



THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport

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FIRST DINNER AT OSHKOSH - GOURMET CHEESE CURD TACOS
Co-pilot Calvin Wojciecowski giving two thumbs-up. Not to be missed!

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, August 9, and will be on Zoom.** The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m., and the general membership meeting will start at 7 p.m.

I will send the Zoom invitations to the active members in a separate email.

We won't be having regular dinner meetings going forward because no one has stepped up to coordinate the members providing the meals.

We won't be having regular speakers or programs because we haven't had anyone step up to be the program coordinator.

We won't be having a much-needed membership drive because no one has stepped up to chair a committee of people to make phone calls and invite local pilots and EAA members to our meetings and other events.

I talked to the EAA chapter staff at Oshkosh and they have many resources Chapters can use to increase members and bring new blood into a Chapter. Chapter 1268 can't take advantage of those resources without someone to utilize them.

We have two \$5,000 Ray Aviation scholarships available for 2022 for young people to pursue their private pilot license, but we haven't had enough scholarship committee members to find suitable candidates for that flight training.

Bill Wheadon is currently coordinating the Saturday hamburgers by lining up the volunteers needed to cook and serve. The program is an outstanding success, both by promoting more social activity at Sonoma Skypark and by raising money for the scholarship fund.

Bill took on the responsibility of coordinating the volunteers and being at the clubhouse every Saturday to make sure that supplies were ready for the barbecue. Bill agreed to do this as a

temporary measure until a Chapter member stepped up to coordinate chapter volunteers on a regular basis. A Saturday hamburger coordinator hasn't come forward to take over the job from Bill.

We are having a leadership crisis. The small group of people who have done the work for the past many years are getting tired. As is common for many organizations, it is usually a few people who do all the work. That is not a sustainable situation for any social organization. The Schellville Antique Escadrille, which was very active for many years in Sonoma, finally closed down for the same reason.

The first order of business for Chapter 1268 is to reach out to the local pilot community and recruit new members. We can then find people among them with the energy and enthusiasm to continue the critically important mission of Chapter 1268 of bringing young people into aviation, to ensure that general aviation will prosper into the future.

We need your help. Please let us know how you can provide that help. It's your turn to step up.

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

Treasurer Report - For the month of July we had one deposit in our checking account of \$791 and one disbursement in the form a check to Petaluma Pilot Training Center in the amount of \$2,000. This check was to cover Sebastian Johnson's flight training as an awardee of one of our scholarships.

The deposit consisted of \$60 in net dinner receipts from our July meeting, \$30 for dues renewal, and \$701 in profits from our July Saturday burger and hot dog lunches.

Total chapter funds are \$36,612.18 distributed in the following accounts:

Checking account - \$22457.67
Savings account - \$ 7,637.40
CD account - \$ 5,311.91
Total chapter funds \$35,406.98

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
Membership Chairman and Treasurer

WOMEN IN AIRPLANES



YOUNG EAGLES

BK is in a rehabilitation facility after his recent stint in the hospital. Gretchen McDougall has been ably filling in with registration and by sending our Young Eagles reports in to the national EAA office.

We will need a new Young Eagles liaison who will coordinate the Young Eagles pilots, keep track of the insurance, which is current through the rest of the year, and ask for volunteers to

help with the flight line and ground school during our Young Eagles Days.

I will ask Gretchen if she is interested in the position, but whoever is the Liaison, they will need involved members to help with the many tasks involved in a successful Young Eagles program.

Chapter 1268's mission, besides being a social organization for pilot friends, had been to promote youth in aviation to help replace the aging pilot population in general aviation. We have had great success in the past, but need Chapter 1268-member involvement to keep this wonderful program going.

Young Eagles Day is this Sunday, August 14. As always, we are looking for volunteer pilots, ground crew and registration helpers for our monthly Young Eagles events. Let us know you will be joining us and helping out by sending an email to wd6bor@vom.com or by calling me at 707-799-6382.

SATURDAY HAMBURGERS!

The scholarship fund is benefiting from the Saturday hamburgers. Bill Wheadon has generously filled the role (temporarily) of coordinator. He always needs helpers to flip and serve the burgers. Go to the link

[SATURDAY HAMBURGERS ON-LINE SIGN-UP SHEET](#)

and sign up on the online volunteer list so Bill knows who will be there.

FLYING CLUB AT SONOMA SKYPARK

The new flying club starting at Sonoma Skypark is progressing, with Ben Inglis taking the lead in determining the direction the club members want to go moving forward.

The club is a separate entity from EAA Chapter 1268, but several Chapter members are also interested in the club.

The club was initially proposed to have ten members per airplane, but that may change. If any Chapter 1268 members would like to fly without having to shoulder the entire cost of the purchase of and upkeep of an airplane, this is a great opportunity to fly on a modest budget.

Ben has put together an on-line questionnaire to gauge the interest and desires of the prospective members.

Contact Ben at binglis@berkeley.edu if you are interested and he will put you on the email list of the people starting the club.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

Movie night is on hiatus for the time being. We will let you know when it starts back up.

DINNER SCHEDULE

As I mentioned in the **First Things First** part of the newsletter, we won't be having dinners at our meetings, other than by Roland in October, for the rest of the year. That possibly includes the annual Christmas party. Until we get a member to volunteer as meal coordinator who actively contacts other members to arrange for people to supply dinner for our meetings, our long tradition of having meals at our monthly meetings won't happen.

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	Dinner at home
SEP	?
OCT	Roland Gangloff- beef stroganoff
NOV	?

DEC	XMAS PARTY
Standby	?

SPEAKERS

We don't have a speaker or program for the August meeting because no one stepped up to volunteer as program coordinator. Until we do have a member who will take on that simple job, that will be the case for all future meetings.

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
8/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am
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
9/17-18 ?	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
11/13	Young Eagles 9:30 am
11/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
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

July 12, 2022

The Board meeting was called to order on July 12th, 2022 at the Harry F. West Jr. Memorial Clubhouse at 6:00 pm.

Present were VP Darrel Jones (DJ), Bill Wheadon (BW), and Board member Robin Tatman (RT),

August Young Eagles will be joined by a Boy Scout troop from Peta-luma. They will be camping at Skypark Saturday night and working on a service project during the day Saturday. They will get Young Eagles rides Sunday

BW requested that the Jack Strehl memorial fund to be removed from EAA bank accounts and placed into a different bank account because it is not intended for Chapter 1268 use.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Dinner was provided by Darrel Jones, and consisted of barbecued chicken and sausage, salads and homemade cookies for dessert.

The program for the evening was a presentation by Nathan Wilson, Chapter 1268's 2021 Ray Scholar, on his continued flight training at Jorge Oros's alma mater, Cochise College in Arizona. Nathan has his instrument and commercial ratings and is currently working on his multi-engine and CFI ratings.

OTHER NEWS

I'm back from Oshkosh and Brodhead, and I came home with a little bonus; COVID. I was able to get Paxlovid within the five-day window and, because I had been vaccinated and boosted, my symptoms weren't worse than a mild cold. I'm just hoping Calvin wasn't re-infected after spending two days and almost sixteen hours cooped up with me in the cockpit of the 182.



Calvin after we knocked over a liquor store in Brodhead (actually, he is drying out his wallet after the two thunderstorms Saturday night. I had to dump out 1-1/2" of water from the bottom of my tent. I'm buying a new tent for next year.)

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 AUGUST MEETING OF SONOMA SKYRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 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: _____

EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: _____

Your check should be made payable to: **EAA 1268**

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