



THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
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KESTUTIS SLIUPAS' PROJECT AIRPLANE

A vagabond Wag-A-Bond that will be Corvair powered!

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The next meeting will be this Tuesday,
November 13 at the Sky Crafters' clubhouse,
Hangar B-5, here at Sonoma Skypark.

Dinner will be prepared by Andy and Vina
Smith and John and Kathy Carmichael. The

rotation program is working well and the club members are getting a great variety in our meeting menus.

Vice President Andy Smith has arranged for our November speakers with Mark Herand, who is with a business here in town selling (and maybe manufacturing) fasteners, some of which are used in aerospace and aviation. This is the email Andy forwarded with his reply and contact information.

Hello Andrew-

Yes, we are still planning to attend. As I mentioned I will be out of town but a couple of guys from FSI will plan to attend and share information on the FSI tooling and hand out brochures.

Regards,

*Mark Herand
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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

The meeting was called to order after a delicious dinner cooked and arranged by Judy Crosson and Howard Hall, with salad by Jeannie and dessert by Nelleke..

Guests were Todd and Andrew Walker and Larry Nelson, who is involved with a PT-19.

Our Treasurer, Bob Avrit, reported that the club has \$6,931.23 in the treasury as of meeting night, with no unusual expenses and sixty-six paid members. Remember, if you haven't got your dues in to send Bob a check. You want to get 2007 paid before 2008 is due!

Walt Lewis made signs for the safety barrier for Young Eagles and Airport Open House

to help keep visitors behind the safety line and away from spinning propellers.

Don Youngs has and is putting river drain rock along the edge of the patio to provide good drainage.

Bill Wheadon is working on name badges and hopes to have them ready in time for the Christmas party, which will be combined with Sonoma Skypark shareholders and pilots, and will be held on Friday evening, December 7, starting at 6 p.m.

Walt Lewis is working hard to get the details arranged so that a new Air Explorer post can be started at Sonoma Skypark on the first of January. Rich Cooper made the motion and Travis Morton seconded for the Chapter to sponsor a new Post at Sonoma Skypark.

The EAA 1268 members have been talking about creating a "next step" for our Young Eagles, and a Post would enable young people ages fourteen through twenty-one to pursue their interest in aviation. We need some new pilots to fly us oldsters around after our landings get too awful.

The program consisted of a video shown by John Thomason of Scott landing in Japan in his F-18. Scott shot the video, so there were some great scenes of the approach.

The second half of the program was a fifty-minute video telling the story of the women pilots from all countries who served during World War II by flying. The American and British pilots ferried aircraft, freeing men for combat. The German and Soviet women actually fought, flying everything from fighters to bombers. The filmmakers interviewed some surviving pilots, who shared their memories and feelings about their contribution to the war effort.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Petaluma Airport is having a Veterans' Day open house Saturday, November 10, from 11 am to 4. They have invited Skypark and Chapter 1268 pilots to join them and bring in their airplanes for display.

Young Eagles will be this Sunday, November 11, weather permitting.

I will be up at Cloverdale airport this weekend attending a Corvair engine aircraft conversion presented by William Wynne, the Corvair engine conversion authority, and hosted by Michael Heintz, owner of Quality Sport Planes and a Zenith aircraft dealer. Kestutis Sliupas is also planning on using a Corvair conversion on his project and has said that he will attend.

CLUB HOUSE WORK PARTY

This last Saturday Chapter 1268 members came out to Sonoma Skypark and got a great deal of work accomplished on the clubhouse.

Les Lucas and Don Youngs put two new outside security lights up so members can see to make their way out to their cars after the meeting. Sam McIntosh and Gardner Bride worked on the lighting inside the east building, so we will have more room for the Christmas party.

Bruce Wiltse did a lot of trim work inside the restrooms, putting up mirrors, towel holders and the such.

Kestutis and Frank Russo worked diligently on the gutters for the patio roof. Thank you John and Kathy Carmichael for donating the gutter materials. Jon Eaton was out putting up the restroom cabinet.

There is just a little bit more to do, with the hot water heater and shower about all that is

left for plumbing, and a little clean up and organizing to get the space ready for use.

There are some leftovers that will be going to the recycle yard at the county dump if no one wants them. I will be at the club house early to put the surplus stuff out for a dump run, so if you want a cooktop, TV, light fixture or table base, get them by the end of the meeting.

NEW STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS

This is excerpted from an email I received from EAA National regarding a new student membership program:

Designed for kids through the age of 17, the Student Membership delivers a wide array of benefits including an exclusive fun-filled Student Members-only website providing access to scholarships and internships, information on aviation career choices, and other exciting benefits, all for \$10 per year. The new EAA Student Membership kit is an easy way to give the gift of membership to a deserving young person. Each kit includes the X-Plane flight simulator demo CD, EAA Aviation Highlights DVD, Reach for the Sky booklet, Whitewings glider, and a unique online activation code.

I hope you folks have been looking at some of the web sites I've listed in the newsletter. Some of these are beautiful, and some are absolutely terrifying!

<http://www.johnfleck.com/>

<http://justvidclips.com/view/98/incredible-flying-men/>

<http://www.peashooter.net/>

Send me your news and photos to wd6bor@vom.com. See you Tuesday!

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**REMEMBER! THE AUGUST MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA
CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, November, 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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