



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
21870 Eighth Street East  
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RETURN WITH US NOW TO THOSE DAYS OF YESTERYEAR!

Some of Frank Schelling's collection of antique models

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## FIRST THINGS FIRST

The next meeting will this Tuesday, February 12, in the Skycrafters' clubhouse, Hangar B-5 here at Sonoma Skypark.

Dinner will be prepared by Debbie Presten and Ron Price.

Our speaker will be Gardner Bride, who will talk about his flying experiences in the Navy and the airlines.

See you all at the meeting!

# PAPA POKER RUN

## PETALUMA AIRPORT

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2008

First departures at 10am, awards at 2pm Chicken BBQ to follow

\$25.00 PER HAND, CASH PRIZES!, RAFFLE!

COME JOIN THE FUN AND START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT!

BENEFITS THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

"Marvelous" Marc Ashton 707-228-6837

Gary McDonald 707-333-4464

Gary McDonald (PAPA member (Petaluma) and V.P. of SAE) is trying to get us all out and enjoy our aircraft. He's put together a Poker Run for February that sounds Great. Spread the word and join in on the fun!

## SUBJECT: YOLO FLY OUT?

Jimmy Rollison told me that on March 2nd the Yolo Fire department is having a pancake breakfast, and all pilots and airplanes are welcome via Jimmy. The firehouse is on the field, so it makes it an easy breakfast run.

Spread the word. These guys are airport friendly and it would be something fun for the Sonoma group to visit to dry our engines out. Yolo has a great big runway, so those of us who are not current....we can get our three bounces in.

Take Care

Walt

## EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

January 8,2008

1930 hrs Great pork chop dinner served and prepared by Jeannie Williams and Jeanette Woods with help from Andy Smith

President Darell Jones thank Jeannie, Jeanette, and Andy for the meal preparation

Introduction of guest Gary Macdonald

Darrel made presentations of award certificates from EAA to Andy Smith as VP and finding the great speakers for each meeting, Bob Avert for treasurer, Frank Russo for secretary, Maryland Poggensee for membership chair, Rich Cooper for Young Eagles, Eric Presten for flight tech, Don Youngs for ram rodding the chapter club house , and BK White for expending the most perspiration on the club house in the building process in 2007 .

Andy Smith reported that Travis Morton flew 43 hours in 10 days building tail dragger time in the Piper Clipper and working on his multi engine rating.

Ron Price and John Thomason have been invited to the Barn Storming Tour in the mid west starting June 15

Jeannie Williams talked about Grass Roots and the Stearman fly-in at Gales burg for this summer and that this is the year for the

old mail planes. Usually happens around labor day or the week after.

Treasures report: Bob Avrit states the chapter has \$7033.73 in the general fund with a ,bank deposit of \$58,dinner receipts \$210, membership dues\$24, and expenses of dinner \$188,patio materials \$89.24, additional patio materials \$45.26, and the 501C3 filing fee of \$20.

In 2006 there were 61 paid members and in 2007 there are 68 .

Marc Ashton explained the process for scholarship applications that are due April 15<sup>th</sup> and that there will be an interviews conducted midway .

Remo Galeazzi did a very interesting presentation about the early day of his modeling and brought along some of the original Comet kits. Remo talked about the history of the Comet Modeling Company and had a great DVD video from those early days.

Frank Shelling brought along a beautiful P 47 and Wild Cat that were built from Cleavland Models kits

2115 hrs Meeting adorned

## **Sonoma Skies**

**By Bill Ewertz**

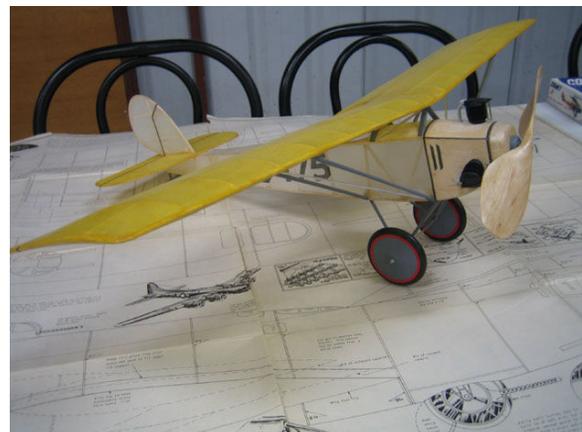
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First of all, Dennis has updated the club web page and it includes graphic photos of the new years event. Search for Sonoma Antique Escradrille or go to

[www.napanet.net/~arbeau/suaah/hof.htm](http://www.napanet.net/~arbeau/suaah/hof.htm)

\*\*\*\*\* John Clemens and Dennis moved the Richard's Seabee into their shop for some pre-purchase inspections. The family has it for sale \*\*\*\*\* Tom Morris has the Howard fuselage and some parts out for powder

coating. He has also stripped and primed all the fuel tanks which will be installed as soon as possible \*\*\*\*\* Chris Prevost is making great progress on the P-40. He now has the cowl flap and oil cooler sheet metal tunnels fabricated. This is all major compound curves and Chris is doing a terrific job making new ones. \*\*\*\*\* Walt Bowe is working on his Cub fuselage at home . The engine is apart with some parts sent out for checking and rework. This is their other Cub and the first one is still flying \*\*\*\*\* Buzz has the L-4 apart and the fuselage sent to Oregon for rework and cover. The wings are already done. \*\*\*\*\* Larry Haywood has his Clipped Cub project at the cover stage for fuselage and tail and he is starting on the wings. \*\*\*\*\*Gary McDonald has taken the reins at Petaluma to get PAPA active again. He held a breakfast at his hangar and is also planning several breakfast/lunch flights. We are invited so I will publish dates as they are known. \*\*\*\* Lee Graybill has decided to sell his Ryan PT-22 that he has owned forever \*\*\*\*\* Dave Masters still has his Ryan STA/PT-20 for sale as well and I still want to sell the Stearman project and Great Lakes \*\*\*\*\* Congrats to Erin Thomason and Gabriel Canova. Wedding date is set for August 16. If you have any news for me to add next month, call 707 938-1465, I can also find phone numbers for the items for sale.



One of Remo's beautiful models!

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**REMEMBER! THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA  
CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, AT 7 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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