



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
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**A SMILING GROUP READY TO DIG INTO THE FEAST**

As soon as the photographer goes away. (Thanks to Kathy C. for the pics.)

Joey, Craig, Sue, Curtis, Debbie, Eric and Ken.

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, January 8**. 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 Marsi and Abel Fahraji, with assistance from George, Les, Ruth and Howard.

Our program will be planning for 2019, with emphasis on Air Academy, Family Fun Day, Young Eagles and any other activities the members would like.

We haven't done lunch fly-outs for years, so that might be a good activity to plan. Bring your ideas and we'll put them into action.



They just look rowdy, don't they? We had to keep an eye on them all evening. Bill and Pat Smith, Sheila and Gardner Bride.

## **PRESIDENT'S/AIR EXPLORER REPORT**

Past, Present and Future

Greetings everyone, and Happy New Year! Personally I am very happy to put 2018 to bed. It was a year of transition, the highest of highs, and the lowest of lows.

In my Delta world, I completed my first year on the B-777, and got my first post initial training check ride (the hardest) out of the way. Trotting about the globe I got to see some new

places - Sydney, Australia, and Tokyo's Haneda Airport, and visit some old friends: Paris, Narita, Seattle, Minneapolis, and Hong Kong. The airplane is lovely to fly, and my only complaint is that we never get enough take off and landings to feel proficient. It's been great holding a schedule for once and having a summer vacation for the first time in my career.

At Skypark we happily got reacquainted with some old friends, and sadly lost others. After a while away, Kathy Carmichael is back accompanied by her new companion Steve Smith. Thanks to her, our Airport Day was a terrific success. The DC-3 fly-by was another highlight! It is wonderful to see that beautiful smile of hers firmly back in place.

Sadly we lost Leon Scarborough who had been fighting a battle with cancer for quite a while. Craig McDonald bought his lovely little Champ and is currently rebuilding the motor and giving it some TLC. Please keep Leon's sons and daughters in your thoughts - they lost their dad and stepmother, and now their mom Susan Scarborough is currently fighting cancer as well and is on renal dialysis.

Air Explorers has been on hold and waiting for me to re-activate the post. We have some good candidates waiting in the wings to invite to the next Young Eagles. Roland Gangloff has graciously agreed to help me out.

Darrel Jones, Richard Craig and I are now partners in John Miles' lovely Taylorcraft, which will be the centerpiece for our flying club to get inexpensive time for our Young Eagles and Air Explorers. Darrel is working on the propeller which had needed a little TLC. Once that is finished he and Craig will fly the airplane to Lincoln to get the struts x-rayed. Then it will be ready to fly. Darrel is working hard on his instrument rating, soon to be followed by Commercial Multi and then CFI. I think this will finally be the year I get my CFI re-instated so that I can help with dual instruction in the Taylorcraft.

As always we are looking for ways to get more young people in aviation, so if you have any ideas, or want to donate money for gas once we get the club up and running, contact any one of us board members!

Finally, I'd like to thank Darrel Jones especially and all of the rest of our wonderful officers and board for your time, energy, and support during the year. I count on it and appreciate all of your effort, comments, and participation.

See you around Sky Park!

Robin

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN  
AND TREASURER REPORT**  
**January 2019**

Welcome to 2019 and hopefully a year of good health, prosperity and flying activities. Along with my good wishes comes the plea that comes this time of year for you to get current with your club dues – still only \$15. With your club dues we are able to stay in good standing with EAA National and also fund our chapter activities.

Last year our renewal with EAA National was \$545. With dues at \$15, it requires 36 member's renewals just to cover this expense. Also every year we, along with donations and income from fund raisers (primarily Family Fun Day and the Saturday hamburger fund), helps sponsor 3 or 4 youths to attend the Air Academy at Oshkosh.

I think everyone knows by now that you can check renewal status by looking at your name badge color – blue if you're current, white if you're not. A membership form and address to send your dues check is on the back page of this newsletter.

**Treasurer Report** – We begin 2019 with an effective checking account balance of \$9900.40. This number is arrived at by

subtracting the amount being held in the Jack Strehl Memorial fund from our total checking account balance.

Recent expenses have been a \$1200 deposit for six slots at the Air Academy. An upcoming expense will be a bill from EAA National for somewhere around \$550. This feeding of the mother beast is for chapter insurance (biggest expense) and to help with the expense of running an organization of that size.

As in years past, I will make available to the Board of Directors at our January meeting my annual Treasurer's Report in the form of three documents. The primary one being the "Running Balance Report" which lists the incomes, expenses, and balances throughout the year. The second document is the meal accounting. Third document is listings of bank deposits indicating source and amount of funds deposited.

If any member would like a copy of these documents, send me an email - ([bill.wheadon@gmail.com](mailto:bill.wheadon@gmail.com)) and I'll forward them to you.

See you at the meeting,  
Bill Wheadon, Membership Chairman and Treasurer



BK and Carol White. That's BK looking for Young Eagles volunteers. He's looking at you.

**YOUNG EAGLES**

Young Eagles day is next Sunday, January 13. As always BK White is looking for volunteer

pilots, ground crew and registration helpers for our monthly Young Eagles events.

Right now, he has a minimal crew working registration and ground operations. Also, he has at times had just two or three pilots flying our Young Eagles, some in their two-place aircraft.

There is an old gag used to open a presentation. The presenter will enter the darkened room and ask the audience to raise their hands. As soon as he does, his assistant flips the light switch, turning on the lights in the room. He then tells the audience that “many hands make light work”.

BK and his Young Eagles rallies have introduced thousands of young people to aviation, several of whom go on to learn to fly. BK could use a few more “hands” at the airport to help make light work of the morning.

Besides, it gives you a noble excuse to hang around an airport and swap lies with other pilots between flights.

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. Ask him to bring you an extra donut.

**MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK**  
Movie night for January is **Saturday, January 26 at 6pm in the Sonoma Skypark clubhouse.**

As always, Rafe will have another entertaining vintage flying film from his extensive library hidden deep in his film vault, deep inside his hangar here at Sonoma Skypark. A rare treasure indeed.

**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, January 26** at 6 p.m.



Rafe rationing out our “beverages”. He wasn’t stingy. Never is. I like that in a man.

### **DINNER SCHEDULE**

We are again looking for our celebrity chefs for 2019 so let us know which month you would like for your delicious signature dinner. Hot dogs or chili are perfectly fine. 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.



This is what cooks look like. Your picture could be here. Thanks, Sandra and Richard.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cooks/Meal
<b>2019 DINNER SCHEDULE</b>	
JAN	Marsi, Abel, George, Les, Ruth, Howard
FEB	Bill & Jan W.
MAR	Nelleke & Rich
APR	Ernie Ganas
MAY	
JUN	
JUL	Darrel
AUG	
SEP	
OCT	Air Explorers
NOV	Robin
DEC	XMAS PARTY
Standby	

**SPEAKERS**

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

Send an email to me at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
<b>2019 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b>	
JAN	2019 Air Academy & year's plans
FEB	
MAR	

APR	
MAY	
JUN	
JUL	
AUG	
SEP	
OCT	Air Academy participants
NOV	
DEC	XMAS PARTY



Paul Seibert and Marilyn Poggensee, with Paul "lookin' good!" Welcome back!

**2019 EAA 1268 CALENDAR**

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

DATE	EVENT
1/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
1/13	Young Eagles 9 am
1/26	Skypark Movie Night
1/31	Air Academy application deadline
2/10	Young Eagles 9 am
2/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
2/23	Skypark Movie Night
3/10	Young Eagles 9 am
3/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
3/23	Skypark Movie Night
4/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
4/14	Young Eagles 9 am
4/27	Skypark Movie Night
5/12	Young Eagles 9 am

5/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
5/18	Skypark Family Fun Day
5/25	Skypark Movie Night
6/9	Young Eagles 9 am
6/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/22	Skypark Movie Night
7/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/14	Young Eagles 9 am
7/18-21	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in
7/22-28	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
7/27	Skypark Movie Night
8/11	Young Eagles 9 am
8/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/24	Skypark Movie Night
9/8	Young Eagles 9 am
9/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/28	Skypark Movie Night
10/13	Young Eagles 9 am
10/15	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/26	Skypark Movie Night
11/10	Young Eagles 9 am
11/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/23	Skypark Movie Night
12/6	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/19	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**

EAA 1268 Board of Directors Meeting  
November 13, 2018

The Board Meeting was called to order by  
President Robin Tatman at 6:15 pm.

Present were: President Robin Tatman, Vice  
President Darrel Jones, Treasurer Bill  
Wheadon, Secretary Nelleke Cooper, Director  
Jeanette Woods, Young Eagles Coordinator  
BKWhite.

Absent: Paul Siebert

First order of business: Paul Siebert will stand  
for re-election and return when his medical  
issues are resolved.

There is a new bench by Skypark's office  
dedicated to John Carmichael funded by  
donations.

Will Campbell again shared some of the most  
stunning photographs from the Oshkosh Air  
Venture.

Treasurer Report: Checking account balance  
\$9,455.77, savings account \$100.16, deposits  
\$50 monthly donation and 2 checks from  
dinner proceeds totaling \$282.

Tonight's agenda will include election of  
officers and meal scheduling. Marsi Fahraji  
will be in charge of the January dinner. Dinner  
will consist of Mild Japanese style Chicken  
Curry, Salad, and Desert. She will be assisted  
by George Thomson, Les Goldner and Ruth  
and Howard Hall. February dinner Bill and Jan  
Wheadon, Nelleke and Rich Cooper will do  
March, Ernie Ganas April and the Air  
Explorers will take care of the October dinner.

At the Santa Rosa Wings over Wine Country,  
Robin Tatman met the leader of a group of  
Devil Pups, which is an alternative to the  
ROTC program for youth interested in  
becoming Marines and flying. The leader, Clint  
St. Clair was in the Gulf War and has 10 young  
people in his group. Robin was able to give  
him a ride in the DC-3 and is in contact with  
him regarding interest of his group in the air  
Explorers. Robin also has 3 HS student women  
interested.

Darrel mentioned that our TV has streaks  
through the picture and with black Friday,  
Costco has an excellent buy on a 55" Samsung  
TV for about \$400.

Board meeting adjourned 6:45 pm

A delicious dinner was served by Marsi Fahraji  
and her son Abel, George Thomson and

Howard Hall. It included green salad, beet salad, pulled chicken, French bread, Biscotti cookies, ice cream served with Bill Mason's homemade fruit topping, chocolate sauce and decaf coffee.

General Meeting called to order 7:50 pm

Robin thanked the above crew for the appetizing dinner and welcomed guest Steve Smith, introduced by Kathy Carmichael.

Election of Officers for 2019 took place. There were no nominations of the floor and the same officers will serve again with the addition of Roland Gangloff as Director.

Kathy Carmichael is in charge of the Skypark Annual Christmas Party and discussed the preparation and delegation of duties for the party.

The party will be on December 7 in the same hangar as previous years, now owned by Jonathan Clark.

Decorate and Set-up will be on Thursday, December 6 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Guest can bring, one per couple, white elephant gift if they so desire and an unwrapped toy for the Schell-Vista Fire Department.

Invites will be send out in Newsletter and by mail and will indicate which potluck food item to bring depending on first letter of last name.

Skypark to provide turkey and ham and trimmings and will need carvers and servers on Friday night. George Thomson, Ron Price, Richard Craig and other helpers volunteered.

Darrel will provide a microwave and 2 big electrical cords for hotplates etc.

People can bring gifts for their children for Santa to give to them.

Rafe Tomsett will set up the bar and be our bartender.

Colin, Ben and Curtis will be the announcers for the White elephant gift exchange.

Air Explorers to help with set up of chairs and other duties

Handicap Porta-Potties will be ordered.

Still need clean-up crew. Possibly Richard Craig.

Young Eagles Report by BK White. Due to the smoke from the Butte County Campground Fire which destroyed the town of Paradise the bad visibility prevented flights from taking off, so no kids were flown. Don Booker, some parents and Young Eagles did show up.

Robin gave report on her meeting with Clint St. Clair, the leader of the Devil Pups, who will come for a planning meeting in January.

Bill Wheadon presented the Treasury report, see above.

Renewal of dues, still \$15, in January.

Flight school update. The tailwheel airplane had an AD for strut inspections and needs some other repairs.

Ron Price and Rafe Tomsett have been making steady progress on the Gas Station in the parking lot. Tires and batteries on the back side and the roof in progress.

Ron Price reported that a helicopter from Reach Medical Services landed at Sonoma Skypark last month and in conjunction with Sonoma Valley Hospital there was an ambulance and personnel. The pilot, from Santa Rosa knew Larry Cardwell, who is now the Chief Pilot in Sacramento. He was the very first Air Explorer that our chapter sponsored for the Oshkosh Air Academy.

Roland Gangloff recommended getting annual Membership Insurance.

Membership approved the expenditure of the purchase of a new 55" TV for the Clubhouse.

Robin mentioned she had pledges for \$1500 for the Air Explorers for 2019.

Ron Price thanked Kathy and Friends of John Carmichael for the bench with his name on the patio by the office.

Rafe Tomsett mentioned the movie on November 24 will be "When Willy Comes Marching Home." No movie scheduled for December due to the Holidays.

General Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

### **OTHER NEWS**

We have two more new pilots at Sonoma Skypark. Oren and Josh Redsun both passed their private pilot check rides after some very capable instruction by Richard Craig.

Oren has been keeping John Thomason's Tri-Pacer maintained while numerous other pilots learned to fly, so it's only fitting that he and Josh used it to learn themselves.

John has been our pilot incubator for years. He has donated generously to our Young Eagles and Air Academy scholarships, and has gone well beyond the call of duty by making his Tri-Pacer available for flight instruction for only the cost of operation.

John is another of those poor devils who have the affliction. He has always been certifiably crazy about aviation, and is never happier than when around airplanes and hanging out in his hangar. I'm surprised that he hasn't been locked up before this for aviation-induced insanity, but luckily for us, the authorities are still letting him run loose.

When you come out to help with Young Eagles, you will usually find John manning the registration table, wearing that big "I'm at the airport" smile and sharing his love of aviation with every kid who tentatively approaches his table for a free airplane ride.

They guy doesn't just have the affliction, he is a carrier. We need a lot more like him.

Congratulations to Josh and Oren, and thank you Oren for all your contributions to helping all of us share the joy of flight.

### **Leon Thaddeus Scarbrough, Jr.**

The last item this month is Leon Scarbrough's passing. Leon left December 11<sup>th</sup> at the age of 80. If you were around Skypark, either for Chapter meetings, Young Eagles or just Saturday hamburgers, you probably knew Leon.

The details of his life are that he learned to fly and served in the Air Force. After that, he was another of those airline pilots who seemed to hang around their local small airport because they just never seemed to get enough of airplanes flying a big kerosene burner hauling people on a visit to Grandma's or for a business meeting in some godawful town far from home.

We had another good friend, Ken Moore, who used to send emails with interesting items to friends, aviation related items, and occasionally truly tasteless but hilarious items attached to his emails. After Ken left, Leon took up the task, and I've included some things he sent in the newsletter over the years.

Most of the items were interesting, some not, but some were thoughtful enough that they made me appreciate who Leon might really have been. We were casual airport acquaintances, but I came to realize that Leon was a man of integrity and intellect whom I came to respect.

His obituary calls him "smart, sarcastic, humble and hardworking." I can't vouch for his humility, but he did have a wicked, sarcastic sense of humor, while never being disrespectful or cruel. Not bad for an airline pilot.

We don't get to be there at their bedside when they finally fly west, to tell them that they had our respect, that we were glad to know them, and that we will miss them.

Leon might not hear me say it, but I wish him "fair winds and following seas" on his flight west with the setting sun. Godspeed, 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 JANUARY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 8 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.**

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

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