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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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SANTA PUTTING THE SQUEEZE ON SKYPARK STAFF

Be sure to bring a wrapped toy for your little one for Santa to present at the combined Sonoma Skypark and EAA Chapter 1268 Christmas party this Friday, December 4, starting at 6 p.m.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The December meeting will be the Sonoma Skypark and EAA Chapter 1268 combined **Christmas Party this Friday, December 4**, with social hour starting at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7.

EAA Chapter 1268 and the Sonoma Skypark pilots and owners are once again joining together for a party and dinner at the airport. The party will be held in Ray Spengler's maintenance hangar at G-1 to provide enough room for everyone to meet, eat and share some holiday cheer.

Sonoma Skypark will again be providing the main dishes. Skypark pilots and shareholders will be bringing side dishes, salads and desserts. EAA Chapter 1268 members are asked to bring appetizers. If you are both a Skypark shareholder and an EAA member send Kathy Carmichael an email at jdc@vom.com or call her at 707-935-1728 to ask what dishes are needed.

Set up will be on Thursday December 3 starting at 4 p.m. My spies tell me that there are usually some goodies to eat and drink for the crew, so come by the airport and give a hand.

Roy Myers will be out of town this year, so George Papich and John Thomason will be battling it out to see who gets to wear the Big Man's suit. I don't know if the winner or loser will be doing the honors.

Be sure to bring a wrapped present with your little one's name on it if you would like Santa to present the gift.

You can also optionally bring an unwrapped gift for the local Toys for Tots program and we will make sure they get to the local fire station for distribution at Christmas time. We've done this before and had a good response. This program extends the spirit of the season to some kids who otherwise wouldn't get a toy.

For those who are into receiving instead of giving this season, there will be a White Elephant gift exchange. The rules on this are that you look around the house to find something that you don't want, wrap it and bring it to the party.

You will draw a number and have your choice of packages starting with the lowest number and working up. If someone has something you would rather have, you can "trade" your gift for his or hers.

Because we've had some disappointed kids in the past, we're limiting the exchange to adults only. If you have a youngster attending please bring something for Santa to present to them.

The White Elephant gift exchange affords everyone the opportunity to practice a little Zen philosophy by giving up material things after getting something really cool.

Just keep breathing deeply and telling yourself that you didn't really want that bottle of fine wine or new Rolex watch.

Give Kathy a call with any questions you have. And give her a big "Thank you!" for doing such a great job planning and coordinating the party.

YOUNG EAGLES

The Young Eagles crew will be taking December off, but will return to the skies Sunday January 10 at 9 a.m., weather permitting.

If you know someone who has a youngster age 8 to 17 who would like a free flight to introduce them to the fun and wonder of flying let them know about our Young Eagles rides.

We can always use help flying, registering, giving ground school and covering the flight line. This is one of the honest "For a good

time..." deals out there. Free coffee or juice, a donut or cookie, and the enjoyment of seeing the excitement on the faces of the kids when they've landed and run to their parent announcing "I got to fly the airplane!"

Come out and join the fun!

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.

DINNER SCHEDULE

The schedule for next year so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
December '09	XMAS	PARTY!
January '10	?	?
February '10	?	?
March '10	?	?
April '10	?	?
May '10	?	?
June '10	?	?
July '10	?	?
August '10	?	?
September '10	?	?
October '10	?	?
November '10	?	?
December '10	XMAS	PARTY!

Roy Myers 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!

2010 CALENDAR

Airventure 2010: July 26-Aug. 1, Oshkosh, WI

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

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES **November 10, 2009**

It was a great meeting.

I'll tell you all about it next issue.

We do have some new officers. I would like to thank Jorge Oros who volunteered as Vice President, Marsi Fahraji for offering to be our new Secretary, Bill Wheadon, our current Membership Chairman who will take over the duties of Treasurer, and Paul Seibert, Walt Lewis and Gardner Bride, who will be our new Board Members.

I also want to thank our outgoing officers and chairpersons who have contributed much to the success of our Chapter. Thanks to Bob Avrit for being Treasurer, Frank Russo for being such a capable Secretary, Rich Cooper for many years of service as our Young Eagles Coordinator, Jeannie Williams who filled in as Vice President

I dropped the ball in not asking for a nominating committee this year, but our new Board can straighten me out next year.

I will be serving as President and Newsletter Editor for another year. If you're crushed that you weren't asked to take over the fame and glory of this high office, you'll have your chance next year. Sooner if you want to overthrow the current administration.

Again, I ask each of you to give us your ideas and input to make the club a more active, enjoyable experience for all.

Just hit "reply" when you receive your newsletter and let me know how you really feel. (Don't sugar-coat it...)

Ed.

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REMEMBER! THE DECEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, AT 6 PM, AT THE SKYPARK AVIATION HANGAR G-1. SOCIAL HOUR STARTS AT 6 PM. 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: _____

Telephone number, home: _____ work: _____

EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ **EXPIRATION DATE:** _____

AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: _____

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