



THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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DAN HELSPER TAXIING HIS MODEL A PIET OUT AT BRODHEAD
Matt Kelly took this beautiful photo. Dan's Piet is in the November Sport
Aviation, showcasing his hand-carved four-bladed prop.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, November 9**. 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 \$10.00 per person. Our chef for the month will be Bill Wheadon.

I'll send out a Zoom link for those who can't be there in person.

A LITTLE EDITORIAL INFO FOR YOU

COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on our country, as well as the whole world. Chapter 1268, like other clubs and organizations, hasn't been spared.

We're now faced with the task of rebuilding the Chapter, first by getting back to in-person meetings and hosting Young Eagles rallies, then bringing back members who have drifted away during nearly two years of remote meetings, as well as recruiting new members.

We need your help. We will be electing officers for 2022 and need someone to serve as Secretary, taking meeting notes and writing the minutes. The rest of the officers have agreed to serve another year.

We also need more people on the Board of Directors. The officer positions are elected, but the Board members are appointed. All it takes to get appointed is a willingness to help.

We've identified a number of important things we need to accomplish. The most important right now is recruiting new members and offering them the opportunity to participate in planning and implementing the activities and direction of the Chapter.

The current officers are spread too thin at this point to do everything that needs doing. Instead of a Czar to recruit members, we need a team to share the work of making the phone calls and letting pilots and people interested in aviation know what Chapter 1268 has to offer. Several people making a few phone calls is much less daunting than a single person trying to do it all.

We've been asking for someone to schedule dinner cooks and program speakers. All it takes are a few phone calls to schedule the eleven evenings for a cook and a program.

We're here to help you, but we need a few people to step up now to keep the fun in flying and socializing around the airport.

Contact Robin at robintat@aol.com or 707-853-2220 or me at wd6bor@vom.com or 707-799-6382 and let us know how you can help.

I sometimes feel like a vampire, always looking for new blood, but it's not that ominous. It's just that Halloween always gets me into that kind of mood, though. Bwah-ha-ha....

CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 3

The combined Sonoma Skypark/EAA Chapter 1268 Christmas party will be Friday, December 3, starting at 6 p.m.

The party will be held in Burlingame Hall at the First Congregational Church, 252 West Spain Street, here in Sonoma.

The location is just two blocks west of the Sonoma Plaza between 2nd and 3rd Streets West.

The flyer with information on who brings what for the potluck portion is included with the email with this newsletter. Sonoma Skypark will provide the main dishes of turkey and ham, and the beverages.

Robin and Kathy are organizing the set-up, so you can give them a call to let them know what you will be doing to help. Robin's number is 707-853-2220 and Kathy's is 707-953-8763.

We will need some bodies to set-up the tables Friday afternoon, and then to get them put back into the closet before we leave Friday night.

Burlingame Hall has indoor plumbing and a kitchen, so it should be pretty comfortable for the party.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

WOMEN IN AIRPLANES



Opal Kunz, an early American aviator, the chief organizer of the Betsy Ross Air Corps, and a charter member of the Ninety-Nines organization of women pilots. In 1930, she became the first woman pilot to race with men in an open competition. She made many public appearances to urge more women to take up flying. (From Wikipedia)

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT November 2021

For the month of October, we had two deposits in our checking account with no disbursements except for a \$5 withdrawal currency fee which is a puzzle to me since no withdrawals were made in October. We were assessed another

one of these fees for \$10 in January of last year which I was successful in reversing, but I had to go through the hassle of contacting customer service – hope this doesn't become a regular issue. I'll contact Redwood CU on Monday.

It was very fortuitous that we assumed operation of the Saturday BBQ – it has become an excellent fundraiser. Two deposits were made in October which included \$930 from the BBQ proceeds and also \$131 in dinner receipts from our October meeting.

Total chapter funds are \$23,617.42 distributed in the following accounts:
Checking account - \$18321.35
Savings account - \$ 126.06
CD account - \$ 5296.07

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

YOUNG EAGLES

Same ol', same ol' for my report. Still looking for volunteers and pilots. See you the 14th.

BK

Young Eagles Day is Sunday, November 14. As always BK White is looking for volunteer pilots, ground crew and registration helpers for our monthly Young Eagles events. Come out to Skypark on the 14th and let him know in person that you will be joining us and helping out.

We can use some more Young Eagles pilots. If you would like a great excuse to come out to the airport and fly, go to the EAA.org Young Eagles website at <https://www.eaa.org/eaayouth/free-ye-flights/ye-volunteers> and go through the basic training and background check for the youth protection program.

Send BK an email to eagle1@vom.com or by calling him at 707-996-1335 for more information.

TOM ELLIS MEMORIAL SATURDAY

There will be a memorial for Tom Ellis, husband of Shireen Ellis, this Saturday, November 13, in Kathy Carmichael's hangar, C-2, at Sonoma Skypark.

Tom and Shireen were regulars at Sonoma Skypark while Shireen was learning to fly with John Carmichael. Tom and Shireen's three sons were our airport kids at that time, with, I believe, Tom Jr. being the one to start building a Penguin World War I replica trainer.

Join us in celebrating a wonderful man who brightened the day of everyone he met.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

Movie night is usually the fourth Saturday of the month, but with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up, Rafe is scheduling his next Skypark Movie Night for January. In the meantime, we will all have to make due with Turner Classic Movies, Netflix or streaming. It just ain't the same as sharing an old flying movie with friends.

When Movie Night resumes in January, it will again be on the fourth Saturday of each month 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).

See you at the movies on Skypark Movie Night in 2022!

DINNER SCHEDULE

We need a meals chairperson to get our dinners scheduled for 2022 so we don't have to bring

our own baloney sandwiches in paper bags to our meetings.

We need a slate of our celebrity chefs for 2022, so contact Robin or me to get your coveted month for this highly competitive honor. Hot dogs, chili or pizza are perfectly fine. Contact Robin at robntat@aol.com or 707-853-2220. You can also let me know at wd6bor@vom.com and I'll put you on the roster.

The schedule for 2022 so far is:

Month	Cooks/Meal
2022 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	?
FEB	?
MAR	?
APR	?
MAY	?
JUN	?
JUL	Darrel- barbecue
AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	?
NOV	?
DEC	XMAS PARTY
Standby	?

SPEAKERS

We are always, continually, everlastingly looking for speakers for our monthly programs. Even more important, we need a highly intelligent and motivated member to find and schedule those speakers.

Contact Robin at robintat@aol.com or 707-853-2220 or me at wd6bor@vom.com or 707-799-6382 and let us know that you can help.

Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
2022 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	?
FEB	?
MAR	?
APR	?
MAY	?

JUN	?
JUL	?
AUG	?
SEP	?
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
11/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am
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

Board of Directors Meeting
October 12, 2021

This will be easy, since President Robin was cooking the dinner, and the other officers were helping. Somehow the Board meeting wasn't formally called to order. We didn't vote on anything other than when to serve dinner, so there was no business discussed, no action taken and no minutes needed.

The program for the evening was Bruce Janigian talking about some Medal of Honor winners from the earliest days of our military conflicts through World War II, and included stories of courage, sacrifice and determination in the defense of our country that took the fight to the enemy and to eventual victory.

An interesting side note was Bruce's discussion of General Douglas MacArthur and his actions that needlessly sacrificed American lives during the course of the war.

MISCELLANEOUS STUFF

I trusted the chart on Chief Aircraft's website and wound up ordering the wrong oil filters for the 182 the first time around. I didn't figure it out until it was too late to return them, so I have four Tempest 48108 oil filters that cost me about \$32 each with tax, license and shipping. Let me know if you would like one or more at \$20 each. They're not doing me any good and are just taking up shelf space in the hangar.

I got the right ones the next time around from Aircraft Spruce.

WOMEN ON MOTORCYCLES



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 2022!** SEE YOU THERE!



REMEMBER! THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 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**

Please mail your dues to:

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