



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
21870 Eighth Street East  
Sonoma, CA 95476

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## **DON'T LET HOMELAND SECURITY FIND OUT!**

Air Explorers from Post 1268 learn basic electricity and how to use digital multi-meters furnished by our own Frank Russo.

I'd keep an eye on that guy in back though. Looks suspicious to me.

### **CHAPTER OFFICERS**

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

BK White will be covering dinner for the July meeting. We still need cooks to prepare the August and November meetings. Contact Roy Meyers and let him know if you can arrange meals for those two months.

Remember, you can call a couple of other members and make a potluck out of your meal. You will always be serving to an appreciative audience!

Our July 14 speaker is scheduled to be Mike Soto, FAA Tower Chief at Napa Airport. Mike is a member of the Napa EAA Chapter and has an interest in Light Sport aircraft.

Thank you to Paul Siebert for arranging this speaker.

## **DINNER SCHEDULE**

The schedule so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
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](mailto: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**

July Young Eagles will be this Sunday July 12 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](mailto:BkandCarol@vom.com) to let him know you will be flying and helping.

## **OSHKOSH 2009**

Several pilots from local Sonoma and Napa EAA Chapters are planning on attending Oshkosh this year.

If you can get away for a couple weeks 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 Airport.

Admission and parking are both free. Proceeds to benefit the PAPA Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to young adults pursuing a career in aviation.

Contact person for more information:  
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Bodega Bay, CA 94923  
707-875-3200 ext. 303  
[scott@bodegabayrealty.com](mailto:scott@bodegabayrealty.com)

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

## 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES JUNE 9, 2009

Marsi Faraja and her son Abel served up a fabulous Persian meal complete with chicken, rice, yogurt, lentil and grilled tomatoes. It was one of the most exotic dinners we've seen in some time and there was enough that members were able to go back for seconds and thirds. Not bad for six dollars!

Gardner Bride once again brought his excellent coffee from his Petaluma Coffee Company.

Our guests were Mary Ann and Martin Dolcini. Martin is one of our Air Explorers and is going to the Youth Air Academy at Oshkosh along with another Air Explorer Devon Watkins and Marsi's son Amir.

Treasurer Bob Avrit reported that the Chapter has \$7146.54 in our bank account and have fifty-seven members paid to date.

BK White announced the June young Eagles day for June 14. He also said that Chapter 1268 Young Eagles can receive a log book sponsored by Sporty's Pilot Shop that includes the ability to log onto the Sporty's web site and use a free on-line ground school course that will prepare them for taking the private pilot written exam.

Walt Lewis reported that the Sonoma Skypark Family Fun Day contributed \$1180 to Air Explorer Post 1268 with the funds used to sponsor Martin Dolcini, Devon Watkins and Amir Faraja to the EAA Air Academy at Oshkosh. Napa and Sonoma Skypark EAA chapters Young Eagles pilots generated \$1085 toward the Air Academy costs as well.

Jorge Oros, one of our prior Air Academy attendees, will be flying back to Oshkosh via Lockhaven, PA, with Jeff Montgomery.

The meeting was adjourned and we had a surprise speaker, Jim Lachendro, who met his wife while flying missionary work in a 206 in Papua New Guinea years ago. He showed pictures and told lots of interesting stories about flying in the bush. He flies for Korean Airlines and lives in Scotland.

You had to be there!

We forgot to thank Ran Spengler for his very informative presentation on ELTs new and old at the May meeting. He was able to clear up some of the confusion surrounding the change to the new 406 MHz satellite ELT mode from the old 121.5 frequency.

Ray owns and runs the FBO and flight school here at Sonoma Skypark. Ray is a Master Ground and Flight instructor with 4300 hrs logged and 2300 hrs instrument.

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**REMEMBER! THE JULY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JULY 14, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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