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MEET THE FOKKERS

Three Fokker aircraft replicas flown from the Vintage Aero Flying Museum in Colorado to the Dawn Patrol Rendezvous at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio over the weekend of September 25-27

Check out: <http://vintageaeroflyingmuseum.blogspot.com/>

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The October meeting will be this Tuesday, October 13, at 7 p.m. We may be meeting in

Ray Spengler's new aircraft maintenance hangar at G-1 at Sonoma Skypark, although I haven't heard back from him confirming that he has coordinated the meal with the cooks. At any rate, if you arrive at the meeting and the regular clubhouse is closed, drive down the airport to the west side of the office and see if the meeting is in G-1.

Walt Lewis and Marilyn Poggensee are preparing tri-tip and trimmings. Dinner will be the usual bargain of six dollars.

The program will consist of photos and a talk on the U.S. Air Force Museum and the Dawn Patrol Rendezvous this last September in Dayton, Ohio. Jim Hill and I flew back commercially and spent a day plus going through the museum and a couple days at the World War I replica aircraft and reenactor event held on the old runways of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base beside the museum.

Dayton isn't shy about letting the world know it is the site of the first airport in the world where the Wright brothers developed and tested their Wright Flyer models on Huffman Plain. Visitors can see where the Wrights started out in their bicycle shop and walk the grounds of Huffman Plain as well as visit this world class aviation museum in Dayton.

The Air Force Museum is an excellent collection of just about every aircraft the Air Force has flown. The collection ranges from the first American military aircraft including a Wright Flyer and Curtis biplane through the experimental sound barrier breaking X-planes, the presidential Air Force Ones and even the original Apollo 15 command module.

A week wouldn't be enough time to completely experience everything available at the museum. The Smithsonian is the only museum larger that I've seen.

DINNER SCHEDULE

The schedule so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
October '09	Walt L.	Marilyn
November '09	?	?
December '09	XMAS	PARTY!
January '10	?	?
February '10	?	?
March '10	?	?
April '10	?	?
May '10	?	?
June '10	?	?

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

August Young Eagles will be this Sunday October 11 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.

2009 CALENDAR

The year is drawing to a close and it is getting time to start planning the 2010 flying season. Let's plan on flying somewhere at least once a month next year!

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

Start sending me your information on your favorite fly-ins and air shows for next year.



Frank Russo sent a nice picture of a visiting V-tailed Sonari at Skypark. I believe this guy is also building a Pietenpol.

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

September 8, 2009

Well, they will be in the November newsletter. Be sure to make a motion to approve them at the meeting Tuesday evening.



Devon Watkins and Martin Dolcini were the September speakers and talked about their experiences at the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh this summer. They both celebrated birthdays while they were attending Airventure at Oshkosh.

Here are some web sites with information about the Dawn Patrol activities as well as WWI replica aircraft and the museum.

<http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/>

<http://www.lafayettefoundation.org/>

<http://www.kcdawnpatrol.org/index.php>

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

<http://www.gwaero.org/>

<http://www.fokkerdr1.com/DawnPatrol.htm>

<http://www.wv1aeroinc.org/>



Kathy Carmichael sent a photo of John landing their Cessna 182 on floats at the Clear Lake Splash-in this September 26.

John has instructed in seaplanes and floatplanes and has flown float planes commercially in Alaska.

The Clear Lake Splash-in has been held over the last weekend in September for many years and attracts seaplanes and float planes from all over the United States and Canada.

For information about volunteer and vendor opportunities for the next three years' Splash-In, (Sept. 24-26, 2010; Sept. 23-25, 2011; Sept. 28-30, 2012; and Sept. 27-29, 2013), contact Mike Dunlap at 877-828-2286. Check out the videos.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/LakeCoNews>

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REMEMBER! THE OCTOBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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.**

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Dear Chapter 1268 and 167,

I want to thank you so much for sponsoring me so I could come to this wonderful Air Academy. Being here has been one of the best experiences of my life and I couldn't have done it without you. I have made so many amazing friends and I've done things I would never get to do anywhere else.

One of the greatest things I've done here is the challenge course. I climbed a 43ft rock wall and made it all the way to the top! That was the first time I've rock climbed and I couldn't believe how much I could accomplish if I put my mind to it. I look forward to everyday except the last day when we have to go home because all my friends live far away. I'm not going to lie but it was very hard being here at first because everything was so new and scary but after being here I feel like I could do anything.

I can't wait to get my pilot license and then work on being a rescue pilot. I am also considering becoming an aerobatic pilot because of the things I've seen and learned in ground school. You really have no idea how happy and how much I appreciate what you all have done for me. The experiences I've had here will last forever.

Thank You,
Devon



Dear EAA chapter 1268

First off I would like to thank you for this once in a lifetime opportunity. I would not be here in Oshkosh if it wasn't for your generous donations to the Explorer post. This has been quite an experience. I have managed to learn skills that I will use for the rest of my life thanks to you!

During my time here I have spent my time between a classroom, workshop and museum. In the classroom I learned many different things from different airfoils to reading weather TAFs. In the workshop I took time to make a sparkplug box out of sheet metal, a clipboard out of fiberglass, a wingrib as well as how to balance an aircraft and find its center of gravity. One of the most important things I learned here; is how to weld. I have been trying to learn that for years now and I finally did and I wouldn't have if it wasn't for you and your wonderful donations. So thank you sooo much!

Sincerely

Martha Dolan