



# THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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## JIM ROBERT'S NEW AIRPLANE!

Jim Roberts, late of Swift ownership, has moved to Knoxville, Tennessee. In keeping with his new image as a rich Southern airline pilot, he has bought himself a brand new 'plane. If you look real close you can see cinder blocks under them wheels..

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

Just a quick note to let you know that the meeting is Tuesday, September 12, with dinner starting at 7 pm and the meeting following directly after.

The program will be a short vintage aviation drama video running about twenty minutes. Members are encouraged to try to identify the airplanes in the film, and will have the chance to discuss the deeper meanings of the story after the film, as well as consider the dramatic style of the actors.

If this all sounds entirely too high-brow for some of you, you can visit and share hangar flying stories in the back. We won't mind at all.

## **CATCHING UP ON MINUTES** **JUNE 13, 2006**

President Eric Preston called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. in the new Clubhouse.

Guests were; Keith and Susan from the Napa Chapter, Roy Secrist, Cam Frasier, and Kelsey and Sheldon Ronau. Kelsey responded to the call for a high school student to be a recipient for the scholarship to the EAA Air Academy. She has attended our Young Eagles on many occasions.

Vice-President Darrel Jones thanked the many volunteers who came out on the last day to finish the Clubhouse. These volunteers were; B.K. White, Ron Price, Ed Barkhurst, Les Lucas, Dick Sullivan, Bob Avrit, Paul Seibert, Rich Cooper, and Don Youngs. All these men have made a significant effort in the completion of the Clubhouse.

Thanks to Roy Meyers for the hamburgers and the impromptu Costco run, Jeannie

Williams for the extra large salad, and the Marilyn's for the main food.

Secretary report: please signify what format you would like to receive the minutes in.

There will be a sign made to indicate that the Clubhouse is the Harry West Memorial Building.

Young Eagles report: 12 kids showed for the June event. Thanks to all the pilots and volunteers.

Keith, the President from the Napa Chapter, talked about the B-17 profits and gave us a nice check for our hard work. The total amount earned was \$1164.40.

John Thomason's son, Scott, qualified for carrier and F-18 recently. He will be our July speaker.

Jeannie Williams' Stearman has been restored by Bill Dekker and test flown.

Guest speaker Bill Ewertz talked about the numerous airplanes he has owned over the years. He showed photos of many of his airplanes.

Respectively Submitted,

Ashley Gravatt  
Secretary

## **JULY 11, 2006**

Your editor seems to have misplaced the minutes, but reports that our speaker, Scott Thomason, a newly carrier qualified Marine F-18 pilot, gave a great presentation with photos of some of his planes. Not only does he get paid to fly, but someone else pays for the gas and washes the airplane. What a great deal!

## AUGUST 8, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Darrel Jones after dinner at about 7:30.

Everyone thanked Marilyn Avrit for fixing dinner.

Bob Avrit gave the financial report.

### Old Business:

The Vice President reported that the sewer line is run to the back of the club hangar. Work parties will come soon to build the restroom and finish the kitchen sink and stove.

### New Business:

The Vice President asked for volunteers to help build the restroom and finish the kitchen. Several members offered to help. Don Youngs will meet with Darrel Jones and BK White to plan the next work party.

Rafe Tomset has offered to trade an all-electric drop-in range for the gas cooktop donated to the club.

Judy Crosson has Larry's RV-6 for sale at Schellville. It is beautifully built and is selling for about \$60,000. Her number is 415-382-8115.

Joe Pollyak is in the later stages of cancer and has his Stinson 108-3 for sale. It is at Schellville and Joe is asking \$18,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The speaker was Guy Minor, who works for the FAA in Oakland as an accident investigator and safety instructor. He talked about

experimental aircraft accident investigations and shared the results of some accidents.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Gravatt, Secretary

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Since the September meeting, Joe Pollyak has passed away. His family is still trying to sell the Stinson. It has a Lycoming 190 hp engine and wood prop. The airplane needs some work, but is currently licensed through the end of the year. For further details, contact Bill Ewertz at 707-938-1465.



Photo of Lt. Scott Thomason making his carrier qualifications. That's Scott in the middle there.

Well, that's enough for this month. Please send your news to: [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com).

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**REMEMBER! THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA  
CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, AT 7:30 PM, AT SONOMA  
SKYPARK, SKYCRAFTERS CLUBHOUSE, HANGAR B5!  
DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM, SO DON'T BE LATE!**

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