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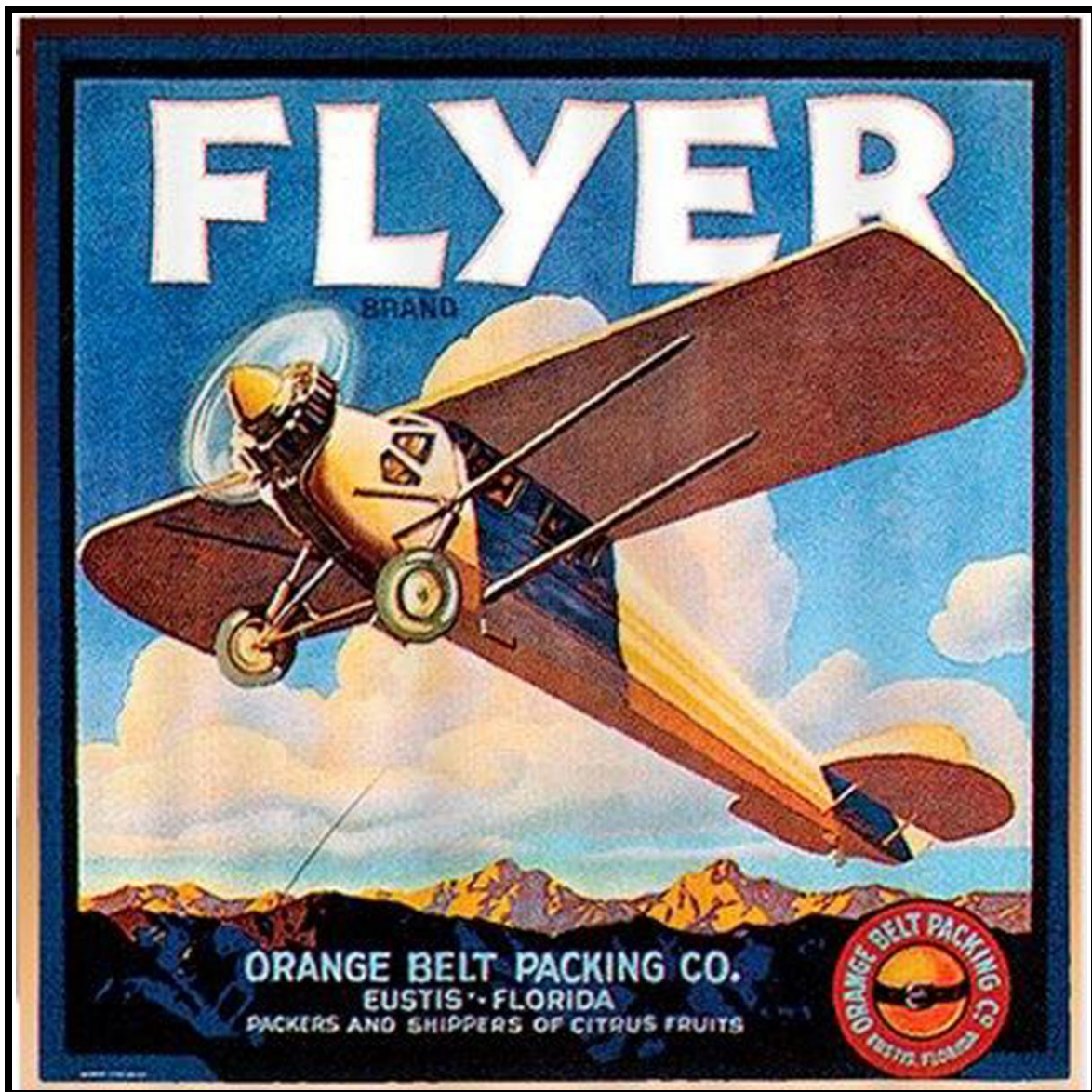
EAA Chapter 1268

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I DON'T KNOW IF I'VE USED THIS BEFORE
But I just had a tasty orange for lunch.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

IMPORTANT! WE NEED COOKS AND SPEAKERS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR! SEND ME AN EMAIL!

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, April 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 \$10.00 per person. Our chefs for the month will be Wayne and Cecelia Schake and Don and Ligia Booker.

Ben Inglis found our speaker for April. Here is his biography. It should be a fascinating presentation.

Captain Matthew Paradise
Chief of Staff, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Captain Matthew Paradise enlisted in the Navy in 1985 and attended Basic Underwater Demolition School class 138. Upon successful completion, he was assigned to Seal Team TWO where he made deployments to Northern Europe as a mountain and arctic warfare specialist. During his tenure at Seal Team TWO, he earned instructor qualifications in Combat Swimming and Mountain and Arctic Warfare. In 1989, Captain Paradise was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning

Program and attended the University of Washington earning a degree in Computer Engineering and a commission in August 1992.

Captain Paradise attended primary flight training in Corpus Christi, Texas and advanced flight training in Kingsville, Texas earning his wings in July 1995. In July 1996, Captain Paradise completed initial training in the F/A-18 and was assigned to VFA-22 where he made two Western Pacific deployments and participated in Operations Southern Watch and Desert Fox. Captain Paradise was selected to attend USN Test Pilot School, graduated with class 117 in July 2000 and was assigned to VX-23 in the Carrier Suitability department. While at VX-23, Captain Paradise was both Project Officer and Project Pilot for numerous programs including Joint Precision Approach Landing System, and F/A-18 E/F degraded flight control carrier suitability testing. While at VX-23, he earned his master's degree in Systems Engineering from Johns Hopkins University.

In January 2003, Captain Paradise was assigned as Air Wing Landing Signals Officer for CVW-5 on the USS Kitty Hawk and flew flights in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In October 2004, Captain Paradise was assigned to VFA-192 as a department head. During his tenure at VFA-192, the squadron was awarded numerous accolades including two Safety "S" awards and the Department of the Navy award for Safety Excellence. In November 2006, Captain Paradise served his joint tour as Maritime Communications System Manager for NATO Communications Service Agency in Mons, Belgium.

Following his joint tour, Captain Paradise reported to VFA-34 as the executive officer and assumed command in May 2010, deploying aboard USS Abraham Lincoln in support of operation Enduring Freedom. In January 2012, Captain Paradise reported to Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in preparation for his assignment aboard USS George H. W. Bush. He reported aboard the aircraft carrier in

July 2013, serving as the executive officer until July 2015. After successful completion of his XO carrier tour, he was stationed in Yokosuka for his third Japan tour as Commanding Officer of the USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) until June 2017. Following command of USS Blue Ridge, Captain Paradise assumed command of USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) in June of 2018 and successfully completed his tour in January of 2021. He is currently the Chief of Staff for Commander, Naval Air Forces.

Captain Paradise's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service medal, Meritorious Service medal, five Air medals including two with combat "V", along with various campaign and unit citations. He has accumulated over 3,100 tactical jet flight hours and over 900 carrier landings.

WOMEN IN AIRPLANES



Remembering Jackie Moggridge – the youngest World War II Air Transport Auxiliary pilot who safely flew over 1,500 aircraft during the war. There is now a Jackie Moggridge Spitfire RAF Award in memory of the pioneering aviator, and it is awarded annually to the 'Best

female aircrew or engineer who has demonstrated outstanding potential.'

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Good evening from Down Under!

Well congratulations to all of us at EAA 1268. We have been awarded Gold Level Status by the EAA. This means that we've achieved 9 out of 11 points associated with active and highly engaged chapters. The criteria are:

- Attends a chapter leadership training session
- Growing or steady membership
- Offers IMC or VMC Club programs
- Participates in Young Eagle or Flying Start programs
- Has EAA-approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor
- Participates in EAA's Annual Chapter Member survey
- Participates in Young Eagles Build and Fly, Young Eagles Workshops, Ray Aviation Scholarship program, or sends a youth to EAA's Air Academy
- Requests an EAA ChapterBlast email
- Hosts at least two public events each year
- Owens/leases a facility

Extra credit activity, such as a chapter build project, youth build project, chapter scholarship, a chapter tool crib, IAC competition, etc.

Thank you to everyone who filled out the Chapter Member Survey. Its impressive to note that out of several thousand chapters that the EAA has, only about 75 or so got this status awarded to them. I would love to add an IMC or VMC Club Program next year. A large interest for all of us is getting kids in to flying. Here's another happy story to add to accomplishing that goal.

Below is an email I received last month from Brandan Hiltman. He and his daughter Macy found their way over to us from Vacaville and attended a Young Eagle's rally last year. She

was very excited about flying. Her YE flight along with attending an EAA Chapter meeting had a very big effect on her desire to learn to fly. Here's the update from her dad:

Hi Robin,

I don't know if you remember us. You took Macy on a Young Eagles flight about 3 months ago, plus we attended a meeting awhile back. Macy is taking flight lessons at Smith Aviation and is now a member of the Napa EAA Chapter. I just wanted to give you an update on Macy's progress as your talk with her has helped keep her motivated.

Macy passed her knowledge test two weeks ago in Concord and is on track to take her FAA check ride in May when she turns 17. Currently she has around 50 hrs. logged and 120 landings and take offs. She is soloing to Petaluma and Vacaville and practicing shorter cross county flights with her instructor to Colusa and Stockton. She still needs her night flying. She is flying every Saturday and Sunday and on school breaks, weather permitting.

As a junior in high school, she is currently researching which colleges to apply for this summer. Once Macy obtains her PPL, she plans on continuing training at Smith Aviation in preparation for college flight school.

I personally just want to let you know that all the effort and outreach you, your chapter and all the other chapters provide does have a positive effect. You taking the time out of your busy life to sit down and talk to Macy about your experience in aviation, answering her questions and giving her direction, as a parent I can't thank you enough. I did ask Macy to email you, but she doesn't like to brag about herself. I thought I would do it for her as I wanted you to know that your efforts really do make a difference.

Thank you for everything,
Brandan Hiltman

For a long time EAA 1268 has been sponsoring kids to go to Air Academy and experience Oshkosh/Air Venture. That in itself has been the beginning of the careers of many kids at Skypark that are now commercial pilots and airline pilots.

A few years ago, EAA introduced the Ray Scholar program. If you haven't heard its a different type of platform. We, as a chapter, have to apply to get funds to give to the applicant of our choice to get their PPL. We get \$10,000 to apply to 1 candidate or split between two candidates. There are very specific requirements to get this money. I am saying "we" loosely. Darrel has been the one faithfully putting in the application, on time, every year.

Last year, we expanded the program a bit further by collaborating with PAPA and the Petaluma Flight Training Center. Marc Ashton was a tremendous help to me with the Air Explorer group several years ago. I have been impressed with his professional approach to flight instruction, and his natural ability to relate to teenagers and kids since I met him. It was a natural fit that our Ray Scholars would complete their training there.

Marc thought there could be additional funding for the Ray Scholars if they applied for PAPA scholarships as well. Awards are not guaranteed in any way. Happily, both Philip and Sebastian applied for scholarships and received awards to use toward their flight training.

The Ray Scholar program is an impressive effort by the EAA to put their money where there mouth is as far as making flight training a reality for young people. I think it is going kick start thousands of new careers. We are finding that managing this program is different than putting someone on an airplane to Appleton for a week at Air Venture.

There is a lot of oversight to make sure that the students and parents understand their role in the

process, and we give them additional support at the right time. Like tutoring them so they can take their written tests in a timely manner relative to their check-rides. It is a learning process for the Scholarship Committee and myself to fine tune how we can help them. It is imperative that they be successful. Future scholarship money from the program depends on them completing their PPL in the prescribed time frame. If not, we may not be allowed to continue in the program.

A big Thank You! To Marc Ashton, Harlow, and all of you on the Scholarship Committee - Darrel, Roland, Marsi, Bill, Ernie, and Yayoi. Thanks also to Marcus, Darrel, and Yayoi who have been helping to prep Phillip and Sebastian for their written exam.

Hope to see you at the meeting Tuesday. We have a tremendous guest speaker - yep, he's really coming!

Robin

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
AND TREASURER REPORT
APRIL 2022**

Treasurer Report: For the month of March, we had one deposit of \$1075 in our checking account which consisted of \$255 in dues renewal, excess dinner proceeds of \$270, \$530 profit from the Saturday BBQs, and one donation of \$20. There were no disbursements in March.

Total chapter funds are \$37,804.30 distributed in the following accounts:

Checking account - \$24,865.85
Savings account - \$ 7,633.62
CD account - \$ 5,304.83

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

See you at the meeting,

Bill Wheadon
Membership Chairman and Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles Day was this Sunday, April 10.

What started out as a quiet morning, with only one Young Eagle turned out to be quite busy.

We flew over twenty Young Eagles and three parents. Our volunteer pilots were Ken Thornton in his RV, George Bachich in his Super Cub, Ryan from Concord in his Piper Archer and Kristen from Napa in her 150, and me in the 182. Gretchen handles registration again, Roland did the ground school and BK brought donuts and directed the aircraft traffic.

It became a blustery day as the morning went on, but we were able to get all the Young Eagles into the air. It became so bumpy up Sonoma Valley that we redirected to our alternate route over the Petaluma Gap, down the Petaluma River to the bay, and back over Schellville. The last few landings were challenging, but with the wind almost straight down the runway, the roll-out was pretty short.

The measure of success was that all the kids had a great time and no one threw up.

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 April is **Saturday, April 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).

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

DINNER SCHEDULE

We have some of our celebrity chefs for 2022 but let us know if you want to take an unfilled month. 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
2022 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Dinner at home
FEB	Dinner at home
MAR	Bill Wheadon, Kristen Gregory
APR	Wayne & Don (with lots of help)
MAY	?
JUN	?
JUL	?
AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	?
NOV	?
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
2022 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Marc Ashton – FAA training regs
FEB	EAA Chapter video
MAR	Social hour
APR	Captain Matthew Paradise
MAY	?
JUN	?
JUL	?

AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	?
NOV	?
DEC	XMAS PARTY

2022 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
4/10	Young Eagles 9:30 am
4/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
4/23	Skypark Movie Night
4/24	Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show- Half Moon Bay, CA
5/7	Estrella Warbirds Wings & Wheels- Paso Robles, CA
5/8	Young Eagles 9:30 am
5/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
5/13-15	Thunder Over the Bay Air Show- Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA
5/20-22	Oregon Int'l Air Show- Hillsboro, OR
5/28	Skypark Movie Night
5/21 ?	Skypark Family Fun Day!
6/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am
6/25	Skypark Movie Night
7/10	Young Eagles 9:30 am
7/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/21-24	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in
7/25-30	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
7/23	Skypark Movie Night
8/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am
8/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/27	Skypark Movie Night
9/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/11	Young Eagles 9:30 am
9/14-18	Reno Air Races- Reno, NV
9/23-25	MCAS Miramar Air Show- San Diego, CA

9/24-25	California Int'l Airshow- Salinas, CA
9/24	Skypark Movie Night
9/17-18 ?	Wings Over Wine Country
9/30-10/2	California Capital Air Show- Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA
10/7-9	San Francisco Fleet Week- San Francisco, CA
10/9	Young Eagles 9:30 am
10/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/15	Benton Air Fair- Redding, CA
10/15-16	Central Coast AirFest- Santa Maria, CA
10/22-23	Planes of Fame Air Show- China, CA
10/22	Skypark Movie Night
11/13	Young Eagles 9:30 am
11/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/26	Skypark Movie Night
12/2	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/23	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
March 8, 2022

The Board meeting was called to order by Bill Wheadon at 6:55pm on March 8th, 2022 in person at Harry F. West Jr. Memorial Clubhouse.

Present were Treasurer Bill Wheadon, Secretary Yayoi West, Board member Roland Gangloff.

President and Vice President were both absent and the Board meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM

Dinner was prepared by Bill Wheadon and Kristen Gregory. Corn beef and vegetables were so delicious. The clubhouse was filled with members enjoying the meal.

Also Kristen brought a great idea, to use metal utensils for dinner, and wipe with your own used paper napkins before return to the used utensils tub.

OTHER NEWS

We are sending two young people to the Air Academy this summer, Ivy Morrison and Finley Skaggs. Both are going to Basic Camp Session 1, and both have been regulars at Young Eagles.

Ivy gave a presentation at our meeting last year on attending hot air balloon camp.

WOMEN ON MOTORCYCLES



I dare you to try that!

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 APRIL MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 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!
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: _____

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