



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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"And let's get one thing straight.  
There's a big difference between a  
pilot and an aviator. One is a  
technician; the other is an artist in  
love with flight."

E. B. Jeppesen



THOUGHT I WOULD START OFF WITH A LITTLE CLARIFICATION

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, June 13**. 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 our very own lovely Marsi, who is known for her delicious dinners.

Our program will be George Bachich, talking about acrobatic antics and inverted spin recovery.

## **WOMEN IN AIRPLANES**



Powder Puff Derby pilots at Long Beach

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I'm starting off with an email from Marilyn Seibert because it's time critical;

Hello EAA members,

I have been coordinating burgers now for six months and I've enjoyed it greatly. I have several people who have graciously given of their time, and I say, "Hats off to them."

We are missing two of our regular cooks, Tim Bloodgood and Sindy Mikkelsen, who have relocated to Washington state. Many thanks to them for all they have done to support our Chapter. We could use a replacement chef for Tim and Sindy. Please get in touch with me if you wish to volunteer for a couple hours on a

Saturday this summer and keep our wonderful burger fundraiser going.

Summer's here, the weather is warming up, and I will be taking some time off to get back to nature. It's been years since I've been camping, and I've missed it. My contact information is below.

Thank you!  
Marilyn Seibert  
Text 707-479-5712  
Email windsong11@icloud.com  
In Love and Light

It's time for some of our other members to step up to keep this great fundraiser going. If you're an organization type who can coordinate cooks and supplies, or the creative cook type who likes to flip burgers, please contact Marilyn and let her know you can help.

Bill Wheadon, after many, many years of doing an incredible job of being the club treasurer, has announced that he will be retiring from the job at the end of the year. If you can write a check and fill in a spreadsheet, please contact Bill so we can start the transition to a new treasurer.

The big news is that Sebastian Johnson passed his Private Pilot checkride June 2. He has been working hard to prepare and juggling his competition gymnastics with his flight training schedule. Sebastian is Chapter 1268's third successful Ray scholar.

Kate Llodra and Luis Membrila are getting close to being ready for their checkrides. With the school year done, they will both be able to concentrate on their flight training and should finish up before the school year starts next fall. They will both be at the meeting and can tell us how their training is going.

Thomas Rickard is continuing with his training at Mike Smith Aviation at the Napa airport, and is currently working on his instrument rating.

Chapter 1268 has made each of our scholars' success possible through our continuing financial support. That support is made possible through generous donations by our members and the fundraising with the Saturday burger barbecue. All the more reason to give Marilyn a call and help her out.

The following are Yayoi's ground school and Chapter 1268 Pietenpol building reports.

### **Report from Aircraft Building Team,**

As of last week, we have finished gluing the port side fuselage, and I would imagine the starboard side will be done shortly.

I have a question and request to the chapter. Do we have any storage possibility for chairs, ice chests or any other items that currently stored at the Building Shop that could be moved? (Yes, they can. Ed.)

It is hard to moving around because the entry door won't open fully, and Power-tool tables are placed very tight to the assembly table. For safety and our efficient movement, I would like to move all the power tools to the west side of the shop where the power outlets are located.

Currently, an extension cord is going thru the side of assembly table and people are walking over it all the time. I am afraid someone might trip over near the power tool table. If we can remove chairs and other items not immediately needed to somewhere else, we can set up all the power-tool tables near the power outlet and it would be safer.

### **Report from Monday Ground School**

I am very happy that Sebastian passed his Private Pilot checkride. He has been attending the Monday ground school regularly and he has been a great influence on the other young

members of the class. He wishes to continue to the next level, earning his IFR rating.

I am going to start IFR ground school when I come back. I would like people who wish to attend to contact me, so that I could send them an invitation for WhatsApp IFR group. My contact email for ground school is [ssayayoi@gmail.com](mailto:ssayayoi@gmail.com)

That's it for now,  
Thank you,  
Yayoi

### **YOUNG EAGLES**

Young Eagles Day was today, Sunday, June 11. We had +three pilots flying 17 Young Eagles. Ken Thornton had his red RV-6, which the kids loved, Paul Hollinsworth was over from Petaluma with his bright yellow gyrocopter, which the kids loved, and I had the 182, which the kids flew in even though it wasn't a RV-6 or gyrocopter.

Gretchen adroitly handled the registration again (notice how I threw in a big word to impress you all?), with able help from Robin Tatman and Ron Price.

As is usual, we are ALWAYS 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 Gretchen at [gretchen.mcdougall@gmail.com](mailto:gretchen.mcdougall@gmail.com) or me at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com).

### **2023 DINNER SCHEDULE**

We have some of our celebrity chefs for 2023 but let us know if you want to take an unfilled month. Hot dogs, chili or pizza are perfectly fine. Our current meal coordinator is Sindy Mikkelsen at [sindymikkelsen@att.net](mailto:sindymikkelsen@att.net). She is moving to Washington with Tim, but will continue working remotely coordinating our cooks. If Sindy calls, say "yes!"

Let her know that you can provide the meal for a meeting and she will put you on the schedule. Copy me at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) so I can include you in the newsletter dinner schedule.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cooks/Meal
<b>2023 DINNER SCHEDULE</b>	
JAN	Will Campbell, Nelleke Cooper
FEB	Sindy Mikkelsen
MAR	Marilyn and Bob Avrit
APR	Don and Wayne (+Ligia and Cecilia)
MAY	Sindy Mikkelsen (again)
JUN	Marsi Allard
JUL	Darrel- barbecue
AUG	?
SEP	?
OCT	?
NOV	Roland Gangloff
DEC	XMAS PARTY
Standby	?

### **SPEAKERS**

We are always, continually, everlastingly looking for speakers for our monthly programs.

Contact President Don Booker at 707-938-9461 or 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.

We're still looking for a permanent speaker coordinator so Don can take a rest, so let us know if you can help out by taking on this important job. We can give you contact information for other local Chapters so you can find speakers they have had.

Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
<b>2023 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b>	
JAN	Yayoi West- Chapter build project
FEB	Pietenpol video "Finding Flight"
MAR	Yayoi West- total eclipse Apr 20
APR	Stephen Brosseau. 5000hrs flying w/o an engine
MAY	Art Hayden, Mt. Flying, South Africa, Alaska &etc.

JUN	George Bachich. Acrobatic antics; inverted spin recovery
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
6/11	Young Eagles 9:30 am
6/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/24	Skypark Movie Night-TBA
7/9	Young Eagles 9:30 am
7/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/20-23	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in
7/24-30	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
7/22	Skypark Movie Night-TBA
8/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/13	Young Eagles 9:30 am
8/26	Skypark Movie Night-TBA
9/10	Young Eagles 9:30 am
9/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/13-17	Reno Air Races- Reno, NV
9/22-24	MCAS Miramar Air Show- San Diego, CA
10/7-8	California Int'l Airshow- Salinas, CA
9/23	Skypark Movie Night-TBA
9/?	Wings Over Wine Country
9/22-24	California Capital Air Show- Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA
10/6-8	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
10/13-15	Central Coast AirFest- Santa Maria, CA



10/?	Planes of Fame Air Show- China, CA
10/28	Skypark Movie Night-TBA
11/12	Young Eagles 9:30 am
11/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/25	Skypark Movie Night-TBA
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!	

### **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

May 2023

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:21pm on May,9th, 2023 at Harry F. West Jr. Memorial Clubhouse

Present were Donald Booker (DB), Bill Wheadon (BW), Darrel Jones (DJ), Yayoi West (YW), Marci Allard (MA), Nelleke Cooper (NC) by zoom.

DJ reported that Chapter 1268 is now current with our 199N annual tax return filings to the Franchise Tax Board. The Chapter now has an online account. He also reported that Chapter 1268 has to register and file with the California Attorney General's office. He filed the necessary documents and forms required.

BW reported that the IRS 990N annual tax return is filed.

YW report from the Pietenpol Building Team. We have cut pieces and are ready to assembly fuselage sides. Yayoi asked if it would be acceptable if one of our young members wished to fundraise for his own trip to Oshkosh by using clubhouse. After discussing the idea, it was decided that such a fundraiser wouldn't fall under the Chapter's non-profit status.

DJ discussed fundraising responsibilities. He is the chairperson for raising funds for the kitchen and restroom upgrades and Yayoi is the chairperson for fundraising for the Pietenpol Chapter building project.

DB proposed selling items donated to the club at the Saturday burger barbecues and club meetings. He will clear a table in the clubhouse to display donated items for sale. After discussing idea, the Board agreed that would be a good idea and encouraged Don to implement the sale of donated items. He will donate a Sporty's radio and Garmin 295 for sale, as well as miscellaneous manuals, books and charts. DJ will list items in a for sale section of the monthly newsletter.

BW pointed out that we don't have first-aid kit in the kitchen. Tim Bloodgood donated and installed one upon hearing of the need. We will need another one for the shop.

BW reported that anonymous donors gave \$500 toward the new kitchen stove purchase.

DJ reported that David Kindle volunteered to organize the tools donated for the shop. DJ will meet with him and make an inventory and start a Chapter tool crib so Chapter members can check out tools for their projects. EAA national has software for organizing a tool crib.

DB observed that need more people coming to meetings. The board discussed the membership drive and the need to send an email blast through the national EAA office to recruit new members.

MA suggested inviting the high school mechanic and machine tool classes to the clubhouse for a workshop on aviation mechanics. She will contact the high school to explore that possibility

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm. Sindy Mikkelsen provided dinner again with three main courses, pulled pork, French dip and ham and Swiss, with pasta salad, grapes in yogurt and pies for dessert.

The speaker was Art Hayden, who talked about mountain flying and flying in South Africa and Alaska.

## OTHER NEWS

We finally have photographic evidence of some of those sinister conspiracies out there that you're always hearing about.



## FOR SALE BY MEMBERS

I received the following email from Bill Ewertz asking me to list some aviation related items he has for sale.

I have several hundred aviation hardback books that I am trying to sell for \$10 each plus a hundred paperback at \$5 ea. Many are of aviation series types for those who collect them. I also have a good selection of new camlocks for sale cheap.

Can you put a notice in Skypark newsletter? Anyone interested can come browse/select. Call me to set appt. 707 363-9923. I prefer cash for purchases.

Don Booker has items, including a Sporty's radio and Garmin 295 GPS, he is donating to the Chapter for sale. Contact Don at 707-938-9461.

Travis Jungroth, who has been a very generous donor to Chapter 1268, donated a TL Elektronik TL-3424 accelerometer/g-meter. Manufactured in Europe, it sells new for 260 to 330 Euros, which is about \$280 to \$354 here. Contact me if you're interested and we can talk about a fair price.

One more photo, just for fun.



You knew all along that you were right, didn't you?.

**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 2023! SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!**

**REMEMBER! THE JUNE MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JUNE 13 AT 7 P.M., AT THE SKYCRAFTERS' 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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