



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
21870 Eighth Street East  
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## ROY MYERS' AIRSTREAM CAMPER

Roy recently participated in an Airstream camp trailer rally and, like other pilots who are Airstream enthusiasts, has combined his interests in aviation and camping. His is in fact one of the more popular factory models.

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The November meeting will be this Tuesday, November 10, at 7 p.m. Dinner is a potluck organized by Nelleke Cooper and Jan Wheadon and will consist of chicken, salad, bread and dessert. Roy Myers will have the fixings for root beer floats for dessert.

The meeting will be nomination and election of officers, so if you don't attend you will be guaranteed an office.

Eric Presten will speak and show photos of the filming of the new movie "Amelia".

## **DINNER SCHEDULE**

The schedule so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
November '09	Jan W.	Nelleke C.
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](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**

Young Eagles was today, Sunday November 8, and what a gorgeous day it was.

The sun was shining, the skies were severe clear and the air was warm and velvety, with just a little burble to let you know you were sailing through the sky.

We flew thirty-one Young Eagles, with a Four H group and many regular Young Eagles joined by a good selection of first-time fliers.

We had a good turnout of pilots, including some old regulars like Nerio Festa, Frank Russo, Ron Price and Dave Meeks as well as a new Beechcraft Bonanza guy from Alameda, Bruce Bolla. They all complained about being forced to go flying on such a sunny day and to endure ecstatically happy kids bubbling with enthusiasm after landing from a ride.

Jeanette Woods helped Jasmine with registration, but was very definite that she will be back in the air by the next Young Eagles day.

Although the Chapter 1268 Young Eagles pilots guard their privileged flying very jealously, they might be coerced into sharing the fun if any other pilots wanted to come out and fly a few kids.

I especially want to Thanks Jasmine for her competence, dependability and beautiful smile as she meets arriving Young Eagles and gets them registered. She and Jeanette perform those tasks so gracefully that they are a joy to watch. Come out and join them and see for yourselves.

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.

### **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!

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

### **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES** **September 8, 2009**

1930 hrs Great chicken chili dinner served thanks to Gary McDonnell and Ed Stieger and birthday cake provided thanks to Devon Watkins mother for Devon's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday that occurred at OSH.

President Darrel Jones thanked Gary and Ed for the meal preparation and helpers Marsi Fahraji, and Roy Myers. Darrel is requesting volunteers for meal prep, and that they give him a call, if you are willing to do one of the open months.

Introduction of guests: Scott Thomason, in for a very special occasion. Bill Wheadon introduced Mark Henderson, he is in the process of building an RV12. Devon Watkins mother Randy and her husband Tony Collins, Devon's brother Davis along with friend Bev Hill and her daughter Madison

Treasures report: Bob Avrit states the chapter has \$6729.14 in the general fund with a bank deposit of \$151, dinner receipts \$196, membership dues \$60, and expenses for dinner of \$105, Bob is requesting that you put your name on any receipts that you give him for reimbursement.

Young Eagles: BK is out of town, Rich Cooper said that they flew 12 youngsters last month, and the next Young Eagles flights will be held on the coming Sunday Sept 13, 0900hrs.

Aviation Explorers: Walt Lewis: The group will visit Jimmy Rollison's hanger collection on Saturday Sept 26. Walt is looking for a four place Aircraft, to standby if needed, to transport two or three of the group to Yolo Davis Airport for the tour at Jimmies hangar.

Walt wants to have the exploring group paint some donated aircraft chocks and customize them as requested for a yet to be determined amount to help support future expenses to Air Academy.

Guest Speakers: Walt Lewis introduced the Aviation Exploring members Devon Watkins, and Martin Dolcini. They went to the Air Academy, just prior to Air Venture, and gave a wonderful account of their experience. They both had their birthdays, eighteen and sixteen, while at Air Venture and got a ride in John Thomason's WacoYK6 on floats.

### **October 13, 2009**

The meeting was called to order sometime between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m.

Spaghetti dinner was provided by Marsi Fahraji, Marilyn Poggensee and Roy Myers. The dinner and meeting was held in Ray Spengler's new maintenance hangar and Ray sponsored the evening's meal as an introduction of the new services available at Sonoma Skypark.

Guests were Charlie from Cline Cellars and Rob and Roxanne. Since some of the other members seemed to know them we'll have to ask what the last names were.

Curtis Presten will be participating in a student exchange program next summer in Europe and is accepting donations to help with travel costs. The program is the "person to Person" exchange started during the Eisenhower administration. Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses.

Ron Price reported that Don Youngs had a stroke and cannot speak, although otherwise seems alert and in good health.

Don's wife passed away earlier this year and then Don suffered a broken hip, but had been out to the airport recently and had been working on his airplane.

Don is staying with his son and welcomes emails from old friends. Drop Don a line at DonaldYoungs@aol.com. I'll have a card at the meeting to sign and send along to him.

Ron reported that Don's airplane, a Varieze, is for sale.

The Treasurer Bob Avrit reported that the balance in the checking account is \$7375.94 and includes a \$500 donation by Jeanette Woods in Hal's memory. Bob also reported that we have seventy paid members.

BK reported that Yong Eagles day on October 11 three pilots flew seven Young Eagles. The overcast was low enough that the first flight didn't get off the ground until 11:45, fifteen minutes before the scheduled end of the flight.

The schedule got stretched as needed.

Air Explorers reported that Jeanette Woods also donated \$500 in Hal's memory to Post 1268. John Thomason said that the Explorers were writing up thank you cards.

John also reported that one of the new young Eagles co-chairmen, Jeffery Skiles, recently bought a Waco YOT and has it based at Brodhead, WI.

Old business: Roy Myers reported that the November meeting would be a potluck.

Ron Price announced that the December Christmas party will be Friday December 4 at 6 p.m. Sonoma Skypark will once again join with EAA Chapter 1268 in hosting the party. The airport will provide the main dishes with the Skypark pilots furnishing the salads and side dishes and the EAA members bringing the desserts.

Speakers for the evening were Amir Fahraji talking about his participation in the Air Academy at Oshkosh this summer, and Darrel Jones and Jim Hill talking about the Dayton U.S. Air Force museum and Dawn Patrol Rendezvous they visited in September.

The meeting broke up without a fistfight and everyone went home full and satisfied.



Roy cooking. Need we say more...(but it was delicious!)

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

Telephone number, home: \_\_\_\_\_ work: \_\_\_\_\_

EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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