



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
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## GREAT AMERICA OFFERING SPECIAL RIDES WHILE THE BLUE ANGELS ARE IN TOWN FOR FLEET WEEK THIS OCTOBER

Some lucky Bay Area pilots will have the chance to ride with the Blue Angels when they come to town for the Fleet Week airshow this October. EAA Chapter 1268 will raffle off four tickets for one of the flights. Lucky winners will need to show proof of life and health insurance, and furnish a copy of their last will and testament before the flight.

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The next meeting of the Sonoma Skycrafters will be this Tuesday, February 13, at the Chapter clubhouse at Sonoma Skypark.

Dinner will start at 7 pm with the meeting immediately following. The program for the evening is **Oshkosh Planning!**

## **ALSO, DUES ARE DUE! SEND 'EM IN! (WITH YOUR EAA NUMBER)**

Dues are once again due for the year. We include a renewal form on the last page of the newsletter each month. What is different is that there are places for your EAA membership number and expiration date.

Please take a moment to fill out the renewal, include a check for a *paltry* twelve dollars and send the whole thing to Bob Avrit at the address on the renewal form.

EAA National needs this information from each chapter when we send in our renewal paperwork. If you have already renewed your Chapter 1268 membership, please send our Membership Chair Marilyn Poggensee an email at [Windsong21@comcast.net](mailto:Windsong21@comcast.net) with your EAA membership number.

## **MINUTES**

There are just not enough minutes in an hour, nor enough hours in a day.

## **CLUBHOUSE REPORT**

We had another work party on Saturday, February 3, with BK White, Frank Russo, Jon Eaton, David Meeks, Don Youngs and Darrel Jones working to get the restroom hangar organized, the framing finished and the plumbing a little further along.

Darrel and his daughter Lolly worked the previous Wednesday to get the two restrooms wired and more of the rough plumbing in, with the result that by the end

of Saturday the rooms were just about ready to insulate and sheetrock.

The dishwasher and oven were moved into the kitchen, but still need to be connected. Still to go are finishing a bit of plumbing and wiring, insulating, sheetrocking, taping and texturing, painting and setting the plumbing fixtures and trimming the lights and plugs.

Other projects to be completed are finishing the kitchen cabinetry, installing the kitchen water heater, putting some lights in the restroom hangar general area, and putting an area light up on the southeast corner of the restroom hangar (so people don't have to stumble in from the parking area).

We also need to finish grading the patio area, put weed-stop down and then spread some crushed rock down until we can get it bricked. Frank Russo donated some pavers so we can get a level area for the barbecue and a path to the restroom.

Since the club started this very ambitious project last May, we have done wonders in creating a club house any organization would be proud to own

Through the generosity of Sonoma Skypark, the chapter has a one dollar per year lease on the ground for our hangar, and the airport is making their hangar available for our common use.

We will be having another work party on Saturday, February 17, at which time we should be able to have everything closed in and almost ready to use. We will plan the work party at the meeting Tuesday evening.

## **DINNERS AND PROGRAMS...**

The Marilyns are retiring from the food business, so we will need to do some planning and volunteering to prepare meals for our meetings.

When the weather is good, we will be barbecuing on our "new" patio, but we will need to arrange for side dishes and desserts for the meals. When the weather is too cold and stinky, we can bring hot dishes, just like they do in Lake Wobegone.

We will be asking for "volunteers" at the meeting to coordinate the meals. We can very easily pot-luck the side dishes, so we will ask members to each volunteer to take a month to do the coordination.

The officers will be asking for help lining up programs and speakers for our meetings. We can use the same method of having individual members bring in one speaker each. That way we spread the work around, making it easier on everyone.

### **OSHKOSH, B'GOSH!**

We already have nearly a dozen intrepid pilots going to Oshkosh from the area this year.

We will start planning some of the details, such as route and schedule at this month's meeting.

The 2002 trip was a great one, so we are initially planning on taking the same route, stopping at some of the same fun places, and making the Pietenpol Fly-in at Brodhead the weekend before Oshkosh.

Bring your ideas and suggestions to the meeting!

### **ANOTHER LITTLE STORY...**

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting...

Well, for example, the other day I went downtown and went into a shop. I was only in there for about 5 minutes and when I

came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket.

I went up to him and said, "Come on, man, how about giving a retired person a break"? He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. I called him a "nerd." He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires. So I called him a "doughnut eating Gestapo." He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Personally, I didn't care. I came down town on the bus and the car that he was putting the tickets on had a bumper sticker that said "BUSH / Cheney in 2000."

I try to have a little fun each day now that I'm retired... I think it's important for my health.

### **MISSING LINKS**

Here are a couple more amazing Web sites that contain fascinating video footage and more.

"Follow this link: [http://www.fun-with-words.com/tom\\_swifties.html](http://www.fun-with-words.com/tom_swifties.html), said Randy pointedly."

<http://www.royal-navy.mod.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.7842>

Remember to sign up for the Bob Nuckolls' seminar at Sonoma Skypark on April 21-22 at the following web site.

<http://www.aeroelectric.com/seminars/Sonoma.html>

If you don't have an Internet connection, call Darrel at 707-996-4494 to register.

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

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**REMEMBER! THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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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**SKYCRAFTER MEMBERSHIP**

**EAA CHAPTER 1268      Membership Dues:      \$12 per year.**

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