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of the Sonoma Skycrafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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BUOYANCY

The fine line between ship and submarine.

I KNOW A NUMBER OF PILOTS WHO HAVE LIVED ON BOATS
Airplanes may definitely be safer

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, November 13**. If you are a fan of Pogo, you know the significance of this. If not, ask me about it at the meeting.

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 our own delightful Marsi F. with her loyal and devoted helpers Howard H. and George T.

The other big First Things First is the combined Sonoma Skypark/EAA Chapter 1268 Christmas party Friday, December 7, starting at 6 p.m. Check out the attached flier for information on what to bring for dinner, the white elephant gift exchange and the Schell Vista Fire Department's toy drive.

PRESIDENT'S/AIR EXPLORER REPORT

Robin will give her report at the meeting.

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT November 2018

Bill will give his report at the meeting

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles day is Sunday, November 11. Due to the reduced visibility because of wildfire smoke, it's unknown at press time whether our pilots will be able to get into the air.

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 or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

Movie night for November is **Saturday, November 24 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, November 24** at 6 p.m.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We have our celebrity chefs for 2018 so let us know which month you would like for 2019. Contact Robin at robntat@aol.com or 707-553-2747. 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	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
Standby	Bill & Jan Wheadon

SPEAKERS

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

Send an email to me at wd6bor@vom.com so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
2018 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Katie Greenwood/ Dr. Howard Donner-Truckee Tahoe
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JAN	Katie Greenwood/ Dr. Howard Donner-Truckee Tahoe
FEB	Avery Cruz- Air Academy
MAR	Dave Alexander
APR	March AFB 100 th 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	Yayoi West- NASA & space
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
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 st Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!	

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

EAA 1268 General Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2018

President Robin Tatman called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm.

Member Bob Berwick commended Pres. Tatman who is also Air Explorer Post 1268 Advisor on the delicious meal she put together on behalf of the Air Explorers.

Introduction of guest and visitors followed which included:

Amelie Schlager, who at 17 is well on her way to establishing herself in the field of aviation. A senior in high school, she lives in Sebastopol and attended the Air Academy through another local EAA chapter where she made many friends including Eirwyn Rogers, one of our chapter-sponsored Air Academy attendees. She is currently pursuing her Private Pilot license and has accumulated 40 hours in her logbook and also volunteers at the Pacific Air Museum at the Santa Rosa airport. Her future plans are to pursue a degree in Aeronautical Engineering and then either fly professionally or as an avocation.

Will Campbell, an avid aviation photographer who shared with us a continuous slide show (except during the program portion of the meeting) featuring photos he took during AirVenture, the Reno Air Races and Fleet Week.

Robert Fry from New Zealand who is a friend of Bob Berwick. Robert has a Lancair 360.

Katy Griffin and **Ray Wilson**, parents of Nick Griffin and Nathan Wilson, two of our sponsored attendees at the Air Academy this year. Also in attendance as a guest was the grandmother of Eirwyn Rogers, our third sponsored attendee at Air Academy.

Treasurer and membership chair Bill Wheadon reported an effective balance of \$10,323.77 in the checking account and \$100.16 in the savings account.

He also reminded members that he was going to send a "member directory" by email to all the members listing members' telephone numbers and email addresses and requested any changes in these to be passed along to him.

President Tatman then introduced our first guest speaker, **Nick Griffin** who used the word "amazing" many times in describing his experience at the Air Academy which also coincided with AirVenture. Nick said that prior to going to the Air academy he was slightly terrified by all the preparations required but

once there he settled in with the other attendees and formed friendships that continued after returning home. He exchanged numbers and keeps in contact with his like-minded aviation friends which is a marked contrast to his high school classmates who seem to have no interest in aviation. His favorite activity at the Air Academy was welding and he particularly enjoyed the culinary discovery of a Wisconsin food novelty, fried cheese curds. Nick thanked the chapter for giving him the opportunity to attend the Air Academy.

Eirwyn Rogers, grandson of Sam and Bea McIntosh was our next speaker. Eirwyn spent much of his youth in Africa with his parents who were associated with an NGO group that provided aid in solving local problems. Eirwyn spent time in many countries there, moving on to the next country when problems had been resolved. He had little exposure to aviation until coming to the U.S. in summer 2016 where he took rides with his Grandad Sam and Skypark denizen Ron Price. He managed to accumulate 10 hours flight time at Petaluma before moving to Pasadena. He said that OshKosh was eye opening due to the large number of people attending, aircraft present and activities available. While at Air Academy he constructed aircraft wing ribs and a spark plug holder and was inspired to consider a career path to aviation. He plans to enroll in a community college in Arizona, then transfer to the University of North Dakota and acquire the necessary flight ratings to progress to the

airlines. He concluded his very eloquent talk with a thank you to our EAA chapter for allowing him to attend the Air Academy.

Nathan Wilson, who spoke of his Air Academy experiences in September, updated us on his activities since, which involved continuing his flight training -- he tries to get in one hour a week -- and he keeps in contact with other attendees that he met in OshKosh. He also gave thanks to our chapter for our sponsorship.

President Tatman followed up the discussion on the importance of applying for scholarships for both flight training and attendance at the Air Academy. She mentioned that these opportunities are available through not only our chapter but also at other nearby pilot organizations at Petaluma, Napa and Santa Rosa.

Announcements from the floor included an invitation by member George Thomson to attend his family's harvest BBQ to be held at their family vineyard in the Carneros.

President Tatman adjourned the meeting after announcing the November meeting would feature either a talk by Hap Arnold's grandson or our own Yayoi West giving a presentation regarding NASA.

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 NOVEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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: _____

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