



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
21870 Eighth Street East  
Sonoma, CA 95476

JUNE 2008



## SONOMA SKYPARK PILOTS GO SNOW CAMPING

Some of our crew went up into snow country for some ski plane flying this winter. One of them forgot his skis.

I'm sure we will find him when the rest of the snow melts.

### CHAPTER OFFICERS

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### FIRST THINGS FIRST

The next meeting will be this Tuesday, June 10, in the Skycrafters' clubhouse, Hangar B-5 here at Sonoma Skypark. Our speaker will be Sarah Ratzesberger, NOAA, who will

talk about the Seabird Colony Protection Program.

Dinner will be prepared by Gardner Bride and Sam McIntosh, and will, once again, be a big surprise! I'll let you know if they need desserts.

See you all at the meeting!

### **DUES IS WAY PAST DUE!**

If your memory is as bad as mine, give Bob Avrit a call at 707-9938-5818 to see if you have paid. Better yet, just send him a check for \$12 at 4479 Grove Street, Sonoma 95476.

### **YOUNG EAGLES**

May Young Eagles will be Sunday, May 11 from 9 am to noon, weather permitting.

Call or email Rich Cooper if you are able to help either by flying or as ground crew.

### **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MAY MINUTES**

May 12, 2008

1900 hrs: Great dinner served

President Darrel Jones called meeting to order and thank BK White for shopping, Jeannie Williams for the salad, and Nelleke Cooper for the desert

Introduction of guests: Carl Von Doymi and Jim Swanson, President and Secretary from EAA Chapter 1232, they invited any one to attend their casual monthly meetings held the first Tuesday at Gness field CAP building at 6:30PM.

Dough Elliot was introduced from Chapter 1016 Ashville, NC

Treasures report: Bob Avrit states the chapter has \$6920.39 in the general fund with a bank deposit of \$290.50, dinner

receipts \$223, 5 membership dues \$60, and expenses of dinner \$4.50, television monitor \$521.56. In 2007 there were 67 paid members and in 2008 there are 51, Please get an envelope from Bob to put your 2008 dues in

Young Eagles: Rich Cooper reports that a Cub Scout Master brought out 7 youngsters to start, and flew a total of 19 Young Eagles for the day.

Jack Caldwell thanked all that participated in helping send his 13 year old grandson Michel to EAA this year and invited all to get together at the top of Kruezer lane in Napa around 6:00 to 7:00Pm on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please RSVP at 253-9351 so he will have some idea as to how many to prepare for.

Air Explores report: Walt Lewis said the spaghetti dinner for the Taylorcraft fly-in made \$200 for their efforts and they may have a 50/50 raffle at future EAA meetings. The group will sell ice cream at the open house on the 31<sup>st</sup>. They have been working on the airway beacon and hope to have the top section completed for display at the airport open house

Building report: Andy Smith, Rafe Tomset, and Ron Price put up the new Skypark Clubhouse sign.

Darrel Jones got the shower installed with new 30 gallon hot water heater, and Frank Russo splashed paint on any thing that didn't move in the rest rooms.

The speaker for the evening was Alan Jesmer from Precision Airmotive LLC, he explained why Precision had to divest itself of the Marvel Schebler line of carburetors and that support will be available from the new owners. He also did a presentation on the fuel injection systems that they now supply, how they work, what is available to home builders at greatly reduced prices in the experimental line and also what they

supply certified. Alan talked about what is coming in the near future with FADEC and how one lever will do it all for you.

2125 hrs Meeting adorned

### **OSHKOSH UPDATE**

EAA AirVenture is coming up and local pilots are making plans for the trip.

If you haven't been to Oshkosh and you are a pilot, you have deprived yourself of half of the fun of flying. Just imagine that you were a chocolate addict and they locked you in the Hershey's or See's factories for a week. You might not survive the week but you would die in ecstasy. That is a hint of what the week in Oshkosh is like.

The MOST fun is to fly back in your own airplane or as passenger and crew with another pilot. The icing on the cake is flying back with a group of other like-minded aviation maniacs. Bob Gutteridge, form Chapter 124 in Santa Rosa, is putting together a flight back this year. Try this phone number to get his information on the trip planning: 707 539-5188.

Detailed information on 2008 AirVenture is at <http://www.airventure.org/> and the NOTAM for aircraft flying in to Oshkosh is at

[http://www.airventure.org/2008/flying/2008\\_notam.pdf](http://www.airventure.org/2008/flying/2008_notam.pdf).

My first trip was 2002, second 2004 and third 2007. I am planning on going back again next year. Every two years will have to do for this pitiful old Oshkosh junkie. Give it a try.

### **EAA MEMBER RESOURCES**

This is from the Pietenpol email reflector:

Piet Builders - Through your EAA membership, you are able to view on line, many articles written by Tony Bingelis regarding homebuilding techniques. The

articles are accompanied with the same diagrams as in his books. Follow the path below.

go to:

[www.eea.org](http://www.eea.org)

member services

member benefits

community (in blue box on the right side of the page)

homebuilding

articles (on the left side of the page)

Then you need to log in as an "EAA member" (your membership fee gives you access)

Then you can select the articles you want to read

This information may provide folks with good reading while waiting at airports on business trips as some of you travel, or to view the contents of the books.

Have fun.  
John

### **BONUS MATERIAL!**

I know we have a couple of F-86 pilots in Chapter 1268. Take a look at this site to get an idea of how bravely they defended us, and how utterly seriously they took that responsibility.

<http://nl.youtube.com/watch?v=vQL9Kxxd88s>

This one isn't exactly a flying video, but...  
<http://www.brightcove.tv/title.jsp?title=1438490562>

And one more...check out this web site and download and watch the file

[AmericanAirlines.wmv](http://AmericanAirlines.wmv)

<http://bling.properkernel.com/humor/>

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**REMEMBER! THE MAY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER  
1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ APT: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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