



THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
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JUST ANOTHER GAGGLE OF FINE, OLD AIRPLANES

Some of the aircraft participating in the Barnstormers' Tour this summer. The October program is a presentation with lots of great photos of the Tour, with many exciting personal adventure stories, strictly true or not!

CHAPTER OFFICERS

President: Darrel Jones, 707-996-4494
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Membership Chair: Position available!
Building Chair: Don Youngs, 707-538-2288
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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The next meeting will this **Tuesday, October 14** in the Skycrafters' clubhouse, Hangar B-5 here at Sonoma Skypark. Our speaker will be the Barnstormer Tour Boys Gang, including Andy and Vina Smith, John Thomason, the Prestens, Ron Price, Paul Seibert, Frank Russo, Frank Schelling, Jeannie Williams, and Walt Lewis. They will show slides of the trip and talk about the fun and adventures to be found in

barnstorming through the Mid-west just like the pilots of the 1920's.
Dinner will be prepared by Howard Hall and Judy Crosson.

We have the rest of the year scheduled for meals, but we still need cooks for next April, May, June and July. We started the dinner rotation last summer and it has worked great! This is a great way to become a Hero of the Club, as well as to share your favorite dinner menu with your fellow Skycrafters.

The schedule so far is:

| Month | Cook 1 | Cook 2 |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| October '08 | Howard H. | Judy C. |
| November '08 | Roy M. | ? |
| December '08 | Xmas Party | Potluck |
| January '09 | Jeannie W. | Jeanette W. |
| February '09 | BK W. | ? |
| March '09 | Nelleke C. | Rich C. |
| April '09 | ? | ? |
| May '09 | ? | ? |
| June '09 | ? | ? |
| July '09 | ? | ? |

The way this works is that you and a partner chose a monthly meeting and bring your favorite meal. You get to plan the menu, and it's perfectly fair to call other members to ask that they help with a dessert or side dish.

Please reply with an email to wd6bor@vom.com or call 707-996-4494 to reserve your month and we will finish filling this in!

See you all at the meeting!

ELECTIONS COMING UP

Just like all those other guys, we will be holding our elections this November. Nominations will be at the October meeting next Tuesday.

I've been thinking that we need a Board of Directors to help with everything that needs

be done. Our By-laws provide for at least two Directors, but make provisions for additional Directors, all elected by the General Membership.

The offices up for re-election are President, Vice president, Secretary and Treasurer, with each office running two years. We normally alternate each of two offices, but we recently had previous officers serve only one year.

Looking through the By-laws, I found that we actually should be holding elections in June and installing new officers in July. We can continue with elections in November with a By-laws change, since installation of officers at the Christmas party seems to work well.

The appointed positions (volunteers) are Membership Chair, Young Eagles Liaison, Fly-outs, Safety, Publications and Activities. With the purchase of the clubhouse, we have additionally had our Building Chair.

Some of our current officers will not be running for re-election, so we have several positions to fill. I will be asking for nominations at the meeting.

WE have a very successful EAA Chapter that does more than Chapters twice its size. By sharing the modest duties required to keep it running, we spread the work load so it doesn't become a burden to any one individual.

I don't want to beg for members to raise their hands to volunteer to fill these positions, so my expectation will be that we will have more candidates that positions to fill at the end of the business meeting.

THE EDITOR'S EDITORIAL

Reading through our By-laws I see that EAA Chapter 1268, Sonoma Skycrafters, exists to:

Promote, encourage and support the restoration, maintenance, flight operation and exhibition of aircraft;

Foster, promote and engage in aviation education;

Promote and encourage grass roots efforts in aviation;

Foster fellowship among its members;

Operate as a Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association, with all the policies and procedures of the EAA.

I don't think I'm making a stretch in assuming you, the members of Sonoma Skycrafters, belong because you enjoy, and even love, being part of the miracle of flight. Flying for me is almost like entering a dream world, with a perspective not known by any other being on earth from the dawn of time until only a relative moment ago.

We love to share what we love, and being part of this club gives us the chance to share our experiences, interests and dreams of flying.

We do what we need to do to make this club active and healthy because that is also what needs to be done to protect and nourish our avocation of flight.

I'll bring a copy of the By-laws and review the duties of each office. I will also be asking you what you want for and from this club.

And then I will ask you to help in making that happen.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Marilyn Poggensee will not be continuing as Membership Chair next year. This is

probably the most important position in this or any club.

The duties aren't that overwhelming, but they are critically important.

The Membership Chair is the person who collects the information on new members and enters that information into the database that is used to create the roster. The Chair also helps recruit new members by greeting our guests and helping them join our Chapter. Occasionally, the Chair needs to call a member and ask them if they have just forgotten to renew or whether they would like to continue their membership.

Mainly, the Membership Chair makes sure the members know they belong to a great organization and that their membership and participation are appreciated.

We're looking for someone who can find their way around a computer a bit and can give the club a couple of hours a month.

Call me at 707-996-4494 or send me an email at wd6bor@vom.com and let me know if you can help me out.

DUES

I've been thinking about proposing changing the dues structure at this meeting.

We've been trying to collect twelve dollars for annual dues each year, which means Bob has to carry around a wad of one dollar bills all the time.

Well, maybe he does that anyway, but I though we ought to give him a break and increase the dues to fifteen dollars (\$15) per year, so all he needs are fives.

To make that a little easier for us poor, starving pilots, I think we could offer a two year's membership for twenty-five dollars to make it easier for the members. That way

the membership chair and treasurer would only need to hunt you down every other year.

There are a number of members who haven't quite made their 2008 dues payment yet, so they could send in or give Bob \$24 and cover their dues through 2009.

We can talk about this at the meeting

If a dues increase doesn't get you out to the meeting, then the Barnstormers' Tour presentation surely will!

You can send in \$24 and be the first to be paid up for 2009 as well as having 2008 covered. Give Bob Avrit a call at 707-938-5818 to see if you have paid. Better yet, just send him a check at 4479 Grove Street, Sonoma 95476.

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles will be Sunday, October 12 from 9 am to noon, weather permitting.

We can still use helpers with registrations and ground crew duties. Harry Andrews was our Administrative Assistant for August, and he said that he much prefers to do the flying.

You are inviting to come out as well and give us a hand.

Call or email Rich Cooper if you are able to help either by flying or as ground crew. His email is cooper@vom.com and his phone number is 707-938-5587.

EAA CHAPTER 1268 SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 MINUTES

Now this is a funny story. Your president forgot to call the cooks for the September meeting and the speaker wasn't quite nailed down by the time he got out to Sonoma Skypark on meeting night.

The minutes for the meeting are pretty simple. The ten or eleven people who showed up hung around for about a half hour and then decamped to Mary's Pizza in Boyes Springs. The food, as usual, was very good.

The conversation was great, although we did miss all the members who were flying around the Midwest looking at airplanes and having fun. Some of them even went to Reno early to watch the qualifying heats.

This month will be much better attended, I'm sure.

Meeting adjourned.

FLY-INS TO CONSIDER

The Lost Coast Aviators, EAA Chapter 1418, based in Humboldt County at the Rohnerville Airport (KFOT) will be hosting a barbeque Fly-In Saturday October 18. The times will be 12 noon until 4 PM. This will be a fairly informal get-together in which we invite our neighboring chapters in Northern California and Southern Oregon to visit us and share some barbequed tri-tips, ribs, and chicken with us.

We do not have an ASOS but you can call Steve at 707 845 6813 for a weather update or other information.

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**REMEMBER! THE MAY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER
1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, AT 7 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: _____

AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: _____

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

Please mail your dues to:
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