



# THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport

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THE SONOMA SKYPARK/EAA CHAPTER 1268 CHRISTMAS PARTY

This was just the dessert table.

## **CHAPTER OFFICERS**

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**FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The January meeting is **Tuesday, January 10**. 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.

**WOMEN IN AIRPLANES**



Patty Wagstaff- aerobatic champion pilot

**VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

The new year has lots happening.

First, we are continuing to grant scholarships to local young people to attend the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh in the summer, and to support them with flight training for their private pilot certificate. So far, we have one Air Academy participant and three other student pilots in flight training.

We have ambitious plans for the clubhouse as well. First priority is to renovate the restrooms, and then to give our kitchen a good facelift. Both those projects were completed years ago with EAA Chapter members pitching in funds and their labor.

We’re initially asking for donations to raise \$30,000 to get the restroom done by early summer. The Chapter will be offering matching funds of \$5,000 to get the fundraising drive started, with the Air Explorers adding to that. We are also planning a Chapter build project, with a Pietenpol Aircamper as the proposed first project. The goal is to get young people

involved in actually building an airplane, with Chapter members mentoring them along the way.

We are cleaning up the restroom hangar building to use for building the project.

So get ready for a great year in 2023 for Chapter 1268!

**YOUNG EAGLES**

Young Eagles for November was Sunday, November 13. Gretchen was helping Hugo move up to his new job at Epic Aviation in Bend, Oregon, and Marsi was sick, so Kimberly Smith of Mike Smith Aviation in Napa came over with Mike and very ably handled registration.

Our pilots were George Bachich, Tim Bloodgood, Mark Shackford, Ron Price and Darrel Jones. They flew 13 Young Eagles and three Eagles.

As is usual, 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 me at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com).

**DINNER SCHEDULE**

We need to start filling the cooks schedule for 2023. We still need a meal coordinator, so please let me know if you can make some phone calls and fill in the schedule for 2023. Contact me at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) or 707-799-6382 and I’ll put you on the roster.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cooks/Meal
<b>2023 DINNER SCHEDULE</b>	
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.

We're still looking for a speaker coordinator, so let us know if you can help out.

Send an email to me at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
2023 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	
FEB	
MAR	
APR	
MAY	
JUN	
JUL	
AUG	
SEP	
OCT	
NOV	
DEC	XMAS PARTY

**2023 EAA 1268 CALENDAR**

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

DATE	EVENT
1/1/23	New Years' Day 1st Flight
1/8	Young Eagles 9:30 am
1/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
1/28	Skypark Movie Night
1/31	Air Academy application deadline
2/12	Young Eagles 9:30 am
2/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
2/25	Skypark Movie Night
3/12	Young Eagles 9:30 am

3/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
3/	NAF El Centro Air Show
3/25	Skypark Movie Night
4/	Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL
4/9	Young Eagles 9:30 am
4/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
4/22	Skypark Movie Night
4/	Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show- Half Moon Bay, CA
5/	Estrella Warbirds Wings & Wheels- Paso Robles, CA
5/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
5/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am
5/	Thunder Over the Bay Air Show- Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA
5/	Oregon Int'l Air Show- Hillsboro, OR
5/27	Skypark Movie Night
<b>5/?</b>	<b>Skypark Family Fun Day!</b>
6/11	Young Eagles 9:30 am
6/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/24	Skypark Movie Night
7/9	Young Eagles 9:30 am
7/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in
7/	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
7/22	Skypark Movie Night
8/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/13	Young Eagles 9:30 am
8/26	Skypark Movie Night
9/10	Young Eagles 9:30 am
9/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/	Reno Air Races- Reno, NV
9/	MCAS Miramar Air Show- San Diego, CA
9/	California Int'l Airshow- Salinas, CA
9/23	Skypark Movie Night
9/	Wings Over Wine Country
9/	California Capital Air Show- Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA
10/	San Francisco Fleet Week- San Francisco, CA
10/8	Young Eagles 9:30 am
10/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/	Benton Air Fair- Redding, CA



10/	Central Coast AirFest- Santa Maria, CA
10/	Planes of Fame Air Show- China, CA
10/28	Skypark Movie Night
11/12	Young Eagles 9:30 am
11/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/25	Skypark Movie Night
12/2	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/24	New Years' Day 1 <sup>st</sup> Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!	

### **WOMEN ON MOTORCYCLES**



Looks like fun!

### **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

November 9, 2022

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm on November 8th, 2022 at the Harry F. West Jr. Memorial Clubhouse

Present were Donald Booker (DB), Darrel Jones (DJ), Bill Wheadon (BW), Yayoi West

(YW) Nelleke Cooper (NC), Robin Tatman by zoom (RT), Roland Gangloff (RG)

DJ We have received an application from Finley Skaggs to attend the EAA Air Academy in 2023.

BW Made a motion to approve Chapter 1268 sponsoring Finley Skaggs to AirVenture next year. The motion was approved by the Board.

DJ Christmas party is Saturday Dec 3rd this year. The location will be the First Congregational Church again this year. Set up is from noon to 3pm on the same day.

YW Yayoi volunteered to be the chairperson for a Chapter Build an Airplane project. She researched on the EAA website and other sites about home-built airplanes. The Pietenpol Air Camper is one of three featured airplanes for building. Aircraft Spruce sell its plans and parts, at a total cost of less than \$7000 without tax or shipping.

DJ said he has a set of the plans for the Pietenpol.

YW said she will work after the holidays to find out which members are interested in participating in the project.

RT said Darrel and she briefly talked about clubhouse upgrade needs to be done. It would be nice to have bathroom and kitchen improvements done by early summer.

DJ said he is planning on scheduling some Saturday work parties to clean and organize the workshop/restroom building after the holidays.

DJ stated that the Chapter will need to do a fundraising drive. It will cost \$25K to \$30K for materials to renovate the restrooms. We can use member volunteers with construction experience to do the construction.

RG suggested that a good way to kick off fundraising for the renovation and for Pietenpol

building project is to offer matching Chapter funding of \$5000 for donations.

DJ will draft a lease agreement with Sonoma Skypark to clarify the Chapter's relationship with the airport and ownership of the clubhouse building.

RT said there are still funds in the Air Explore account that can be used for matching fund raising. She will transfer those funds to the Chapter.

DJ reported he have applied for matching fund \$5,000 Ray scholar-ships for 2023 for two people.

RG volunteered as membership chairman to solicit new members for the Chapter.

DJ DB has agreed to organize the Saturday barbecue for November with Marilyn Seibert taking over after November. Don will work with Marilyn on the transition. The sign-up sheet for volunteers is on-line. DJ will email the kink to the members again and include it in the newsletter.

The officers agreed to serve again in 2023. DB said he would continue until a new president volunteers.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Dinner was provided by Bill Wheadon and consisted of Asian-Italian fusion with rice, meat balls, scalloped potatoes, salad, chocolate cake and ice cream.

DB called a short membership meeting after dinner for the election of officers for 2023. The present officers and Board members agreed to continue serving in 2023. Don asked for a volunteer for president. Having no volunteers, Don agreed to continue in that office until a new president can be found. Gretchen McDougall and Darrel Jones agreed to be the Young Eagles liaisons for 2023.

The Chapter still needs dinner and speaker coordinators.

The presentation was by Ivy Morrison, who talked about her experiences as one of Chapter 1268's 2022 Air Academy participants. Will Campbell had a slide show during dinner of photos of the Reno air races.

### **OTHER NEWS**

This from Yayoi:

#### **NASA'S WRITING CHALLENGE FOR K-12 STUDENTS: POWER TO EXPLORE**

Sonoma Valley students are invited to submit written descriptions of their space explorations dreams. The challenge is to research Radioisotope Power Systems (RPS) and dream up a new RPS powered space mission. If this sounds like rocket science, well, it is!

Students, parents, and teachers are invited to attend an informational meeting at Sonoma Valley Library Community Room, 755 W. Napa Street, on Saturday, December 17, at 1 p.m. to watch short videos, ask questions, and obtain handouts.

NASA Solar System Ambassador and Sonoma resident Yayoi West can guide students through the process. She is a licensed pilot, has traveled the world including both the North Pole and South Pole, and has been part of Richard Branson's space exploration efforts centered in New Mexico.

The deadline to submit is January 17, 2023. Maximum 200-word entries will be judged in three grade level categories: K-4, 5-8, and 9-12. The contest will have 45 semi-finalists, who will win prize packs, 9 finalists, who will win a chance to participate in a video conference with NASA experts, and 3 winners, who will be awarded a two-day trip for two to NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

Those unable to attend the meeting, can find information at:  
<https://rps.nasa.gov/STEM/power-to-explore/>

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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 2023! SEE YOU IN JANUARY!**

**REMEMBER! THE DECEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 WAS THE COMBINED SONOMA SKYPARK/EAA 1268 CHRISTMAS PARTY LAST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3.**

**WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE JANUARY MEETING BACK IN THE CLUBHOUSE.**

**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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