



# 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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HAPPY HALLOWEEN! BEST HOLIDAY OF THE YEAR.

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, October 9**. The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. after the Board of Directors' meeting, and is \$8.00 per person. Our chef for the month will be Air Explorer Post 1268.

The program will be our Air Academy participants telling us about their trip to Oshkosh and the Academy this year.

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN  
AND TREASURER REPORT**

**October 2018**

**Membership Report** Our current paid membership stands at 62. We added two new members in September – Mark and Catherine Shackford. Mark is very active in the Napa EAA Chapter, serving in an official capacity as Secretary. He also has been instrumental in setting up and running the “study sessions” for those preparing to take the written exam for the Private Pilot license. At the last Napa EAA meeting he volunteered to serve as Chair for the upcoming Napa EAA Christmas party. Mark flies a Luscombe out of Napa and his son Marcus flies a Cessna 170, also based at Napa. Mark’s father, John has an extensive aviation background – following WW2 he was involved in setting up an FBO at Napa - one of several that didn’t survive the post war anticipated general aviation boom that didn’t live up to expectations.

It’s time to put out a member directory in which I list our member’s names and contact information in the form of email address and telephone information, both home and mobile. If anyone would like to withhold any of this information, please let me know and I’ll exclude it.

**Treasurer’s Report** The financial health of the treasury is stable. For the month of September we had deposits of \$282 which was comprised of dues (\$30), Air Academy donations (\$50), and excess dinner receipts (\$202). There were no disbursements that cleared the account by 9/30.

Our effective checking account balance (not counting funds held in the Jack Strehl Memorial Fund) now stands at \$10,605.77. That’s all for now – see you at the meeting, Bill Wheadon  
EAA 1268 Membership Chairman and Treasurer

**YOUNG EAGLES**

Young Eagles day is Sunday, October 14. As always BK White is looking 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](mailto:eagle1@vom.com) or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

**MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK**

Movie night for October is **Saturday, October 27 at 6pm in the Sonoma Skypark clubhouse.**

**Free admission.** Pizza is always available for \$5 per person, including beverages, and complimentary popcorn just to whet your appetite (or spoil it), courtesy of Walt Lewis and his Amazing Real Movie Theater Popcorn Popping Extravaganza Machine.

See you at the movies on Skypark Movie Night, **SATURDAY, October 27** at 6 p.m.

**DINNER SCHEDULE**

We have our celebrity chefs for 2018 so let us know if you would like to take care of **YOUR FAVORITE MONTH IN 2019.** Contact Robin at [robntat@aol.com](mailto:robntat@aol.com) or 707-553-2747. 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	Cooks/Meal
2018 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Roland Gangloff
FEB	Ernie Ganas-Tri-tip
MAR	Rich & Nelleke Cooper- c. beef
APR	Ron Price & Frank Russo
MAY	Ron Willis & John Thomason- road kill
JUN	Don Booker & Wayne Schake
JUL	Darrel Jones- meat(s) and salad
AUG	Robin Tatman
SEP	Richard Craig & Les Lucas
OCT	Air Explorers
NOV	Marsi F., George T. & Howard H.
DEC	XMAS PARTY

**SPEAKERS**

We are always, continually, everlastingly looking for speakers for our monthly programs.

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Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
<b>2018 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b>	
JAN	Katie Greenwood/ Dr. Howard Donner-Truckee Tahoe
FEB	Avery Cruz- Air Academy
MAR	Dave Alexander
APR	March AFB 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
MAY	Family Fun Day Planning
JUN	Roland Gangloff-Alaska pilots
JUL	Robin- Oshkosh planning
AUG	Steve Haller- Crissy Field history
SEP	Nathan Wilson-Air Academy video
OCT	Air Academy participants
NOV	
DEC	XMAS PARTY

**2018 EAA 1268 CALENDAR**

Send me any exciting, thrilling, terrifying or just plain fun events you have for the calendar.

DATE	EVENT
10/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/14	Young Eagles 9 am
10/27	Skypark Movie Night
11/11	Young Eagles 9 am
11/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/24	Skypark Movie Night
12/7	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/18	New Years' Day 1 <sup>st</sup> Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!	

**EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

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EAA 1268 Board of Directors Meeting  
September 11, 2018

The Board Meeting was called to order by Vice President Darrel Jones at 6:15 pm.

Present were: Vice President, Darrel Jones, Treasurer Bill Wheadon, Secretary Nelleke Cooper, Young Eagles Coordinator BK White. Absent: President Robin Tatman and Directors Jeanette Woods and Paul Siebert

First order of business: correction to the August 14 minutes: At the Young Eagles event 8/12 there was no "hot loading". The term was used by way of speech as to relay the loading as quickly as possible. Minutes approved as corrected.

Young Eagle report for Sunday, September 9, 2018 by Bill Wheadon as BK White was absent due to a pet emergency at home. The only 2 pilots with airplanes available were Don Booker and Bill Wheadon. John Thomason and Ron Willits assisted on the ground. They flew 15 Young Eagles. More pilots need to be recruited to participate in our Young Eagles program.

Darrel reported that our Chapter received many Thank You letter from the Air Academy participants and will scan them to send on to the Air Academy.

Treasurer report: Deposit from excess dinner receipts \$147, \$50 donation for Air Academy and 2 dues renewals \$30 for total deposit of \$227. Checkbook balance \$10,323.77, savings account \$100.13

Darrel and Bill are working on finalizing filing with the Franchise Tax Board.

Flying club report. Airplane ownership - Darrel, Robin and Richard Craig purchased John Miles' Taylorcraft. It will be used for dual tailwheel instruction only. Membership includes paying a monthly Membership fee and rent the airplane at a reduced fee. Membership fees are to be determined.

BK white asked about the process of application for candidates for the Air Academy. There is a formal interview with parents or guardians and we have written explications for the application procedure.

New business: Darren Stevenson will give details on the Napa Airport Day on September 22 at the General Meeting.

Question regarding the updated member Roster, Bill Wheadon reported the roster was mailed out in a separate email.

Board Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

General Meeting called to order by Vice President Darren Jones at 7:30 pm.

Darrel thanked Richard Craig, Sandra, George Thompson, Les Lucas and Carol Stevenson for a delicious dinner of toast with heirloom tomatoes and burrata cheese, shrimp, Rocky Mountain oysters, banana bread, chocolate cake and flourless brownies with raspberries and whipped cream.

Special guest Will Campbell took 100's of pictures at the Oshkosh Air Venture and shared some with us.

Other guests: Mark and Catherine Shackford, owner of a Luscombe 8D and a Cessna 170.

Officers gave their reports to the general Membership including the Treasurer's report.

BK White presented the Young Eagles report mentioning the shortage of pilots and line support. He made a suggestion to try to recruit pilots and helpers by placing a request in the Newsletter.

Walt Eastman announced his retirement from the Napa Railroad and has purchased property on an airpark in Texas with a 3000 ft. grass landing strip. Walt has been an active member of our Skypark community and has flown many

Young Eagles having the advantage of being able to take 3 passengers in his Bonanza. Walt will be missed and we wish him all the best.

Bill Wheadon and Daren Stevenson invited our members to the Napa Airport Fly-In on September 22, with antique airplanes, Vintage Cars, Music, kids' stuff, hamburgers, hotdogs, etc. Time 10:00 to 3:30 pm.

16 Year old Nathan Wilson gave a professional presentation, accompanied by music, of his Air Academy and Air Venture experience. He thanked our Chapter and Darrel for all the support he received. He described the multiple workshops he attended, including making ribs and he got to go on many airplane rides with the highlight being a ride in a Bell 47 Helicopter.

Ernie Ganas gave us an update on the changes in the Class B airspace, bases on GPS coordinates. The map reads very different now as there are no more rings with the indicated airspeeds and transitions, but the transitions are in angles. Ernie flies a Bonanza and mentioned needing clearances for transitions.

After last month presentation by Steve Haller, Ernie was asked lots of questions regarding his flying out of Crissy Field from 1969 to 1971, while in the Army. Ernie flew many different airplanes there - Queen Airs, Twin Bonanzas, Beavers and helicopters. He was on duty during the 1970 Air Show. He described the unusual and many tricky approaches he made into the field and gave us details on the operations that took place at that time. The Crissy Field airstrip was closed in 1974 and the flying was moved to Hamilton Air Force base, which was closed in 1997.

General Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

From Leon:

<https://youtu.be/lr5d3sGxSXQ>

Good advice. Thanks, Leon.

**Send me your news for your newsletter!**

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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 2019!** SEE YOU THERE!

**REMEMBER! THE OCTOBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9 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:**  
**Bill Wheadon, Treasurer**  
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