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GERMAN AVIATION HUMOR

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, March 12**. 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 chefs for the month will be Nelleke and Rich Cooper, who are upholding a long, proud tradition off the McCooper clan of serving up a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner for St. Patrick's Day. You'll have to bring your own Irish whiskey, though a shot or two for the cooks wouldn't be out of order.

I muffed up the speaker information last month by asking both Jack Shackford and Yayoi West to give presentations. I hope Jack will forgive me and agree to give a talk at the April meeting.

We have Rich Cooper, full of corned beef and cabbage and maybe a little shot of something to warm him, giving a talk on what it was like to fly into the infamous Kai Tak airport in Hong Kong. Wikipedia notes "With numerous skyscrapers and mountains located to the north and its only runway jutting out into Victoria Harbour, landings at the airport were dramatic to experience and technically demanding for pilots. The History Channel program Most Extreme Airports ranked it as the 6th most dangerous airport in the world."

The retired airline pilots in the Chapter may need a second dose of something to warm them and steady their nerves after Rich's talk. Ah, the memories of cheating death for a paycheck.

PRESIDENT'S/AIR EXPLORER REPORT

Robin is being otherwise occupied by Delta and won't be able to have a report or attend the meeting this month. We'll hear from her in April, although she was able to fly four Young Eagles today.

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT

March 2019

For the month of February we had deposits of \$993 which was comprised of the following:
\$135 - dues renewal
\$65 - Air Academy donations'
\$50 - raffle ticket proceeds from 2018 Family Fun Day
\$600 - donations in memory of Leon Scarbrough for youth aviation activities
\$143 - excess dinner receipts from our February meeting.

We had one disbursement in the form of a check for \$641.65 made out to Frank Russo as reimbursement for his purchase of the new TV for the Sonoma Skypark Airport clubhouse.

Our checking account balance on Feb. 28 was \$10094.12 and our chapter savings account balance is \$1100.19.

That's all for now - see you at the meeting,
Bill Wheadon
EAA 1268 Membership Chairman and
Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES

This was a moderately busy Young Eagles rally today. The weather was clear enough for the morning for us to fly, with ceilings scattered and broken at about 2,000 feet. Robin invited a Marine youth group, the Devil Pups (think "Devil Dogs of the Air" with James Cagney), who were slated to bring about 13 kids, although only two or three made it in view of the unsettled weather. Those were in addition to the ones we got from Sonoma Valley.

The minutes of the last meeting reflect the discussion about getting more human resources to help BK with the Young Eagles rallies. Two people for registration, two for ground and ramp crew, and two more for good measure in addition to the pilots would make the job much easier. We only had Roland and John T out this morning.

BK was at Young Eagles last month but was in a lot of pain with his bad back. He commented

that he wasn't sure how long he could continue as Young Eagles Liaison, but being a Marine (there are no ex-Marines), he intended to keep going until he drops. I'm not sure if he dropped, but wasn't able to make it out today.

A couple things he could use help with would be picking up the donuts, getting everything out for registration and contacting the pilots to get a head count on how many will be flying.

Colin Trayner has been helping a lot with the program. He assembles the paperwork and gets it back to EAA after each rally. John Thomason was out again today populating the registration desk, but he could always use a hand.

We've talked about flying out to lunch after Young Eagles. The weather didn't look good enough today so we might start in April with a long cross country to Petaluma and 29er Diner. We can keep expanding our radius as the days get better. It would be nice to offer seats to some of our members who don't fly anymore but want to come out and give a hand at the rally. Now, how's that for an incentive to volunteer?

Young Eagles day this month is Sunday, March 10. Next month will be April 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 or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK
 Movie night for March is **Saturday, March 23 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, March 23** at 6 p.m.

DINNER SCHEDULE

The schedule for this year so far is:

2019 DINNER SCHEDULE	
Month	Cooks/Meal
JAN	Marsi, Abel, George, Les, Ruth, Howard
FEB	Bill & Jan W. & Jack Shackford
MAR	Nelleke & Rich
APR	Ernie Ganas & Steve Smith
MAY	Jeanette, Darren & Catherine S.
JUN	Don & Wayne
JUL	Darrel's bbq
AUG	Richard, Sandra & George
SEP	Ron & John's roadkill
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 so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
2019 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	2019 Air Academy & year's plans
FEB	Yayoi West- NASA
MAR	Rich Cooper- Kai Tak Airport
APR	Jack Shackford?
MAY	Darren Stevenson
JUN	Steve Smith? (maybe)
JUL	Your name here (that's a threat)
AUG	Same again...
SEP	Once more, or else...
OCT	Air Academy participants
NOV	Last chance to shine...
DEC	XMAS PARTY

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
3/30-31	Travis AFB airshow
4/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
4/14	Young Eagles 9 am
4/27	Nut Tree pancake breakfast
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	Nut Tree pancake breakfast
5/25	Skypark Movie Night
6/1-2	West Coast Piet Fly-in Frazier Lake
6/9	Young Eagles 9 am
6/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/22	Nut Tree pancake breakfast
6/22	Skypark Movie Night
7/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/14	Young Eagles 9 am
7/?	Prospect fly-in- ?
7/18-21	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in
7/22-28	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
7/27	Nut Tree pancake breakfast
7/27	Skypark Movie Night
8/10	Boonville Airport Day
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	Nut Tree pancake breakfast
9/28	Skypark Movie Night
10/13	Young Eagles 9 am
10/15	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/26	Nut Tree pancake breakfast
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 st 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
February 12, 2019

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Robin Tatman at 6:20 pm.

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

First order of business:

Darrel informed us of a new \$10,000 Youth Flight Training Scholarship program by the EAA.

Interview with Fabiola Chavez, her parents, Rosa and Angel and Mentor Sindi Mikkelsen for Air Academy Scholarship.

Darrel explained the steps to be taken for the application and other pertinent information.

1. Apply to EAA National, and she will receive a free student EAA membership and online Sport Aviation Magazine.
2. Session from July 26-August 3
3. Air Fare to Oshkosh provided by the profits from Ron Price's Hamburger fund

4. EAA fills in with the rest of the scholarship and we have points from the number of Young Eagle flights conducted during the year.

Board Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

General Meeting called to order by President Robin Tatman at 8:30 pm

Robin gave a big Thank you to Bill and Jan Wheadon for a delicious dinner of Chili, salad, cornbread, dessert and ice cream.

Wayne Schake introduced his guest Gary Edwards, Frank Russo introduced Ron Hill, and Richard Craig introduced his guest Roger Anderson.

BK White gave a Young Eagles report for Sunday, February 10. The weather was clear and 14 youngsters were flown. Pilots: Darrel Jones, Ron Price, Tim Bloodgood, Don Booker, Frank Russo and Robin Tatman. Robin discussed finding a helper/assistant for Young Eagles Coordinator BK White. Young Eagles events have been conducted without the sufficient number of volunteers and additional help is needed. Minimum of 6 volunteers are needed at Young Eagles days: 2 at Registration, 2 at the Flight Line for safety plus 2 additional helpers.

Darrel and Robin will be conducting an outreach campaign to get more support for Skypark activities and will advocate at the Shareholders meeting to recruit a 6 Member Committee willing to help, such as organizing Fly-Outs and make airplane seats available. Roland suggested getting a contact list.

A survey conducted 6 years ago indicated that for the Membership the social aspect of Skypark is most important. Darrel added that youth aviation outreach was the Chapter's main focus.

Integration and the coordination of flight scholarships and Fly-Out dates will be posted

on our website by our website manager, Gretchen McDougall.

Report regarding our interview with Fabiola, our Air Academy applicant to membership. Fabiola is a senior in High School. Her GPA is an admirable 4.6. She is very personable, applied to 4 UC Universities and had an interview at Stanford for a scholarship. Her future aspiration is to be a Chemical Engineer.

Our speaker, Yayoi West was introduced by Darrel Jones. Yayoi is an accomplished pilot. She has many diverse interests and has been designated as a Solar System Ambassador by NASA.

The Solar System Ambassadors program is a public engagement effort that works with motivated volunteers across the nation to communicate the science and excitement of NASA's space exploration missions and discoveries to the people in their communities.

Yayoi gave a detailed and fascinating lecture with informative illustrations about the Parker Solar Probe, a NASA robotic spacecraft, which went to space in 2018 and will fly closer to the sun than ever before. It will provide new data on solar activity and make critical contributions to our ability to forecast major space-weather events that impact life on Earth.

The concept of the Mission was conceived 60 years ago by Eugene Parker, a distinguished Astrophysicist at the University of Chicago. Parker proposed how stars—including our Sun—give off energy. This is the first NASA mission that has been named for a living individual.

The Parker Solar Probe was launched by the Delta 4 heavy rocket. Its speed will reach 430,000 mph. and it is currently en route to probe the outer corona of the Sun. The Parker Probe will use assists from Venus the brake its orbit in order to get closer and closer to the Sun eventually to within 4 million miles.

Its Special Thermal Protection System Assembly is made to withstand outside temperatures of 2500 degrees F. Yayoi explained how the 3rd stage boost into its final orbit the Parker Solar Probe will have its own trajectory systems control and therefore it is really **Rocket Science!**

For further information check <http://solarprobe.jhuapl.edu>

General membership meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

TRAVIS AIRSHOW MARCH 30 & 31

The Travis AFB Air Show 'Thunder Over the Bay' will be the last weekend of the month. This is a nice local airshow and has the Thunderbirds scheduled as the main attraction.

The two-day event will be free and open to the public. It would be nice if we could get the Air Explorers and Chapter 1268 members and families together to attend as a group outing.

We can also talk about a future visit to the Travis Heritage Center museum on-base.

EAA TRI-MOTOR COMING THROUGH THIS MONTH

The EAA Ford Tri-motor is on a ride tour and will be at Concord this week, March 14-17, and at Nut Tree in Vacaville March 28-31.

Pre-book cost is \$72 for adults and \$52 for children.

From EAA: Embark on a journey back to aviation's golden age, when the Ford Tri-Motor became the first airplane put into commercial airline service by the United States. You'll relive the excitement and wonder experienced by aviation's finest passengers and pioneers.

[Visit us online](#) for more information about the Ford Tri-Motor tour, payment options, Tri-Motor history, and much more. You may also call EAA at 877-952-5395.

I took my granddaughter Ashley for a ride when we were back at Oshkosh in 2004. It was wonderful making that connection with early commercial aviation history.

THIS WAS FORWARDED BY PAUL SEIBERT:



Hi Paul,

I hope all is well with you and Marilyn. Know you've had a lot of rain, so hoping your home is dry.

On a cheerful note, guess who spoke at our EAA meeting last night?

Frank and Patricia were a hit with everyone, and are joining the chapter. I look forward to spending time with them and maybe someday seeing "Jenny" in Tennessee.

Please say "Hi" to my Sonoma friends, and take care of yourself. We have to be ready for Oshkosh in just over four months!

Take care,

Jim

PETALUMA AIRPORT NEWS

This is a little long for our newsletter, but I'm reprinting it because I feel it applies to all aviators in all their local communities.

Greetings Fellow Wing Nuts/Aviators (but I repeat myself....J)

In case you haven't heard, there was an incident recently of what has been deemed: "Low flying aircraft joyriding over Petaluma City limits." Thanks for our ever vigilant Secretary Nancy Sasser, we picked up this cue being posted on a local neighborhood site. The incident has apparently been reported to the FAA and local police. This is the posting:

Reckless flying in west Petaluma
Anyone witnessing low flying airplanes joy riding over Petaluma city limits should contact William.bell@faa.gov. This is a potential tragedy that the FAA is aware of and corrected last year but a few bad actors have evidently been biding their time and are back.
40 neighborhoods in Crime & Safety

Needless to say, we must always be mindful of safety when flying and the impact we may have on the public below and around us. Nancy has reached out to this individual to discuss this incident/observation. The report states that one white and one yellow aircraft were seen flying low over a populated area in the west of town.

As we all know, 1000 ft is the minimum altitude for flight over areas with people, housing etc and while lower flight is allowed over unpopulated areas, so long as if an engine failure were to occur that a safe 'landing' could be executed without impact on people, structures etc, it is usually not advisable nor wise to fly that low.

While non-aviators can often misjudge the altitude of an aircraft in flight assessing the altitude to be lower than is actually the case, we must always be mindful that even if such an incorrect estimate of altitude is made, the potential negative repercussions can be severe.

Petaluma Municipal is a significant positive resource for our community and we have all

worked hard to protect it and its viability for the future. We must always guard against anything that could be seen as a negative impact in this regard.

So, as has happened on occasion and is encouraged by AOPA, if you witness someone, be they a PAPA member or not, operating their aircraft in a manner that is incompatible with FAA regulations or in keeping with good 'community relations' we encourage you to speak to the individual; not as an indictment of their flying but as an encouragement to help us support and maintain the good community relationship we have all worked so hard to cultivate and maintain for over 40 years.

As an interesting point of coincidence, I personally received a call from a friend in late January who was walking in Shollenberger Park and reported that a low flying aircraft flew quite low near the park and then disappeared 'behind' a building flying southeast. I explained the rules governing flight over uninhabited land and that put the matter to rest. But, one can see who such an observation can become misconstrued and result in a call to the authorities.

So, let's all remember to always fly safely for ourselves, our passengers and those 'civilians' on the ground. We owe a huge debt to those who have come before us in keeping O69 vibrant and growing. Let's not let anyone jeopardize this wonderful resource and our freedom to participate in our passion for flight. So let's all keep up the good work and we'll have a continued bright and happy future on our very own slice of "airport heaven" in O69.

Tail winds,

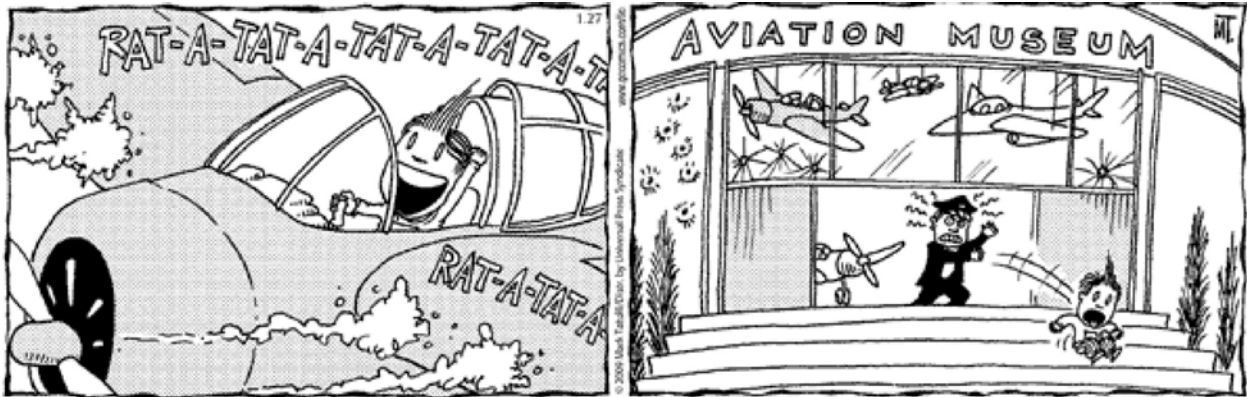
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(those were the days)

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 MARCH MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 12 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

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