



THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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*“Hello, Dominos? I’d like a large supreme pizza, thick crust. Yep, that’s right.
And you can just drop it off at the little yellow airplane.”*

Jim Roberts made it to Oshkosh once again and sends us his account of an actual, true story. No kidding. He heard the call himself. Jim never lies. (Yeah)

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The September meeting will be this Tuesday, September 11, with dinner starting at 7 p.m. in the Chapter 1268 clubhouse, B-5, at Sonoma Skypark.

Dinner will be prepared by Gary McDonald and Ed Steiger. Bring your appetites!

We don't have information on our program for September, so come out and be ready to be pleasantly surprised.

AIR ACADEMY UPDATE

Our Air Academy participants have finished and are back home. We will have them as our featured speakers at the October meeting where they will share their experiences and thoughts about the Air Academy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A great time was had in the EAA hangar at the Carneros Aviation 2012 Summer Hootenanny. We had a good band, great food and some poorly thrown flour bombs. I didn't catch anyone who did the full Aviation Food trifecta that day of breakfast at Petaluma airport, hot dogs at the Santa Rosa air show and a burrito at Sonoma Skypark all in the same day. Overall, it was a big aviation day in Sonoma County.

Travis

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER'S REPORT

EAA 1268 Membership Chairman and Treasurer Report, September 2012

Everything's about the same.

Bill Wheadon, Treasurer and Membership Chairman EAA Chapter 1268

YOUNG EAGLES SEPTEMBER 9

Sixteen Young Eagles and six pilots, with loads of sunshine. An excellent way to spend a day flying. Come join us next month.

EAA headquarters is starting an Eagles program for adults to introduce more people to aviation and give parents a chance to experience flight with their children.

As always BK White is asking for volunteer pilots, ground crew and registration helpers for our monthly Young Eagles events. Let him know you will be joining us and helping out by sending him an email to eagle1@vom.com or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

The September movie night will be Friday, September 21 at the EAA clubhouse at Sonoma Skypark.

The movie this month will be "The Dawn Patrol", with Errol Flynn, Basil Rathbone, David Niven and Donald Crisp. It is one of the best "pure" flying films made, with excellent dialog, acting and lots of World War I flying scenes. Script by John Monk Saunders. Originally filmed in 1930 with Richard Barthelmess and Douglas Fairbanks Jr., directed by Howard Hawks, it won an Oscar for best screenplay for Saunders.

There will be another episode of Sky King and a vintage flying cartoon before the main movie.

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 21** at 6 p.m.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We have our cookies schedule completed for 2012 and are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2013 so let Roy know if you would like to be one of our sugar cookies for the upcoming year. Roy can be found at Flyboyroy@aol.com or by phone at 415-897-2983. You can also let me know at

wd6bor@vom.com and I'll put you on the roster.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
2012 DINNER SCHEDULE		
SEP '12	Gary Mc.	Ed S.
OCT '12	Air Explorers	
NOV '12	Ron P.	?
DEC '12	XMAS	PARTY

SPEAKERS

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

Month	Speaker	Subject
2012 SPEAKER SCHEDULE		
SEP	?	
OCT	Air Academy	OSH report
NOV	?	
DEC	FROSTY	ICING OPS

CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Some upcoming events from different chapter newsletters:

September 12th – 16th Reno National Air Races

September 15th - Young Eagles Red Bluff 8:30am

September 28th – 30th Chico Air Show

September 29 – Young Eagles at Gness Field

October 20th - Young Eagles Redding, Benton

FLY-OUT, ANYONE?

People keep telling me that the food is good at Red Bluff. This review comes from Yelp:

Upstairs restaurant in the terminal building at the Red Bluff airport with a view over the runway. Easy access whether you fly in or drive. Very good classic diner food, and lots of it, at good prices. Super-friendly staff. Open 7-2 daily. Be sure to check out the small aviation museum downstairs.

"Valeigh's Airpark Restaurant was voted the Best Red Bluff Restaurant by the readers of the Record Searchlight in the Best of the North State 2009 readers poll!"

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

EAA Chapter 1268, BOD Meeting – Minutes, August , 2012

The minutes will be send out separately It's late, the day didn't go as planned, and the dog ate my homework. (And the minutes!)

OTHER NEWS

The following is from the Gness Field Community Association:

YOUNG EAGLES, SEPT. 29: EAA's Ken Mercer and many others are in process of organizing their Gness day for Young Eagles. Ken will probably speak briefly at our September 8 breakfast to brief you on this. Please consider, if you're not already involved with Young Eagles, making yourself and your aircraft available for a flight or two on this date. Here are some comments from Ken recently about this great program:

Our Young Eagles day at Gness is scheduled for Saturday, September 29 this year and we'd love to have GFCA join us not only to fly some kids that morning, but also just to hang around and talk to the parents. There's been a lot of interesting discussion lately about the "payback" from 18 years of Young Eagles flights, and even though fully 22% of all pilots certificated in the past ten years had been Young Eagles the bigger payback seems to be in the form

of community education and exposure to general aviation.

EAA has also initiated a new program to introduce adults to general aviation in much the same way Young Eagles started-with an introductory flight experience. I think we've all done that for years, on our own, but this program will provide additional insurance to pilots who participate and ultimately will be expanded to include some of the same educational opportunities (such as the Sporty's online ground school which is available free of charge to Young Eagles) and scholarships that are currently available to Young Eagles. I can provide a free 6 month trial EAA membership to any pilot who might like to give such flights, or Young Eagles flights.

Please consider flying for this event this year, or coming out to talk with the kids and parents. It's a great event.

Thanks,

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The Santa Rosa EAA Chapter 124 newsletter is at the following web site:

<http://www.eaa124.org/Newsletter/Sep2012.pdf>

Fly safe out there folks.

Send me your news for your newsletter!



A younger Eric and Debbie Presten, in bed...watching a flying movie. Go figure.

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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 2013!** SEE YOU THERE!

REMEMBER! THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 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: _____

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