



THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
21870 Eighth Street East
Sonoma, CA 95476

NOVEMBER 2008



SOMETIMES YOU JUST HAVE TO LOOK AT A PICTURE OF SOME GREAT LOOKING AIRPLANES

Gary McDonald forwarded these photos of some of the airplanes re-enacting some of the original U.S. airmail flights from the dawn of airmail service.

Front to back are a Stearman C3B, a Model R and a 1930 Speedmail.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

President: Darrel Jones, 707-996-4494

Vice President: Andy Smith, 530-306-9870

Secretary: Frank Russo, 707-226-6535

Treasurer: Bob Avrit, 707-938-5818

Membership Chair: ???

Building Chair: Don Youngs, 707-538-2288

Young Eagles Coordinator:

Rich Cooper, 707-938-5587

FIRST THINGS FIRST

The next meeting will this Tuesday, November 11 in the Skyrafters' clubhouse, Hangar B-5 here at Sonoma Skypark. Our speakers will be the Presten family talking about their summer travels around the world.

Dinner will be prepared Roy Myers. Roy is planning a Surf and Turf dinner with steak and salmon. The price for this meal will be \$8 to \$10 instead of the usual six, so we need to know how many people will attend so Roy can have enough food without any going to waste. RSVP to Roy at 415-897-2983 **NOW**, if you want to be fed.

We have the rest of the year scheduled for meals, but we still need cooks for next April, May, June and July. Please give me a call or email to let me know which month you can cover for dinner.

The schedule so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
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		

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

YOUNG EAGLES

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

It was very windy on the Young Eagles day in October, with winds gusting 25 to 35 knots, so the young people who came out were given an extended ground tour instead

of the severe beating they would have received if they went flying.

I really appreciate the fact that Rich Cooper has been such a responsible and conscientious Young Eagles Liaison for these many years.

Rich has asked that he be allowed to retire as Liaison for next year. BK White has generously stepped up to fill that position, with Rich helping mentor him during the transition.

BK has been helping with traffic control and ground duties for many years and is familiar with how the program runs. Now he gets to learn all about the paperwork.

We need two to three people to rotate to cover greeting the Young eagles and parents, as well as help them register. With more than one person doing the registration it won't become a chore but will remain a delight.



Another delighted Young Eagle.

Call or email Rich Cooper if you are able to help November 9 either by flying or as ground crew. His email is cooper@vom.com and his phone number is 707-938-5587.

EAA CHAPTER 1268
OCTOBER 14 2008 MINUTES

1900 hrs: Great dinner served

President Darrel Jones called meeting to order and thanked Judy Crosson and Howard Hall for the lasagna dinner. Dessert was carrot cake.

Introduction of guests: Steve Klein and Gonzolo Martinez. Steve use to fly hang gliders and now makes custom guitars at one of the buildings across from the airport. Steve said he has a lot of different exotic hardwood pieces available if a builder needed some for a project.

Gonzolo brought a 48 pound scale model of the Lamma turbine helicopter and did a short flight just prior to the meeting. Those that arrived early and saw it fly were impressed and requested that he return sometime in April or May time frame again, when day light would permit a flight later in the evening, so every one at the meeting could enjoy the demo. Gonzolo agreed and then proceeded to answer questions on the building and operation of his model. Gonzolo flew full scale light aircraft in South America.

President Darrel asked for help on filling officer positions that are up for election and discussed the need for all members to participate in the operation of the chapter so that the load can be shared and not carried by a few. Bob Mercer, Paul Siebert, Andy Smith, Travis Morton, Ron Price, and Walt Lewis are to get together as a nominating committee to present candidates that would be willing to serve for election at the next meeting.

Treasures report: Bob Avrit states in September the chapter had \$6446.83 in the general fund with a bank deposit of \$ 206 ,dinner receipts \$234, membership dues \$ 36, and expenses of ,dinner \$175.66 . The October balance is \$ 6566.83 with a deposit of 10 years dues of \$120.

In 2007 there were 67 paid members and in 2008 there are 62, Please get an envelope from Bob to put your 2008 dues in Bob requests that if you have a receipt, please put your name on it prior to giving it to him at the meeting, to insure reimbursement.

Young Eagles: canceled due to high winds

Membership Chair: Marilyn Poggensee made a member roster available to any one that needed it.

Air Explores report: Walt Lewis stated some of the goals for this year for the Air Explorers Walt said that the renewal fee for the post is \$20 and requested the chapter pay it for the Explorers. The chapter agreed and voted to do so.

Building Report: None

New business: Darrel said we still need new volunteers for doing the dinners, later in the year. Please sign up as soon as possible. Roy Meyers will be doing the dinner for the November meeting and will be doing steak and salmon. The expense of the meal will be based on what everyone wants, probably in the \$8 to \$10 range. Please call if you will attend and tell Roy what you like to reduce expensive waste. Roy's number is 415-897-2983 and the e-mail is <mailto:FlyboyRoy@aol.com>

Fly out: Don Cooley none planned.

The speakers for the evening were Eric and Debbie Presten, Ron Price, Frank Russo, Andy and Vina Smith, and John Thomason with a slide show of pictures that Travis Morton sent on the American Barnstormers Tour this past summer

2120 hrs Meeting adjourned

Sonoma Skycrafters
EAA Chapter 1268
358 Patten Street
Sonoma, CA 95476

**REMEMBER! THE MAY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER
1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 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:
Bob Avrit
4479 Grove Street
Sonoma, CA 95476