



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
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MAY 2009



## SONOMA SKYPARK FAMILY FUN DAY MAY 30

You are all invited out to enjoy, participate and/or help with this fun event.  
It's definitely a family fun event, so bring the family!

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### FIRST THINGS FIRST

The next meeting will be this Tuesday, May 12 in the Skycrafters' clubhouse, Hangar B-5. Dinner will be provided by Larry and Todd Nelson, two of our newer members.

Our speaker this month will be our very own Ray Spengler, President and Chief Instructor of Skypark Aviation.

Ray will discuss his experiences with flying with the Civil Air Patrol. He will also have

available a live demonstration of the latest in flat panel displays from Cessna.

Raymond Spengler, a flight instructor from Sonoma, California, has been re-designated as a "Master Instructor" and "Master Ground Instructor" by the National Association of Flight Instructors, the nation's largest professional organization for those who teach people to fly.

The Master Instructor designation is a rare accomplishment, as fewer than 400 of the country's 84,000 flight instructors are currently designated as Master Instructors. The two-year Master Instructor status is earned and renewed through a rigorous process of continuing education, professional development and involvement in the aviation community. The program encourages flight instructors to enhance their abilities as both pilots and educators.

This national accreditation, recognized by the FAA, is earned through a rigorous process of continuing education and peer review. Much like a flight instructor's certificate, it must be renewed biennially. This process parallels continuing education regimens used by other professionals to enhance their knowledge base while increasing their professionalism. Simply put, the Master Instructor designation is a means by which to identify those outstanding aviation educators, those "Teachers of Flight," who are demonstrating an ongoing commitment to excellence, professional growth, and service to the aviation community.

The program requires the completion of 32 Continuing Education Credit (CEUs) chosen from a schedule of recognized activities. The program encourages instructors, both full- and part-time, to engage in professional activities to enhance their teaching skills. More information can be obtained through NAFI Headquarters at 920-426-6801 or through NAFI's website ([www.nafinet.org](http://www.nafinet.org)).

NAFI was founded in 1967 and is dedicated to raising and maintaining the professional standing of flight instructors throughout the nation, as well as providing a safe and effective learning situation for students. In addition, NAFI initiates education and support programs through the aviation industry.

See link below;

<http://www.skyparkflying.com/>

### **DINNER SCHEDULE**

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. We look like we have meals covered through June, but we may starve through the rest of the year if we don't fill those slots.

The schedule so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
May '09	Larry N.	?
June '09	Marsi F	and co.
July '09	BK White	?
August '09	?	?
September '09	Darrel J.	Gary McD
October '09	Walt L.	Marilyn
November '09	?	?
December '09	XMAS	PARTY!

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**

April Young Eagles would have been on Easter Sunday, so Young Eagles was been postponed until the second Sunday in May, on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

We always need two to three people to rotate to cover greeting the Young eagles

and parents, as well as help them register.  
Come out Sunday and give us a hand!

BK White has taken over as Yong Eagles coordinator, so give him a call at 707-996-1335 or email him at [BkandCarol@vom.com](mailto:BkandCarol@vom.com) to let him know you will be flying and helping.

### **SKYPARK FAMILY FUN DAY**

Saturday, May 30 Sonoma Skypark will host its annual open house and charity fund-raising event benefiting our Air Explorer Post.

The airport will be closed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the public event running from 11 to 3. There will be free food for the attendees, so we are always looking for some good hamburger flippers. A silent auction will be held to raise money for the Air Explorers. If you have aviation-related or NON-aviation-related articles that you can donate, they will be featured in the auction and raffle and you will receive the gratitude of the Explorers while enjoying the benefit of cleaning out your hangar or house a bit. Call Nelleke at 707-938-5587 or simply bring your donation to the meeting this Tuesday.

We are also asking that you plan on bringing your airplane, old car, vintage motorcycle or other items of interest to the public out and put them on display. All vehicles need to be in place by 10 a.m. to ensure the safety of the public.

Finally, we are asking for your help in making this a fun event for everyone. If you can spare an hour or two during the event, please call Kathy Carmichael at 707-935-1728 or Ron Price at the airport office at 707-996-2100 to find out what still needs to be done.

Set-up will start about 4 p.m. Friday afternoon with pizza for the crew.

### **OSHKOSH 2009**

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

### **WATSONVILLE FLY-IN**

Chapter 119 at WVI is trying this year to enhance the Fly-In part of the Watsonville Airshow this year. We have recognized the dissatisfaction many have expressed with the Fly-In experience in the last few years. EAA 119 this year will be increasing our participation by having a free Open House or Open Hangar after we serve our pancake breakfast each morning. During this Open Hangar, we are lining up some speakers and displays of interest to an EAA member. We can't change the prices charged to fly in but can offer a free breakfast for those who stay over Saturday night. And we will have wi-fi and computer access for flight planning use. We have already lined up four or five speakers and are looking for more and suggestions that we as Open Hangar hosts can do.

We will continue to have our Hot Dog stand, Pancake Breakfast, and Aircraft Judging as in the past.

Also, in the past the airport has reduced the price for fuel pumped in the display area to fly-in aircraft by \$1 per gallon, I suspect they will do so again. Watch the flyers that will be mailed out, it is usually mentioned in the fine print on the back.

Please pass the word and send replies, suggestions, ideas to me or [info@eaa119.org](mailto:info@eaa119.org)

Thanks for your attention!

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## UKIAH FLY-IN

On Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>. The Ukiah California municipal airport will host an "AIRPORT DAY" Starting with a 9AM pancake breakfast. Walk in entry and parking are totally "FREE".

For those clubs, business establishments, organizations and even individuals who would like to participate, perform display, set up booths etc., AGAIN! It's all "FREE". The large airport grounds are ideal for attendees to wander and enjoy the extreme variety of total family entertainment and diversions that are planned.

While aviation will be a featured theme with many exciting events such as flour bombing and spot landing contests, show plane displays and judging, antique biplane rides, flying tours of the valley and much! Much! more; we fully realize the community has wide and diverse interests. We will try to cater to as many as possible and even give valuable prizes to unsuspecting patrons.

If you would like to volunteer as a judge or serve in some other capacity or just want further information for any reason email [airportday@cityofukiah.com](mailto:airportday@cityofukiah.com) or call the airport Mgr; Gregg Owens [707] 467-2855 and M. Lee Wachs [master of ceremonies] 707 463-0467

ARRIVING AIRCRAFT :contact air boss on 123.00

[bringing your own flour is suggested]  
FUEL IS AVAILABLE

## 2009 CALENDAR

I've put together a calendar for some nearby activities and destinations. If you are going to one of these please let me know and we will find some pilots and planes to fly with you.

May 8-10, 2009 **Gathering of Luscombes**, Columbia, CA, 114 miles

May 9, 2009 **Western Regional Zenith Fly-in**, Cloverdale, CA, 42 miles

May 11-29, 2009 **SLSA/ELSA Repairman Maintenance Course**, Corning, CA, 114 miles

May 15-16, 2009 **Taylorcraft Fly-in, Sonoma Skypark**, Sonoma, CA

May 22-24, 2009 **Watsonville Airshow**, Watsonville, CA, 101 miles

May 23, 2009 **6th Annual Northern California Sonex Fly-In**, Rio Linda, CA, 61 miles

May 30, 2009 **Sonoma Skypark Annual Family Fun Day**, Sonoma, CA

Jun 12-14, 2009 **Golden West Regional Air Show and Fly-In**, Marysville, CA, 84 miles

Jun 20, 2009 **EAA Chapter 124 Young Eagles Flights**, Santa Rosa, CA, 20 miles

Jul 11, 2009 **Nevada County Airfest**, Grass Valley, CA, 100 miles

Jul 18, 2009 **Old Time Fly-in**, Colusa, CA 68 miles

Aug 14-16, 2009 Northwest Antique Airplane Club Fly-in, Pearson Field, Vancouver, WA

Sep 4-6, 2009 **McMinnville Aircraft Fly-In**, McMinnville, OR, 479 miles

Oct 4, 2009 **Wings and Wheels**, Rio Vista, CA, 42 miles

Oct 15-17, 2009 **Parade of Planes**, Hayward, CA 48 miles

Send your information on any other fly-ins or destinations and we will update our calendar during the year.

## EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES APRIL 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Darrel Jones.

Jack Caldwell and Richard Craig were thanked for the delicious dinner.

Guests were Les Goldner from the Petaluma LSA EAA Chapter, and Bob Goldner. Members were reminded that dues is \$15 per year and that they are very, very due. See the back of the newsletter for the

renewal form and Treasurer Bob Avrit's address.

The President's report was about the Sonoma Skypark Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 30. Members were invited to bring the family and also to pitch in to help.

Treasurer Bob Avrit reported that the club has \$6937.83 in the bank and that the chapter will be paying Sonoma Skypark \$20 per month or \$240 per year for consumable supplies for our dinners.

The Young Eagles report was that the April event was cancelled due to the conflict with Easter, but would be held next on Sunday, May 10.

The Air Explorer report was that they will be able to send at least two Air Explorers to the EAA Air Academy, with more going as funding allows. The Chapter was thanked for its \$500 donation to the Post.

Scholarships are available from the Schellville Antique Escadrille and the Petaluma Area Pilots Association, or PAPA.

Richard Craig announced that the Napa EAA Chapter was donating its Young Eagles flight credits to the Sonoma Skypark Chapter to help the Air Explorers go to the Air Academy. Previously, \$1 per Young Eagles ride had been credited by EAA headquarters, but that credit has been increased to \$5 per ride.

The EAA B-17 will be flying from Napa Airport from April 30 through the weekend, with Young Eagles rides offered Saturday, May 2. The Napa club asked for Young Eagles pilots from Sonoma to help give the rides.

The April speaker was retired UAL captain Phil Simon of San Rafael. Phil talked and showed a slide show about building and flying his Sonex LSA to all of the lower 48

states. He also talked about test-flying a builder's Sonex in South America.

### COMMUNICATIONS

We received the following from Steve Buss from EAA headquarters:

I am writing today to share with you the latest information on the controversial TSA Security Directive (1542-08F). The directive, which has a June 1 implementation date, applies to airports where general aviation operations coexist with scheduled airline service, even where the airline service is minimal.

Details of this TSA directive started coming to light late last year, as airport officials began advising airport users to prepare for security changes. Since then, EAA has partnered with AOPA, NBAA, GAMA and others to voice concern and raise awareness on The Hill.

We believe the measures are unnecessary, don't enhance national security, are costly, impractical, and threaten general aviation activity.

We all have objected to the way TSA is handling this situation. TSA packaged the new requirements as a security directive (think of it as a secret internal memo) to airport managers instead of allowing public input and comment.

Because of this secretive approach, we don't have all the details of the program. However, enough of the pieces have come together and we have a feel for the major provisions. If adopted in full by the beginning of next month, the directive would:

- apply only to airports that have commercial airline service, even those with minimal airline operations and those where commercial and general aviation operations are already well-segregated;

- institute background checks and require I.D. badges for all aircraft operators, passengers and related personnel based at these airports, including general aviation airport users;
- require anyone who does not have an airport-issued I.D. to have an authorized escort, even at airports that are sparsely staffed; and
- leave specific implementation methods and details to each respective airport, resulting in a lack of standardization of airport-security policies, procedures, and protocols.

EAA government affairs representatives continue to press the aviation community's concerns with the TSA, with Department of Homeland Security Secretary Napolitano, and with key legislative contacts in influential Capitol Hill committees.

Our objections to the directive include:

- **It's redundant.** FAA already has extensive information of general aviation aircraft owners and operators.
- **It's inflexible.** The major directive requirements apply similar requirements at small, remote airports and much busier, high-traffic airports, even though the security needs are likely very different. It appears that the directive would also treat the security sensitivity of different areas of the airport uniformly, even though these areas may have quite different security considerations.
- **Its required practices are not standardized.** Whereas the major requirements discussed above are too inflexible, at the other end of the spectrum the details regarding how to implement these provisions are at the discretion of each individual airport. The burden will lie with owners and operators to track the

differences. (TSA indicates, however, that the background checks and badge requirements would not apply to transient aircraft.)

Our goal is to convince the TSA to explore alternatives that would address their objectives without suppressing general aviation activity and your access to general aviation airports.

We have provided this information to keep you and your fellow Chapter members informed on this issue. EAA, along with other aviation groups, continue to work to preserve airport access and the future of general aviation.

If you or your members have additional questions about this issue or other government-related issues facing aviation, please visit our web site at [www.eaa.org/govt](http://www.eaa.org/govt).

Sincerely,  
Steve Buss  
Manager, EAA Chapters

This was culled from the Internet:  
[www.runwayfinder.com](http://www.runwayfinder.com) is a good site with active sectionals that can be used for flight planning.



Not often will you see a B-17 landing and taxiing in at Schellville. This isn't a Photoshop job, either. Thanks, Roger Cain.

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

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

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

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