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EAA Chapter 1268

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CHRIS, PAUL AND JEANETTE AT THE CHRISTMAS 2019 PARTY

Looks as if everyone was having a great time.
We know how to throw a great party at Skypark.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, October 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 chef for the month will be our very own President Robin Tatman. She will be asking for cooks for November and for filling out the 2022 schedule.

The December meeting will be the Skypark Christmas party, and will be a combination of potluck by members and main dishes furnished by Sonoma Skypark Airport.

Our speaker for the evening will be Bruce Janigian, who writes "Adding to the Jimmy Doolittle presentation, this talk looks at some Medal of Honor winners from the earliest days of the war, and includes another dimension of courage and determination that impacted our defense."

I will also send out a Zoom meeting invitation for those distant members who can't make the in-person meeting, but we encourage everyone else to attend if you feel safe doing so.

PRESIDENT'S/AIR EXPLORER REPORT

Hello everyone!

If you've been around the airport lately you can see there's been an uptick in our activity. The Saturday Hamburgers have been going strong and are bringing in some much-needed cash to the Scholarship Fund.

Yesterday we had our first Young Eagles event in a long time. We gave about 20 rides total and several were very promising candidates for either Ray Scholarships or Air Venture Scholarships for next year. We really appreciate all of you who regularly show up every week and plunk down your \$7 for your

burger and occasionally or regularly leave a little extra.

It's been such a long time since we've held Y.E. that I forget how much the kids and the parents appreciate the opportunity that we give to go fly. I've been asking them more regularly if any of the other students at their schools fly and the answer is always "No." There is still a huge gap in getting the word out to any potential "Eagles" - Young or not, that the program exists.

Everyone that we have sent to Air Venture has always remarked how great it was to talk to other kids their age that shared their interest. Networking is a huge part of the overall experience for them, and helps them keep motivated and focused down the road. I need to think about how we can change that. Anybody got ideas? I've got a few but would love to brainstorm about it.

Our third event this weekend was Paul Siebert's memorial. He would have been pleased to see so many of his family and friends out there. Rafe put together a great slide show, there was lots of great memorabilia out, and Ron and Marilyn and family members shared lots about Paul - more than he ever let on in my years of knowing him. Ron, Bob, Tommy Palmer, and Darrel did a wonderful Missing Man formation along with a few flybys at the end.

We have a great guest speaker Tuesday night, which will be our first in person meeting since COVID caught fire. I am cooking, and we could use a chef for November. I'll also be sending out a sign up sheet for November for volunteers for Hamburgers. Marcus may be absent while he finishes his CFI, so we could use someone on the barbecue as well!

Hope to see you tomorrow!

Robin

WOMEN IN AIRPLANES



Baroness Raymonde de Laroche

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT OCTOBER 2021

Treasurer Report For the month of September we had two deposits in our checking account with no disbursements. Deposits consisted of \$75 in dues, \$159.06 in donations, and \$1856 in proceeds from our Saturday BBQs in June, July, August and part of September.

Total chapter funds are \$22559.63 distributed in the following accounts:

Checking account - \$17139.29
Savings account - \$ 126.06
CD account - \$ 5294.28

That's all for now – any questions? If so, shoot me an email or give me a call –
bill.wheadon@gmail.com. 707-224-3901

Bill
Membership Chairman and Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES

We held our first Young Eagles Day since July this Sunday, October 10. Before that, we hadn't had an in-person Young Eagles Day since March 8, 2020.

Initially, Robin and I were the only pilots. Bob Berwick brought out his Cessna 170 and helped fly young Eagles to help with the backlog.

Turnout was very good after such a long time without a Young Eagles rally. There were 20 Young Eagles flights, with a mix of all ages. The Marine Devil Pups brought several of their members over for Chapter 1268's return to Young Eagles Day.

Gretchen McDougall came up from half Moon Bay and handled all the registration duties herself.

One young person came over from Fairfield. She wrote afterwards:

Hi Darrel,

Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to experience Young Eagles and go on a flight with Robin. Allowing kids to fly in your planes is very kind of all of you. Seeing the little kids so excited was really funny. It's amazing how a airplane can bring out that kind of emotion. My dad and I plan on meeting up with Robin in the near future to talk about my aviation goals. If there is anything I can do to help out in your Chapter or you know of anything, please think of me.

Thanks,

Macy Hiltman

As we get back to some semblance of normalcy, we will need help from our Chapter members, not only on our Young Eagles Days, but in recruiting new members from our local pilot community to keep the Chapter healthy and growing.

Give Robin or me a call and let us know that you want to help us bring aviation to our next generation of pilots.

Young Eagles Day is the second Sunday of the month, excluding December, and is held from 9:30 to 11:30, weather permitting. 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. You can also contact Robin or myself and we will pass along your message.



Conner taking an "Eagle" ride with me last Sunday.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

Movie night for October is **Saturday, October 23 at 6pm in the Sonoma Skypark clubhouse.**

Rafe will once again thrill and enlighten the audience with another classic flying film, preceded by another chapter of a favorite serial and perhaps a cartoon or short subject.

Free admission. Pizza is always available for \$5 per person, including beverages, and complimentary popcorn just to whet your appetite (or spoil it).

See you at the movies on Skypark Movie Night, **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23** at 6 p.m.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We have most of our celebrity chefs for 2021 but let us know if you can take November or want to take an unfilled month 2022. Hot dogs, chili or pizza are perfectly fine. 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 10	Robin- AT THE CLUBHOUSE!
NOV 9	?
DEC 3	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
2021 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
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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-ferry pilot
JUL	Ivy Morrison – balloon camp
AUG	Phil Danskin- Skypark history
SEP	Roland Gangloff- Arctic shelf
OCT	Bruce Janigian- Metal of Honor
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
10/10	Young Eagles 9:30 am
10/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/23	Skypark Movie Night
11/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am
11/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/27	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!	

PAUL SEIBERT MEMORIAL

Paul’s memorial was held at Skypark this Sunday, October 10. Kathy Carmichael generously offered her hangar for the memorial and helped Marilyn with organizing and recruiting volunteers for the day.

Paul’s daughters, sister and many members of his family attended, as did Marilyn’s son and family. Marilyn’s daughter-in-law cooked up delicious lumpia to add to the sumptuous spread offered to her guests.

Ron started the remembrance with a heart-felt and deeply emotional recounting of meeting Paul at Fremont Airport and developing a life-

long friendship that eventually brought Paul and Marilyn to Sonoma Skypark.

Paul’s and Marilyn’s children and family added their memories and feelings of love and respect for Paul to an appreciative crowd of Paul’s many friends in attendance.

The memorial was concluded with a missing man formation fly-over, led by Tom palmer in his cub, Bob Berwick in the Travel Air, me in the 182 and Ron flying the Vagabond for the missing man position.

Marilyn shared the following eulogy with me for the newsletter:

Paul was always interested in planes. His joy came from being involved with old planes, motorcycles, and cars...in restoring, rescuing, piloting. He was known for his careful restorations, gathering original information and instruction and intuiting the intent of the original engineer.

He was an engineer himself, attending Parks Air College in St. Louis, MO. He worked as an engineer for several companies centered around aviation. He was a teacher, a husband, a father, and philosopher. He turned to spirituality, Rudolf Steiner, Eckhart Tolle, Deepak Chopra and others as years went by.

After his divorce he moved from Cleveland to Savannah, GA and then to California where he met Marilyn. He found his Fleet biplane in a barn, joined the Schellville Escadrille & Sonoma Skypark and they moved to Sonoma.

He enjoyed the fly-ins and gatherings in the Midwest with his friends, always gathering information, insights, and new friends.

He will be missed by his wife Marilyn, sister Joanie, daughters Christine & Lorri, stepchildren Lisa, Joel and wife May, grandsons Christopher, Jacob, and Jackson, and many friends.

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 2021

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order on Zoom at 6:10 pm by president Robin Tatman (RT). Present were Board member Roland Gangloff (RG), Treasurer Bill Wheadon (BW), Nelleke Cooper (NC) and Darrel Jones (DJ).

The October meeting was discussed and the board decided to make it an in-person meeting with masks indoors except when eating. RG suggested the meeting could be held with the doors open and fans circulating air.

Young Eagles was discussed and it was decided to have a Young Eagles Rally Sunday October 10, with participants masked while in airplanes and not socially distancing outdoors. RG suggested having masks available for those who didn't bring their own.

DJ reported that he will contact EAA to have insurance coverage for the Saturday barbecues since they are benefiting Chapter 1268's scholarship program.

RG is researching post-graduate scholarships through Teen Services for a young woman from Boyes Springs who has an interest in an aviation career.

RT reported that A&P schools are now advertising on TV for students for aviation industry training. She volunteered to talk to Teen Services about aviation mechanics careers.

DJ reported that the Chapter's Ray Aviation scholars still need to get their student pilot certificates.

BW reported that the Chapter CD was renewed at 0.614%.

DJ stated that membership recruitment is now a priority as COVID restrictions are loosened in order to rebuild Chapter activity.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:40.

The general membership meeting was called to order by RT at 7:00 pm.

Officers and Board members gave their reports to the members present on Zoom.

RT introduced guest Kurt Jones who had flown single engine cargo with her early in her career.

RT adjourned the meeting at 7:00 for the evening's program.

The program for the evening was a presentation by Roland Gangloff, "The Artic- Land of the Bear and Why You Should Care".

WOMEN ON MOTORCYCLES



OK, I'm going to go "silly" this month, but I'll be back to women really riding motorcycles next month.

**Send me your news for your newsletter!
(You haven't been, so you better!)**

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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!

NOW... PUNCH THAT STARTER BUTTON! THE BOOSTER TURNS OVER THE PROP UNCERTAINLY!

THE MOTOR CATCHES AND ROARS! TUNE THAT ENGINE! SHE SHIVERS AND SHAKES!

GIVE SGT. FRIDAY THE THUMBS UP! CLEAR THEM CHOCKS! BRAKE HER AND WATCH FOR THE SIGNAL!

FRIDAY GIVES YOU THE GO AHEAD! YOU'RE RUMBLING UP THE TAXI STRIP! YOU'RE **SET!**



REMEMBER! THE OCTOBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 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! THE 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**

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