosh's Air Academy in June. The presentation will be a THANK YOU to sponsors to their Air Academy

Adventure (Family Fun Day; airport owners; Hamburger Fund and EAA Chapter 1268).  
Meeting Adjourned: 6:45 p.m.

EAA Chapter 1268 - General Member Meeting

July 12, 2011; Commenced at 7:54 p.m.

### **Speakers**

No. 1: Tat Tatman, United Airlines acceptance test pilot.

Nos. 2, 3, 4 & 5 : Frank; Ron, Rafe and Eric - "Centennial Aviation Event"

### **Guests:**

Daniel Shelty (new Air Explorer) and his Mum, Jill Shelty

Jacob Arredondo (new kid on the block, his Mum, Marsi)

### **Dinner**

(by Roy Meyers):

Tube Steaks, wrapped in bacon; Beans; Salad & Ice Cream (yummy, delicious).

- Merci! Merci! Merci! Roy, you saved the day!

### **Old Business / New Business:**

Nothing to report.

### **Treasurer's Report**

(by Bill Wheadon):

Current Bank Balance: \$7,832.83

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Correction - Correction - Correction re: badge colors: Blue = Paid // White = Dues due.

### **Photographer / Historian's Report**

(by Rafe)

Movie Night to showcase 12 O'Clock High (1949).

\*\$5.00 includes Pizza & Beverage; free popcorn

*\*Pizza hot out of the oven from Papa Murphy's!*

### **President's Input/Comments (by Jeannette Woods)**

- Experimental Airplanes (you will see a Yellow Sonic with Volkswagen engine on premises)

### **Air Explorer's Announcement**

(by Walt Lewis)

We are looking for ice cream bikes for ice cream sales. Type of bikes that hold ice cream in front for ease of sales during Family Fun Day.

Motion to approve June 14, 2011's minutes.

— Approved.

Adjourned.

Marsi Fahraji , Secretary

EAA Chapter 1268 - Board of Director's Meeting

August 9, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

**In attendance:**

Travis Morton

Jeannette Woods

Bill Wheadon

Gardner Bride

Paul Siebert

Marsi Fahraji

Darrel Jones

**President's Report**

(by Travis Morton): None

**Vice President's Report**

(by Jeannette Woods): None

**Treasurer's Report**

(by Bill Wheadon):

Current Bank Balance: \$7,382.43

**Secretary's Report**

(by Marsi Fahraji):

Chapter 1268's Air Academy participants were charged an additional \$600 by the airlines as unaccompanied minors. The parents have paid the additional fees. The Board will ask the general membership to approve reimbursing the parents the additional fees cost.

**Additional reports:**

Board member Darrel Jones reported:

The next Sonoma Valley Disaster Council meeting will be this Thursday, August 11. There will be a statewide disaster drill in October.

The non-profit application is awaiting the return of a form from the State of California. Tan updated roster will be included with the September newsletter.

Board member Paul Siebert reported that the September program will feature Chris Jurasek from the Santa Rosa CDF firefighting base and will include a short report by the Air Academy participants, with a more complete presentation at the October or November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

General meeting minutes:

President Travis Morton called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Dinner was furnished by Marsi and Amir Fahraji with Marsi's other son helping.

Robin Tatman brought dessert and Gardner Bride brought coffee.

Guest's included Garrett porter's father.

New member Daniel Shultz was welcomed.

Daniel is taking flight lessons in Santa Rosa.

New Business;

A motion was made and seconded to reimburse the additional airfare fees paid by the Air Academy participants' parents, and passed unanimously.

Announcements:

The California Capitol Airshow will be at Mather Field September 10-11.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The evening's speaker was Bob Avrit who showed slides and talked about his Air Force career flying F-86's and B-52's.

**FAA SAFETY PROGRAM CLASSES**

I received the following notices by email and am passing them along for your information.

The following seminars may be of interest to you:

**"Bridgford Flying Services Ongoing Instrument Pilot Ground School"**

Topic: Instrument Pilot Ground School to prepare you for the FAA written exam.

On Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 6:30 PM

Location:

Bridgford Flying Services Flight School



2030 Airport Road  
Napa, CA 94558

**Select Number:**

WP2540206

**Description:**

Instrument Ground School every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Sign up today! First class is free to view and includes a brief introduction to the FAA WINGS program and how to get started on the right track to becoming a safe pilot. Call BFS Flight School for pricing, incentives, supplies needed, and class details at 707-603-1210 or email: [malcolml@bfsnapa.com](mailto:malcolml@bfsnapa.com).

**"Bridgeford Flying Services Ongoing Sport/Private Pilot Ground School"**

Topic: Ground School to prepare you for the FAA written exam.

On Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 6:30 PM

**Location:**

Bridgeford Flying Services Flight School  
2030 Airport Road  
Napa, CA 94558

**Select Number:**

WP2540204

**Description:**

Sport/Private Ground School is ongoing every Thursday from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Sign up today! First class is free to view and includes a brief introduction to the FAA WINGS program and how to get started on the right track to becoming a safe pilot. Call BFS Flight School for pricing, supplies needed and class details at 707-603-1210 or email: [malcolml@bfsnapa.com](mailto:malcolml@bfsnapa.com)

Already a pilot? You may join the class if you have your Sport/Private Pilot certificate as a refresher course for a reduced fee.

To view further details and registration information for this seminar, [click here](#).

The sponsor for this seminar is: N/A

The following credit(s) are available for the WINGS/AMT Programs:

Basic Knowledge 3 1.00

[Click here to view the WINGS help page](#)

**WEST COAST TAILWIND FLY-IN**

We would like to invite you to:

The West Coast Tailwind Fly-in, hosted by EAA Chapter 71, it will take place on Sunday October 2nd, 10:00 am at Bakersfield Municipal Airport (L45). All aircraft welcomed, Fly-in, Drive-in /walk in for this great event featuring Steve Whittman designs. Lunch will be available. Contact Joe Dendy for details 661-301-6461.

EAA Chapter 71

**OTHER NEWS**

Gina Cuclis, a candidate for Sonoma County Board of Supervisors representing Sonoma Valley, will be joining us at Tuesday's meeting. Sonoma Skypark is reaching out to local elected officials and candidates to educate them on the contributions the airport make to the community.

Gina has asked to hold a fundraiser at Sonoma Skypark following the October Young Eagles and will briefly talk about that event.

Grassroots politics involves letting our elected officials know what we expect of them, including their support for local general aviation. Spread the word.

**A few last words:**

Please send your editor photos and items for the newsletter. They are much appreciated.

The roster is attached as a separate document in MS Word format. We are having a little trouble converting it to a pdf, but will forward it in that format as soon as we work through some software issues.

See you at the meeting. Be sure to ask me for that \$100 I owe you.

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**REMEMBER! THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA  
CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, AT 7 P.M., AT THE  
SKYCRAFTER'S CLUBHOUSE HANGAR B-5 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.**

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:**

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**1021 Stonebridge Drive**  
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