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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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A LITTLE CLIPPER PICTURE FOR OUR PAN AMERICAN FRIENDS

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, June 14**. 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 Ernie Ganas, who will delight us with his barbecued tri-tip specialty.

Our speaker will be Bob and Marilyn Avrit's son, Lt Col Jim Avrit, USAF, (Ret).

Jim is a Command Navigator with over 2000 hours in the F-4D/E/F/G. He served as an F-4G Wild Weasel Electronic Warfare Officer (back seater) with the 561st Tactical Fighter Squadron which deployed to Bahrain in support of Operation Desert Shield/Operation Desert Storm flying 33 combat sorties beginning with the mission into Baghdad on the first night. The primary mission of the Wild Weasel is the Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses (SEAD) through the destruction of radars used to guide enemy surface to air missiles (SAMs) and anti-aircraft artillery (AAA).

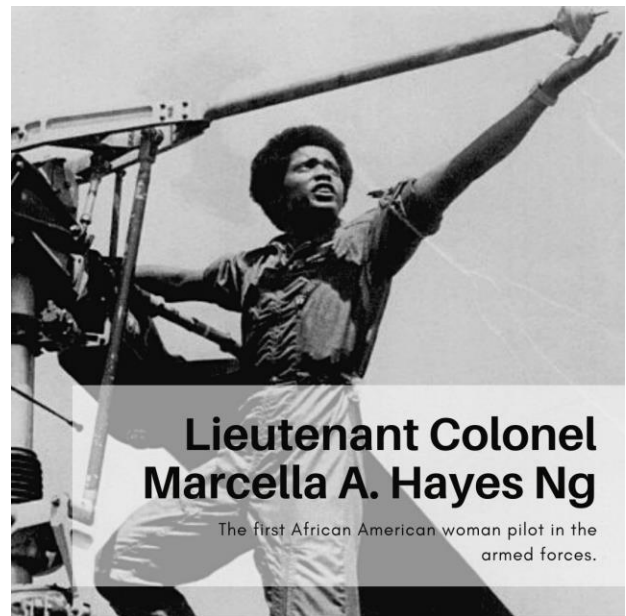
He was also an instructor and evaluator with the 9th Fighter Squadron training German Air Force students initial F-4 mission training. During his time as an F-4 crew member he flew throughout the US, Europe and the Middle East, logged multiple ocean crossings and participated in numerous large force and live weapon exercise such as Red Flag, Combat Hammer, and Mission Employment phase for the USAF Fighter Weapons School.

In his non-flying AF assignments, he served at HQ Air Combat Command (ACC) in the SEAD requirements branch which is responsible for the modernization of all ACC SEAD aircraft,

sensors and weapon systems. He was assigned a tour at HQ FAA in Washington DC as a DoD liaison to manage the joint use of the RF spectrum to support DoD training, testing and operations.

He also worked for the Secretary of the Air Force International Affairs as a Disclosure Officer providing technical and operational expertise for the transfer and licensing aspects of exporting fighter aircraft, sensors, and munitions through Foreign Military Sales and Direct Commercial Sales programs.

WOMEN IN AIRPLANES



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We don't have a President's report this month other than to say Robin gave her resignation to the Board at the May meeting because she had just been elected to the Sonoma Skypark Board of Directors and will serve there as the new President.

Which means we need someone to step in as President to fill that office for the rest of the year.

Please let the Board know if you can help the Chapter by serving as President. You can let

the Board know at the meeting Tuesday, or send me an email or text and let me know that you be filling this important position.

Thanks, Darrel

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

For the month of May we had one deposit in our checking account of \$675. This deposit consisted of \$90 in dinner receipts from our May meeting – thank you Robin, and \$585 in proceeds from our Saturday BBQ fundraiser. Disbursements from the checking account totaled \$2954.40 to cover travel expenses for our two chapter sponsored attendees to the Air Academy.

Total chapter funds are \$35,942.97 distributed in the following accounts:

Checking account - \$23,000.98
Savings account - \$ 7,633.62
CD account - \$ 5,308.37

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 Wheadon
Membership Chairman and Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles Day is Sunday, June 12. We flew twelve Young Eagles, with a couple of them getting a second ride. We also flew three Eagle flights for people over seventeen years old. One was a parent and two were our regular Conner and Evan. Mark Shackford and yours truly were the pilots. I only bounced my first landing after the recon flight to check the ceilings around the airport. Luckily, the ceiling was 1,700 feet, so we were good to go.

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.

RAY SCHOLAR

I asked our Ray Scholar, Sebastian Johnson, for a report on his flight training progress. His report follows:

Over the course of the last couple of months, I have picked up my flight training to upwards of three times a week. With the closing of the competitive gymnastics season, I have elected to take a day or two off every week to go fly.

After several months of not being able to fly, I am slowly beginning to feel comfortable in an aircraft again. With the first couple of flights being the simple ground reference maneuvers, we have now moved to solely focusing on landings, as those seem to be my weak point.

Not normal landings, per se, but specifically soft field landings. Something in my head sees it as a completely different landing and I always seem to pull the power a little too quick, and then correct that immediately with an unnecessary amount of extra thrust. After about 800 feet of runway space lost, we finally get down on the runway and after cursing myself out, we taxi off and clean up.

Over the summer, I will be dedicating upwards of 4 days a week to fly and focus on obtaining my PPL. Once I get out of school this week, I will be able to adapt my schedule more around flying to ensure I am able to solo sooner in the summer.

Along with actually flying, Darrel and I have been meeting once weekly to discuss my written test, which should be able to be achieved at some point within the month. I am incredibly grateful to Darrel and the other tutors for all of the time and care they have put into tutoring me. Thank you for all of the incredible support!

Along with that, as for the FAA practice tests, it's largely still weather issues and I will continue to work on those.

Thank you,
Sebastian

AIR ACADEMY

We have travel arrangements made for Ivy Morrison and Finley Skaggs, our two Air Academy scholarship recipients. They will be attending the Air Academy the week before AirVenture, so won't be able to be there that week.

We will have them as our speakers for a fall meeting after they return.



I now own a Cessna. It's a pretty good Cessna.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

Movie night for June is **Saturday, June 25 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, June 25** 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	Robin T
JUN	Ernie Ganas - tri-tip barbecue
JUL	Darrel - barbecue
AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	Roland Gangloff- beef stroganoff
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	Another social hour
JUN	Lt Col Jim Avrit, USAF, (Ret)
JUL	Nathan Wilson- Ray scholar
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
6/12	Young Eagles 9:30 am
6/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
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

May 10, 2022

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm on May 10th, 2022 at Harry F. West Jr. Memorial Clubhouse
Present were VP Darrel Jones (DJ), Treasurer Bill Wheadon (BW), Secretary Yayoi West joined by zoom (YW), Board member Roland Gangloff (RG). President Robin Tatman (RT) was in the clubhouse, but unable to join this meeting because she was preparing dinner for the evening.

BW Our savings account at redwood credit union earned \$78.31 interest last year. This is the month to file IRS 990-N, and it was filed. Two of Air Academy cadets' tickets to Oshkosh were \$3,974.74. One of them was charged an additional \$300 because they were under 15years old and unaccompanied by an adult.

DJ We need to find someone to coordinate volunteers for the Saturday BBQ. I will setup spreadsheet for online signup-sheet. We need three volunteers to sign up for each week.

DJ Report from BK about Young Eagles Day. We flew one Young Eagle, and two adult Eagles with one pilot. Rain started so the event was cancelled for the rest of the day. 7-8 kids who showed up received rainchecks from Gretchen.

DJ We are still tutoring Ray Scholarship recipient Sebastian Johnson to prepare him for his written exam.

DJ Robin's report. Since she was elected to President of Sonoma Skypark Airport Board of Directors, and she will be stepping down as president of EAA Chapter 1268 but she will remain as a board member. We need to find someone else to serve as president for our chapter.

DJ We need volunteers to supply dinner for the August, September and November meetings. RG will do the October dinner.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

There was no speaker for the meeting, so members socialized during and after dinner. Robin and the officers gave their reports to the membership after dinner.

Minutes submitted by Yayoi West, Secretary

OTHER NEWS

We're putting together a flying club at Sonoma Skypark. Let me know if you want to fly but can't afford the cost of sole ownership of an airplane. We have several people ready to go with the club.

WOMEN ON MOTORCYCLES



Fun in the mud.

Send me your news for your newsletter!

Scholarship Chairman Roland Gangloff has been working on materials to clarify the roles and responsibilities of Chapter 1268 flight training scholarship applicants and recipients. The following is his draft document. Contact Roland with any feedback and suggestions you have.

WHAT CHAPTER 1268 EXPECTS OF ALL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

All awardees are expected to take their commitment to fulfill all stated scholarship requirements very seriously. Ray Scholars are especially cautioned to stay on track to earn their pilot certificate and reach flight training milestones, as outlined by EAA's training timeline.

All awardees are expected to put the scholarship time requirements ahead of other time demands such as:

- A. Sports
- B. All extracurricular school social activities.
- C. All other social activities

All awardees are expected to give two hours of service per month as volunteers in chapter activities such:

- Young Eagles activities

- Hamburger Saturdays
- Fly-ins
- Chapter build project support.
- Chapter meeting dinners and preparation

Submit regular progress reports, signed off by local chapter and CFI.

Chapter 1258 will play a critical role in helping all awardees to stay on track to meet the requirements of their particular scholarship. The chapter will do so through tutoring and providing access to flight simulators and Sporty's Learn to Fly Course in the case of flight training scholarships such as the Ray Aviation Scholarship.

Roland also put together this draft guide for Young Eagles and their parents outlining the EAA requirements for Young Eagles pilots.

Requirements for Pilots Flying Young Eagles

Introduction: National EAA requires that pilots and their aircraft meet important safety standards with the wellbeing of your child in mind.

The Young Eagles pilot requirements are basic, but MUST be followed.

- Be a current EAA® member and hold an appropriate airman's certificate (sport pilot or greater).
- Possess a current medical certificate (if applicable as per FAA regs.)
- Be current to carry passengers in the aircraft you plan to use (as per FAA regs.)
- Have a current flight review.
- Complete the Young Eagles registration form before the flight, including parent or legal guardian signature, and pilot signature.
- Conduct flights in an aircraft that is in airworthy condition (as per FAA regulations.)
- Have aircraft passenger liability insurance for the aircraft used (owned, rented, or borrowed) with \$100,000 per seat coverage.
- EAA Chapter Liability Insurance (Personal Injury-\$1,000,000)
- Adhere to all applicable Federal Air Regulations (FARs).
- Complete both the online training and basic background check as a part of EAA's Youth Protection Policy. For more information visit [EAA.org/YouthProtection.](https://www.eaa.org/youthprotection)

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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 JUNE MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JUNE 14 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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Your check should be made payable to: **EAA 1268**

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