



THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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ANOTHER OLD FRIEND, PAUL SEIBERT, HAS FLOWN WEST
Safe journey, Paul. Tail winds and clear skies. We will miss you.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this Tuesday, September 14 on Zoom. The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m.

The general membership meeting will start at 7 pm.

Use this link to join a Zoom test meeting to try out your connection.

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/115002262083-Joining-a-test-meeting>

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT **SEPTEMBER 2021**

Activity in the checking account has been limited to one disbursement in the amount of \$327.50 paid to Richard Craig for flight instruction to Sebastian Johnson, one of our scholarship recipients. Total chapter funds are \$20462.93 distributed in the following accounts:

Checking account - \$15049.23
Savings account - \$ 122.24
CD account - \$ 5291.46

That's all for now – any questions? If so, shoot me an email – bill.wheadon@gmail.com.

See you at the meeting,
Bill Wheadon

Membership Chairman and Treasurer

WOMEN ON MOTORCYCLES



In 1916, Adeline and Augusta Van Buren became the first women to travel across the US on two solo motorcycles. They made it despite frequently being arrested for wearing pants.

weird-facts.org

@factsweird

YOUNG EAGLES

This from BK:

Once again, I don't have any "STUFF" to send. Just waiting in the warm-up area to get flying again. Jeez, by the time we get to fly again all our current planes will be antiques. Keep up the good work.....B.K.

We are all looking forward to flying Young Eagles again. As always BK White is looking for volunteer pilots, ground crew and registration helpers for our monthly Young Eagles events for when we get back in operation.

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

We have talked about having a Zoom movie night but the details haven't been confirmed

yet. We'll let you know when and if we get that program going.

Hopefully, we can get the movies going again in October if the COVID surge recedes and Sonoma County lifts the mask mandate for indoor gatherings.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We will reschedule our chefs when we start having meetings again. 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
2021 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Dinner at home
FEB	Dinner at home
MAR	Dinner at home
APR	Dinner at home
MAY	Dinner at home
JUN	Last dinner at home!
JUL 13	Darrel, barbecue
AUG 10	Dinner at home, again
SEP 14	Dinner at home again, darn!
OCT 12	?
NOV 9	?
DEC 3	XMAS PARTY?
Standby	?

SPEAKERS

We are always, continually, everlastingly looking for speakers for our monthly programs. Here's where I see if any of you are actually reading this newsletter or if it just goes into your spam folder.

We would like a member to be our speaker chairperson. EAA has a list of virtual speakers on the EAA website. You would just need to go through the list, chose some potential speakers and then contact them to schedule

them for our Zoom meetings. Your help will be much appreciated.

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
2021 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Socially distanced gathering
FEB	Yayoi West - Mars mission
MAR	Kerry McCauley - ferry pilot
APR	Flight scholarship discussion
MAY	Robin- You Tube video
JUN	John F. Hansen
JUL	Ivy Morrison – balloon camp
AUG	Phil Danskin- Skypark history
SEP	Roland Gangloff-
OCT	?
NOV	?
DEC	XMAS PARTY

2021 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
9/12	Young Eagles 9:30 am - cancelled
9/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm - ?
9/15-19	Reno Air Races – on!
9/24	Skypark Movie Night - ?
9/18-19	Wings Over Wine Country - ?
10/10	Young Eagles 9:30 am - ?
10/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm - ?
10/22	Skypark Movie Night - ?
11/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am - ?
11/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm - ?
11/26	Skypark Movie Night - ?
12/3	Skypark Xmas Party - ?
1/1/22	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

The Board meeting was called to order on Zoom at 6:00 pm.

Present were President Robin Tatman (RT), VP Darrel Jones (DJ), Treasurer Bill Wheadon (BW) and Board member Roland Gangloff (RG).

DJ reported that Chapter 1268's Ray Scholarship recipients Philip Lachman and Sebastian Johnson still need to complete their student pilot certificate with Richard Craig for Ray Scholarship approval and distribution of funds.

Marsi Allard has a clean bill of health and is finishing her treatment.

Kathy Carmichael will have a memorial for Tom Ellis in her hangar in November.

Richard Cooper fell and was in a convalescent hospital but is now home.

Tina Louise Masquelier, the new Sonoma Skypark Manager, has started the Saturday hamburgers again and reports that the barbecue has netted EAA 1268 \$883 to date for the scholarship fund.

Richard Craig is cleaning up the space beside his hangar so the Saturday hamburgers can have outdoor seating. The clubhouse still requires masking indoors unless eating.

The September meeting will be on Zoom. The October meeting will depend on the Sonoma County Health Department orders for masking indoors.

Roland Gangloff will be the September meeting speaker. He will talk about the effect climate change is having on the Arctic ice shelf.

Wayne Schake has arranged for the October speaker, Bruce Janigian. Bruce had given a presentation on Jimmy Doolittle at the previous meeting, which was well received.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

The general meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Robin Tatman.

RT reported that Sonoma Skypark would be closed for paving sometime this month. A NOTAM will be issued with the dates. RT reported that Daniel Shulte is now flying commercially in a Lear 60 jet.

RT reported that Jorge Oros is flying commercially.

RT reported that Garrett porter is in college pursuing an airport architectural degree.

RT reported that the Air Explorers is on hold for now.

RT reported that Nathan Wilson is enrolled in the aviation program at Cochise College where Jorge Oros recently taught.

RT reported that the Petaluma ground school should restart this January

The speaker for the evening was local surveyor Phil Danskin, who talked about the history of Sonoma Skypark, including many fascinating photos for Skypark's earliest days. Phil had learned to fly at Sonoma Skypark and had obtained his private, instrument and commercial licenses here in the late 60's and early 70's.

President Robin Tatman adjourned the meeting at 7:30 for Phil's presentation.

OTHER NEWS



Paul starting the Jenny.

We say goodbye to another old friend, Paul Seibert. Paul recently passed away after a long illness, although he and Marilyn had been hoping for a promised recovery.

Paul was a long-time antique aviation enthusiast. He had been one of the key members of Frank Schelling's Curtis Jenny JN-4H ground crew. Paul was an EAA 1268 Board member for many years and always contributed much positive input to the Chapter.

Marilyn will be having a memorial service at Sonoma Skypark on October 10. Kathy Carmichael is generously providing her hangar for the memorial.

Paul always enjoyed the same type of music I did, with vintage jazz and ragtime special favorites. When I put together the play list for our Family Fun Days at Sonoma Skypark, I chose music that I thought Paul would especially like. I was rewarded with his thank-you and appreciation for the effort.

I'm including some photos Jim Roberts sent me of Paul with his Curtis Junior at Brodhead and of Paul working on the Jenny.

We wish Paul good journey and Marilyn our deepest condolences.



Daniel Shulte and his new airplane

I recently received this from Gillian Shulte:

Thanks for mentioning our son Daniel in the newsletter. And thanks to all the pilots at Sonoma Skypark for the inspiration. He had his checkride on July 23rd, and passed with flying colors!

Here's what he posted to Facebook on July 23rd:-

"Just made my childhood dream a reality. I've been working toward this for the last 6 years and now it feels like I can finally breathe a sigh of relief.

Anyway, Sydney and I moved to Colorado and I'm officially a Lear 60 FO now. Happy to report that things are already much, much better than they have been the last couple of years!"

Below are some of his pics. He's LOVING his new job with Jet International.

Thanks,
Gillian Shulte

STRANGE DAYS

I had a rather strange and unsettling day a week or so ago.

I was at my daughter Lolly's house going over an upcoming job when I got a call from Ron Price. Ron was nervously laughing when I answered and told me he was glad to find me alive.

He had heard from Darrin Stevenson that Darrin's wife Carol had received a phone call from someone claiming to be my niece telling her that I had died.

News travels fast. I then got a call from Kathy Carmichael, also with the message that she was glad I was still alive.

While on the phone with Kathy, I got a call from Marsi Allard, who left a message asking me to call her back immediately.

When I called her, she also was relieved that I was still in this world, but told me to contact Gretchen because she had heard the news.

And so, the day went.

It's unnerving but gratifying to go to the airport and have people keep telling you that they are glad you are still alive, especially since we've recently lost Tom Ellis and Paul Seibert, as well as all those friends in the recent past.

Walking my lovely little pit bull Tilly, I've had a lot of time to think about my own mortality, as well as that of those around me. I've come to the realization that we all are born with only one guarantee in life; that it will someday end.

I initially thought about all the things I wanted to do, the projects waiting to be finished, and the people I will miss when I'm gone. It dawned on me that I won't know that those projects won't be completed and the people won't be missed by me, but rather will miss me and grieve at my passing.

It is a common philosophy through all the great religions that to live life well is to live it in the present. So many people exist in retched circumstances that they may well look forward to the end of their suffering. Theirs is a life stolen from them. If we are comfortable and secure, we should be grateful for every moment we are given.

For those of us who are blessed with good friends and loved ones, we need to cherish every day that we are given, and appreciate the beauty we find in life and the love we find in our friends and family.

When Mark Twain was told that it had been reported that he had been gravely ill and had died, he said, "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated".

When I see you next, we can tell each other that we are glad that we are still alive.

It wouldn't be out of place if we were to give each other a big hug and tell the other person that they are special to us. Seems to me that a few more hugs, with the huggee's permission, would go a long way in making all our lives a little better.



Paul at Brodhead



Paul, Rafe and Ron at Brodhead

WOMEN IN AIRPLANES



Paul and Jeannie, 2011



Amy Johnson, 1938.

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 2021!** SEE YOU THERE! (This message is for when we are back in the clubhouse. For now, just mail a check to Bill at the address below.)

REMEMBER! THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 7 P.M., ON ZOOM. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE 6 P.M. BEFORE THE MEETING

SKYRAFTER MEMBERSHIP

EAA CHAPTER 1268 Membership Dues: **\$15 per year.**

Name: _____ EMAIL: _____

Address: _____ APT: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone number, home: _____ work: _____

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AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: _____

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