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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
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THAT'S OUR WARBIRD JOCKEY JIM ROBERTS GRINNING

You'd think a guy who flew a Swift wouldn't be that impressed with a P-51 ride, but there's no accounting for some people's tastes.

We're looking forward to seeing Jim again at Oshkosh this year.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

Marsi Faraja has volunteered to provide the meal for this month's meeting. We have July covered, but are still looking for August and November.

Paul Seibert has suggested that the June 9 meeting be an "Open meeting" with builder/restorer/flyer reports plus an open discussion on getting ready for and attending Air Venture. Our program will be just that.

Paul also sent along this web site with Harrison Ford speaking about the need to protect our rights to general aviation. <http://www.gaservesamerica.com/> Your Board of Directors, comprised of the officers of the club and other interested members, met before the last meeting to discuss plans for the rest of the year and the future for Sonoma Skyrafters.

Several of them will be calling everyone on the membership list to ask them what aircraft are they building and flying, and what interests they have in aviation. The Board members will also be asking those members who haven't been active if they are still interested in participating in Chapter 1268.

You can be a member of this Chapter by being a current member in the national EAA and paying the \$15 annual dues in the Chapter. Some of our members can attend meetings infrequently, but still want to stay involved in the Chapter happenings, so they stay do so by continuing to receive the newsletter.

I was talking to Gary McDonald and Scott Adams about PAPA's successful poker run last month and we came up with the idea of combining a monthly fly-out for both groups. We will have an individual flight leader who would arrange the destination and then pilots from both airports would meet there.

Let me know where you would like to go for lunch or to look in hangars and we will get this thing going. Suggested flights would be to the Golden West Fly-In, and airports around the area within a half hour to hour flight away.

You too can be a flight leader! Let's go warm that oil!

DINNER SCHEDULE

The schedule so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
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!

Roy Meyers generously volunteered to coordinate the dinners and is looking for cooks.

Let him know by email to Flyboyroy@aol.com or phone at 415-897-2983 which month you want and we will finish filling in the list for the rest of the year!

YOUNG EAGLES

June Young Eagles will be Sunday June 14 from 9 a.m. to noon here at Sonoma Skypark.

We always need two to three people to rotate to cover greeting the Young eagles and parents, as well as helping them register. Come out Sunday and give us a hand!

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

SKYPARK FAMILY FUN DAY

Sonoma Skypark's Family Fun Day has come and gone for another year and was another outstanding success.

Big thank-you's go to Kathy Carmichael for organizing everything and Ron Price for the logistical work. Many people put their airplanes and cars on display and many pitched in to help host over five hundred people who came out to see what small airports and general aviation are all about.

Nelleke sent over her thank-you's to all the people who donated to the raffle and silent auction, but I had a little trouble opening the file, so it will be in next month's newsletter.

OSHKOSH 2009

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

I am planning on leaving Sunday July 19 and attending the Pietenpol fly-in at Brodhead, WI from the 22nd through the 24th, then flying up to Oshkosh on Sunday July 25. Depending on weather, we may go up through Oregon, Washington and Idaho again, then across Montana into the mid-west. The highest pass on that route is a little over 4,000' so we won't need to do a lot of climbing just to miss the mountains.

This year is the 80th anniversary of the Pietenpol Air Camper so the Pietenpol pilots are planning a mass fly-in to Oshkosh and will display as a group.

Oshkosh has seen many improvements thanks to the hard work of the EAA staff and volunteers, including a new type club building to replace the tent next to the Vintage Red Barn. That and new restrooms and permanent showers should make a more comfortable stay for those camping on the field.

John Thomason has a hangar at Cottage Grove, OR and a house at Brodhead, so you can talk to him about finding space on the floor or renting a bed if you will be stopping at either airport along the way.

I'm hoping to finally make it to Priest Lake, though I'm not getting my hopes up too high until I'm on short final.

If you can get away for a week or two I guarantee that you might get more flying in that one trip than you do the rest of the year. The only disclaimer is that Oshkosh is very, very addictive.

Check out the action at <http://www.airventure.org/about/>

PETALUMA FLY-IN JULY 18

Classic Wings & Wheels will be held on **July 18th, 2009**, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the [Petaluma Municipal Airport \(O69\)](#). This one-day event will feature static displays of aircraft, automobiles & motorcycles, and will include representatives from various federal, state, city and community agencies and organizations. Classic Wings & Wheels will highlight the benefits of the airport to the citizens of our city and county, as well as the benefits, career opportunities, and services provided by the attending agencies and organizations.

We expect to have 50+ aircraft and 60+ vehicles on display, with 2000-3000 people in attendance.

Admission and parking are both free.

Donations will be gratefully accepted.

Proceeds to benefit the [PAPA Scholarship Fund](#), which provides scholarships to young adults pursuing a career in aviation.

Registration forms are available here:

[Airplanes](#)

[Cars](#)

PAPA members, feel free to print and post [this flyer](#).

Sponsors:

[City of Petaluma](#)

Contact person for more information:

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Editor: I've included the hyperlinks so you can download the registration forms and flyer for this event. If you have trouble doing that, visit the PAPA web site at <http://papapetaluma.org/>

PAPA is inviting all Sonoma pilots to bring their airplanes over for the day.

UKIAH FLY-IN JUNE 20

On June 20th, the Ukiah Airport will host a completely free community-wide event that it hopes to continue annually.

Simply called "AIRPORT DAY", the airport staff and a small group of dedicated volunteers will present a veritable smorgasbord of activities and entertainments.

While there will be an emphasis on things aeronautical (after all, it is an airport), the day's events are designed to appeal to the broadest spectrum of attendees as possible. Here are just some of the things you will encounter. Over 100 custom motorcycles, racing cars from Ukiah Speedway, Roller Derby and skating races, radio controlled model aircraft, skateboard exhibitions, strolling musicians, food and informational booths, experimental and unusual aircraft flown in from all over the State, who will participate in flying skill competitions such as spot landings, flour bombing, and much more. There is a 9 AM pancake breakfast served up by the National Guard from a large modern food service vehicle planned along with a display and tours of their latest

military hardware. California Division of Forestry flying and static demonstrations. A flyover by a Stealth Bomber has been requested through official channels.

Bounce houses, face painting and many other children's activities, along with cotton candy and free popcorn. Performances by Native American dance groups, food and refreshment vendors and so much more!

If you or friends have a talent and are not too bashful to perform or you are a member of a group that can entertain or display its wares, please do call Greg Owen, Airport Manager at (707) 467-2855, or email airportday@cityofukiah.com or call M. Lee Wachs (Master of Ceremonies) at (707) 463-0467.

And remember, It's All Free to attendee and vendors alike, including the parking! So bring the entire family for a full day of fun and entertainment, and if you would like to volunteer as a contest judge or in some other capacity, please call Greg or Lee at the above numbers.

Contact Air Boss on 123.00

Bringing 11b paper bags of flour is suggested for bombing contest.

Fuel is available.

Please exercise utmost caution during ground operations.

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.

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

July 18, PAPA Petaluma Wings and Wheels fly-in, right next door.

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 **MAY 12, 2009**

1930 hrs: Excellent BBQ rib dinner served with beans, salad, and desert of chocolate cake

President Darrel Jones called meeting to order and thanked Larry Nelson and Todd Walker for bringing their BBQ kitchen on wheels and doing the ribs. Darrel thanked Ray Spangler for the desert and Gardner Bride from Petaluma Coffee Company for supplying the coffee.

Guests: Eric flies a Pitts and is building his own wings for it.

Paul Seibert saw Brent Smith, an early chapter member, and he said to say hi to every one. Brent is living in Auburn.

Treasurers report: Bob Avrit stated that there is \$ 7129.83 in the chapter general fund, bank deposit of \$72, dinner receipts of \$145, 3 memberships dues of \$45, 2 EAA memberships dues rebate of \$20, and dinner expenses of, (\$118). Dues are over due ,please get them in.

Membership: Bill Wheadon, no report

Secretary: no report

Young Eagles: BK reports that they had 10 to 12 Young Eagle rides with help from Rich Cooper, Ron Price, and Paul Seibert. BK also thanked the all the Pilots that participated

Air Explorers: Walt Lewis reports the Air Explorers helped as needed with the B-17 at Napa the previous week end .

Walt explained a new program called Next Step that Sporty's is sponsoring for Young Eagles who show future interest after their introductory flights. The program supplies a logbook and ground school, on-line, that will get them through the FAA written exam. The program is aimed at the 13 year-old kids.

Walt said that Martin Walsini, age 15, and Debbie Watkins, age 17, will be going to the EAA Air Academy at OSH and that Martin turns 16 on the July 31 and Debbie 18 on July 29th. Debbie is looking forward to spending her birthday at Air Venture.

New Business: Darrel said the board of directors and officers will be contacting the membership to see what you are building, or what your interests are, and what you would like to see the club do.

Darrel said the EAA is going to offer a national complimentary membership to prospective candidates so that they can see if they would like to continue to be EAAers. EAA is also encouraging young people to join at \$10 through age 17.

Walt Lewis proposed our chapter offer young people \$5 dues through age 18. The members present voted and passed the proposal..

20:30 hrs Meeting adjourned

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**REMEMBER! THE JUNE MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER
1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JUNE 9, AT 7 PM, AT THE SONOMA SKYPARK
SKYCRAFTERS CLUBHOUSE, HANGAR B5.
DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM, SO DON'T BE LATE!**

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**

Please mail your dues to:

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