



THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
21870 Eighth Street East
Sonoma, CA 95476

APRIL 2007



THE BIG EVENT FOR APRIL IS THE BOB NUCKOLLS SEMINAR AT THE CLUBHOUSE APRIL 21 AND 22

Tuition for the two day seminar is \$150, with the book an additional \$20 (regularly \$33 plus shipping) Register at <http://aeroelectric.com/seminars/Sonoma.html> so Bob knows how many books to bring. Come out for the barbecue after class Saturday !

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

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

Dinner will start at 7 pm with the meeting immediately following. After our great success last month, we are looking forward to a simple fare of burgers, salad, and dessert for April. Thank you everyone for your help.

Marilyn P., windsong21@comcast.net

The speaker for the upcoming EAA meeting will be Bob Bohna. Bob was a P51 fighter pilot in Europe during 1944-1945. He may be known by many in Sonoma as the owner of the Sonoma Auto/Truck center which he has owned and operated for many years. I understand that he gives a very interesting talk about his war years and much more. Please pass this on to the EAA network.

Marty Spragg

HOSTS FOR SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS?

We have had requests from people traveling from out of town for someplace to stay while they are in town for the Bob Nuckolls seminar.

If any Chapter 1268 members have a spare bedroom they would like to share, please let me know at the meeting Tuesday or by phone or email at 707-996-4494 or wd6bor@vom.com, and I will try to match you up.

Meals should be a non-issue since we will have pastries and coffee at the airport Saturday and Sunday mornings, hamburgers at noon and a barbecue Saturday evening. Even if you are not attending the seminar, be sure to come out about 6 pm Saturday for dinner and to meet and talk with our guests.

See you Tuesday, Darrel

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MINUTES

EAA Chapter 1268

March 13, 2007 minutes

1900 hrs Great Irish dinner of beef and cabbage along with a lot of mouth-watering deserts were served.

2010 hrs President Darrel Jones called meeting to order.

Darrel thanked the meal preparation team Marilyn Avrit, Roy Meyers, Marilyn Poggensee, and those that assisted for the great dinner. Darrel stated that there would not be much of a turn out with out the super food that they make and the group whole heartily agreed.

Rich Cooper introduced Guest Mary Ellen; she brought out a young eagle on Sunday and now wants to assist the club in any way that she can.

Bob Averit introduced Guest Karen Simmons and she is a 99's member.

Guest Stewart Munson and Christen St Clare introduced themselves and joined the Chapter

Guest Doc Ross was introduced as the evening speaker.

Jorge Oros 14 years old is now a new member of the EAA and was proudly showing his EAA card.

Roy Meyers, now a new grandpa, is requesting any one wanting to donate kitchen utensils of any kind to please bring them in and they will gladly be put to good use.

Bob Avrit reported that the Harry West Memorial fund was to be used for the construction of the new clubhouse. The cost of building so far has exceeded the total in the fund; therefore he has closed the fund and transferred them to the clubs general fund. Harry West memorial fund transferred \$ 2105; General fund total is now \$6722.23. We have 39 paid members of 61 that were paid in 2006.

Andy reported that the Marilyn Avrit cheesecake that he was put in charge of did not survive an encounter with the parking lot asphalt (sure I bet he seemed to be licking his chops).

Rich Cooper reported that 22 Young Eagles were given rides on Sunday and thanked all those that assisted or donated their airplanes and time.

Old business:

The work party had a good turn out and BK was thanked for finishing the sheet rock and texturing on his own Tuesday and Saturday.

The Bob Nuckolls seminar on April 21 and 22 is a go with plans for a lunch break and BBQ Saturday after the seminar

Oshkosh plans are for departure July 15 if you can go for three weeks or some may leave July 18 or 19 for those that can not spend the whole three weeks. Possible seven airplanes going at this time.

New business

Steve Munson has volunteered to design new name badges for the members. Steve Munson and Christian St Clare have volunteered to mount the movie screen and dry erase board for the up coming seminar

Dick Sullivan and Sam MacIntosh volunteered to finish installing the electrical fixtures

There was some discussion on having Don Cooley organize a fly out around the end of June.

Rich Cooper stated that we have about 150 Young eagle credits to use to sponsor a youngster for a Oshkosh Seminar and read the various costs of the sessions for the different age groups. Donations will be needed to be able to sponsor someone.

2045 hrs Doc Ross was introduced by Marilyn Poggensee . He has a background in bio warfare, submarine work, Seal Team training, Navy use of whales and dolphins, and living in an under sea lab.

Doc 's presentation on Women in Aviation was interesting and amazing as he had set up three tables of various collectible photos, uniform wings, and items from these famous women that he accumulated the last 10 years. . He had great stories about Poncho Barnes and Jackie Cochran, both of which he met through his father when he was a young boy. He showed a movie on the first woman to fly in military combat, a Turkish woman, in 1938 (if you missed this one you really missed a good one)

2210 hrs Meeting adjourned

Submitted, Frank Russo, Secretary

FLYING COMPANION SEMINAR

The majority of your EAA Chapter members fly with loved ones or friends. Some of those flying companions may have a fear or uneasiness about flying in a general aviation

airplane.

The Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the 99s is hosting their annual Flying Companion Seminar for pilot companions who are uneasy as a passenger with a general aviation pilot. We hold an all-day event of seminars to better educate and alleviate the fears of these non-pilots.

Please include the following event information on your website and/or your chapter newsletter. Additionally, please announce the Flying Companion Seminar at your next chapter meetings.

Flying Companion Seminar

Saturday May 5, 2007

ALL DAY - 8:30am - 5:00pm

Terminal Building Conference Room

Reid-Hillview Airport, San Jose

\$60 Donation in advance

Email: FCS@SCV99s.org

Phone: Candice @ (510) 673-4505

Website:

<http://www.santaclaravalley99s.org/companions>

Thank you,
Candice Nance, *Vice Chair*
Santa Clara Valley 99s

CLUBHOUSE REPORT

The restrooms are in and usable!

There is still a little bit of work to finish before the hamburger season gets in full swing. We still need to finish the shower stall, although the plumbing is all in and working.

We have two usable vanities and toilets, but need to set the water heater. There is a little bit of conduit and wiring before we have permanent power to the restrooms and lights in the main hangar area.

We need a paint crew to do the outside of the restrooms, and need to get a security light up on the south east corner so we don't kill ourselves walking out to our cars after the meetings.

The patio needs the rest of the bricks laid so someone doesn't fall off the narrow path of pavers and break an ankle.

With the seminar only two weeks away, maybe we can get together April 14 or 15 and get some of that done.

From there on in it's clear sailing!

BOB NUCKOLLS SEMINAR A GO!

46 years experience in aircraft systems maintenance, design, troubleshooting and fabrication. Publisher of the *AeroElectric Connection*: The definitive work in *owner-built and maintained* (OBAM) aircraft electrical systems. 20,000+ readers in 30 countries for 20 years.

Schedule For Saturday

8:00 - 8:30 Registration

- Hand outs, getting acquainted . . . there might even be coffee and donuts . . .

8:30 - 11:30 morning session:

- Parts Selection - "What's all this 'aircraft quality' Stuff Anyway?"
- Failure Mode Effects Analysis - Confidence by Design
- DC Power Fundamentals - Understanding "the Force"
- Batteries
- Engine Driven Power Sources
- Voltage Regulators
- Grounding
- Over Voltage Protection
- Electrical System Instrumentation
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11:30 - 12:30 Break for lunch

12:30-5:00 Afternoon Session

- Wire Selection and Installation
- Wire Termination and Connectors

- Circuit Protection
- Switches Relays and Contactors
- Lighting and Lighting Controls
- Antennas and Feedlines (including antenna analyzer demonstration)
- Engine Instrumentation

Saturday Evening

Depending on location, facilities and local host's planning we may get together to share an evening meal and swap a few stories . . .

Schedule for Sunday

8:00-12:00 morning session:

- Noise - Antagonist, propagation paths and victims
- Tools, Wiring Techniques and Parts Selection Philosophy
- Hands-on demonstrations of useful crimp tools and soldering techniques.

Be sure to go to the following website to pre-register and get the information about the course and textbook:

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

OSHKOSH, B'GOSH!

Leaving Sonoma July 15 and returning by August 4. We have pilots with airplanes looking for co-pilots to share expenses, and pilots without airplanes looking for an empty seat.

Let's get them together at the next meeting. Email me at wd6bor@vom.com to get on the lists!

ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?

Fellow member Steve Holifield found someone's aviation headset on the corner of Second Street East and Patten here in Sonoma. If you put a set on the roof of your car and drove away, these may be yours. Give Steve a call at 933-9100 and identify them (and yourself) and you can have a reunion. If the owner has already flown into the sunset, then I guess Steve has a new set of headphones.

2 nd Annual Central Sierra Helicopter Meet

May 4, 5 and 6 2007

We are getting ready for our second annual Helicopter Meet. We are very proud to say this is the only all Helicopter Meet in the west, that is focused on Experimental and Home Built Helicopters. But, all Factory built Helicopters are very welcomed and invited to participate.

Bring your ships and share your ideas, bring your photo book, if you don't bring a ship. It's great to meet all the other builders, and see their builds.

Anyone that would like to give a seminar just let us know. Last year Stu from the Experimental Helicopter Magazine gave a very captivating seminar on blade balancing. Heli-Chair Emulator was on site, I believe almost everyone tried to fly the Heli.

We were happy to have Helicycles, Safari, Scorpion II, Ultrasports, Schweizers and a Bell 47.

There is camping on site. We had Alden Johnson on his motorcycle, from Washington state, who even brought his tent. We had tents and Trailers and Motor homes.

This was a great event and we encourage all to help spread the word. Please feel free to contact us and keep an eye out for our web site, which is being built.

12850 Cherry Lake Rd. Groveland California (off Hwy 120 northern route into Yosemite) Ranch coordinates 37.51'11.15N, 120'00'06.60W

Thank you

Hap, Nancy, Les and Craig P: 707-833-5905, email nancyandhap@aol.com
Web site will be..... [cshelimeet.com](http://www.cshelimeet.com)

MISSING LINKS

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

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qMR157t1aU>

Send your news to wd6bor@vom.com.

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**REMEMBER! THE APRIL MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER
1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 10, AT 7:30 PM, AT SONOMA SKYPARK,
SKYCRAFTERS CLUBHOUSE, HANGAR B5!
DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM, SO DON'T BE LATE!**

SKYCRAFTER MEMBERSHIP

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

Name: _____ EMAIL: _____

Address: _____ APT: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

Your check should be made payable to: **EAA 1268**

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