



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
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## LATEST HOMEBUILT FLYING AT SCHELLVILLE

Actually, Chris Prevost could have built several homebuilts in the time it took to completely restore this exquisite example of a Curtiss P-40N.

It has dual controls, if you're interested in a check ride...

### **CHAPTER OFFICERS**

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### **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The next meeting will be this Tuesday, February 10 in the Skyrafters' clubhouse, Hangar B-5. Dinner will be provided by Nelleke and Rich Cooper, who are asking for RSVPs so they can have an accurate count for servings. Call them at 707-938-5587 or reply with an email to [cooper@vom.com](mailto:cooper@vom.com) right away so they can go shopping!

Our speaker will be Ben Freelove, who works the airshow circuit with Shawn Tucker. He is bringing a video presentation and will tell us about flying airshows and the work involved in preparing for them.

### **DINNER SCHEDULE**

Nelleke and Rich Cooper will prepare dinner for February and have planned a delicious feast of Pork Chop casserole with apples, potatoes, onions and carrots and dessert. They sent an E-card to the members requesting a reply so they know how much to prepare. If you haven't RSVP'ed yet, please do so now to the phone number or email listed above.

Roy Meyers generously volunteered to coordinate the dinners so give him a call at 415-897-2983 or email to [Flyboyroy@aol.com](mailto:Flyboyroy@aol.com) to reserve your month. Chapter members preparing the meals are often pairing up and working together to provide dinner. If you don't feel that you can prepare the entire dinner yourself, go through the roster and give another members a call to ask them to help you.

Meeting attendance is usually between thirty or forty people and the club will reimburse our cooks for their out-of-pocket expenses preparing the meal.

We've only had to go out for pizza once, and that was due to a communications lapse on my part, so the system is working well.

The schedule so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
January '09	Jeannie W.	Jeanette W.
February '09	Nelleke C.	Rich C.
March '09	?	?
April '09	?	?
May '09	?	?
June '09	?	?
July '09	?	?

Please let Roy Myers know by email to [Flyboyroy@aol.com](mailto:Flyboyroy@aol.com) or call 415-897-2983 which month you want and we will finish filling this in!

### **YOUNG EAGLES**

November Young Eagles will be this Sunday, February 8 from 9 am to noon, weather permitting.

We still need two to three people to rotate to cover greeting the Young eagles and parents, as well as help them register. I know there are some high-powered executives among our membership who could handle these duties quite easily. Come out Sunday and give us a hand!

Call or email Rich Cooper if you are able to help February 8 either by flying or as ground crew. His email is [cooper@vom.com](mailto:cooper@vom.com) and his phone number is 707-938-5587.

### **OSHKOSH 2009**

July 27 through August 2. Clear your calendar, we're going flying!

### **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES JANUARY 13, 2009**

1900 hrs Great dinner served and prepared by Jeannie Williams with help from Jeanette Woods

President Darrel Jones thanked Jeannie and Jeanette for the meal preparation

Introduction of guests: Bob Nance and new members Craig Macdonald and Mark Aston.

Correction: guest name from last meeting is Curtiss Fretz

Darrel made presentations of award certificates for 2008 from EAA to Andy Smith as VP, Bob Avrit for treasurer, Frank Russo for secretary, Marilyn Poggensee for membership chair, Rich Cooper for Young Eagles, and Eric Presten for Flight Advisor and Safety Officer.

Darrel requested that the members think about topics that they might like to see discussed and anyone, that could give a presentation of interest to the group, please contact him.

Membership Chair: Bill Wheaton thanked Marilyn Poggensee for helping him and asked for help in recognizing new people that may want to become chapter members that he could sign up.

Jeannie Williams talked about McMinnville fly in being held this year at Pearson Airport near Vancouver this August 14,15,16<sup>th</sup> and it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event.

Jeannie said the Schellville Escadrille and the Petaluma Pilots Association have scholarships available for anyone interested in aviation careers

Treasures report: Bob Avrit states the chapter has \$6527.03 in the general fund with a bank deposit of \$182, dinner receipts \$440, membership dues \$48, and expenses for dinner of ( \$294 )

Young Eagles: Rich Cooper said that they had a banner turn out with 24 Young Eagles flown and some for the first time. Every thing went smoothly and he thanked all that helped and the pilots that donated their time and airplanes.

Marc Ashton explained the process for the Petaluma scholarship application, that are

due April 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be an interviews conducted midway.

Air Explorers: Walt Lewis requested that any one that has RC flying equipment, tools, books, tapes or DVDs that could be donated to the group for the boys to use or add to their library would be greatly appreciated. Walt wants to get as many of the explorers to OSH this year one way or another. Walt was thanked for his work with the Air Explorers by the chapter.

2100 hrs Meeting adorned

Frank Russo, Secretary

### **NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS**

I received this email from Kestas Sliupas:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!  
Just wanted to let you know - after hunting high and low for nearly 2 years I found a T-hangar. It's at Rio Vista, the same drive time as Sonoma Sky Park. I just moved my Wagabond in and am getting situated / organized. I was showing my son the airport's perimeter via motorcycle and thought I saw Andy at the ramp this morning?

Best, Kestas

Maybe we should plan a flight over to Rio Vista to check on his progress. Any restaurants within walking distance of the airport?

### **WHEN ARE YOU GOING FLYING?**

The weather has been so beautiful lately that it should be a criminal offense to not go flying. Remember, pilots are supposed to be devil-may-care individualists who do whatever they feel like. Just like five year olds. Lets got those props turning!

See you at the meeting!

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**REMEMBER! THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA  
CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, AT 7 PM, AT THE 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:    \$15 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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