



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
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## JIM ROBERT'S NEW, NEW AIRPLANE!

As reported last month, Jim Roberts, late of Swift ownership, has moved to Knoxville, Tennessee. Evidently, he ran across a Mustang with the keys in the ignition, and took it for a little joy ride. He made it as far as New York City. Film at 11.

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### FIRST THINGS FIRST

The next meeting of the Sonoma Skycrafters will be this Tuesday, November 14, at the Chapter clubhouse at Sonoma Skypark.

Dinner will be furnished by the M&M's, Marilyn and Marilyn. This from one of the "M"s:

M&M (Marilyn's) have decided on a casserole and Sundaes meal for the meeting,

Nov. 14th. If anyone wants to bring cakes , cookies or crisps to go with the Ice Cream, they are always welcome.

See you Tuesday,  
One of the M's

The guest speaker for the evening will be our own Rafe Tomsett. Rafe will talk about his experiences traveling with the Canadian demonstration flight team, the Snowbirds. Rafe has been photographing the Snowbirds for years, and will share some of his favorite shots.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting will need to go into the December newsletter. Neither Secretary Ashley nor I were at the meeting, so Jeannie Williams took notes at that meeting. I will get together with Jeannie at this meeting and get the details of the October meeting for the next newsletter.

### **CLUBHOUSE REPORT**

Don Youngs reports that a work party supervised by BK White met Tuesday, October 31, and built the base for the restrooms. There will be a plumbing party this Sunday afternoon after the Young Eagles, and hopefully another carpentry party or two to get the floor down, the walls up, sheetrock hung, and fixtures in place.

The clubhouse has been comfortably usable for several months now, and is getting closer to completion every month.

Don Youngs has the rough opening welded in for the walk door into the restrooms from the patio. We still need the stove installed, the kitchen sink put in place and plumbed, and a bit more of taping, texturing, painting and trim.

The Skypark Christmas party will be held in the clubhouse and Ron Price's hangar just around the corner.

We will talk more about completing the clubhouse at the meeting this Tuesday evening.

### **SKYPARK/EAA CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Chapter 1268 Christmas party will be combined with the Sonoma Skypark party and will be held Friday, December 1 in the Chapter 1268 clubhouse at Sonoma Skypark.

There will be a modified potluck, with Sonoma Skypark and the EAA providing some of the food and refreshments. Jeanie Williams has volunteered to coordinate the potluck dishes and asks that you give her a call at 707-287-2272 to RSVP and to find out what to bring.

There will be the annual White Elephant exchange again this year, with a few changes. The White Elephant part is limited to the adults in attendance only, with Santa bringing gifts for the kids. If you have a child or two coming, talk to Jeannie about arrangements for a gift "from Santa" for your tyke. Everyone should have a good time without any tears over "lost" toys. Well, by the kids anyway.

### **MISSING LINKS**

Here are a couple of amazing Web sites that contain flight video footage. I've seen many sites with flying films, but these are awe-inspiring. And surprising!

<http://tinyurl.com/n7agv> and  
<http://tinyurl.com/ms6t2>

## **A FEW FINAL WORDS**

The world's best navigator died and went to heaven and St. Peter said "Welcome to heaven my son, you have been the best navigator in the world and have done wonderful things for you friends, family, and country your whole life. For that reason I am authorized to let you choose which part of heaven you would like to go to.

"Well", the navigator said, "I'd really like to go somewhere where I will never see another fighter pilot again - those guys were loud and obnoxious, and generally just a pain in the ass. I never want to have to see them, talk to them, or deal with them again ever".

St. Peter replied "It's actually not much of a problem up here, we don't ever get many of them around, but just to be sure, I have the perfect place - it is a deserted tropical island where you will never be bothered again by any fighter pilots".

The navigator went off the island very happy. About 1 week later he was back at the gates demanding to see St. Peter '

"What's wrong" St. Peter said.

"Well" said the navigator "I thought you said I will never have to deal with a fighter pilot again. I was walking along the beach yesterday and I looked up, and there, coming towards me, was this guys swaggering along in a flight suit and g-suit, a really big wrist watch. with a girl under each arm, telling war stories that all started with "There I was...."

St Peter looked puzzled and said "Let me check something" and then went into his computer to check the whereabouts of both of the fighter pilots in heaven - he was still

looking puzzled and then it dawned on him "That wasn't a fighter pilot you saw yesterday - that was actually God - he sometimes likes to dress up and pretend he is a fighter pilot.

## **JUST ONE MORE...**

Bubba was driving his over-sized tractor trailer. As he approached a toll plaza, he hit a patch of ice and lost control of his rig. He plowed into an empty tollbooth and smashed it to pieces.

He climbed down from the wreckage and within a matter of minutes, a truck pulled up and discharged a crew of workers.

The men picked up each broken piece of the former tollbooth and spread some kind of creamy substance on it. Then they began fitting the pieces together. In less than a half hour, they had the entire tollbooth reconstructed and looking good as new.

"Amazing!" Bubba exclaimed to the crew chief. "What was the white stuff you used to get all the pieces together?"

The crew chief said, "Oh, that was tollgate booth paste."

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 NOVEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA  
CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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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