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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The April meeting will be this Tuesday,
April 13, with dinner starting at 7 p.m.

We have been asked to RSVP to Rich and Nelleke Cooper with the number of people for dinner because they are preparing ribs and need an accurate head count.

All Members,

Dinner for the April EAA meeting is planned to be BBQ ribs, mashed potatoes, vegetable, and dessert. We are asking \$6.99 and for you to please make a reservation with the number of people attending to:

cooper@vom.com

Sincerely,

Thank You

Rich & Nelleke (the cooks)

Our speaker will be Shawna Kelly, author of AVIATORS IN EARLY HOLLYWOOD and descendant of aviator actor “Daredevil” DeLay, will be presenting and book signing at Sonoma Skypark. Kelly specializes in the classic motion picture aviators. She will also emphasize their filming airfields and especially aerial performing with their favorite Curtiss “Jenny” star aircraft. Kelly will share daring images and film footage clips, along with precision stunt pilot stories. These brave behind-the-scenes stories are inspiring!

Shawna will visit Frank Schelling’s Jenny at Schellville in the afternoon before the meeting. If you haven’t seen Frank’s Jenny yet, stop by Schellville around 4 p.m. and take a look.

For more information on Shawna’s book, go on-line at <http://www.facebook.com/aviatorsinearlyhollywood>

YOUNG EAGLES

April Young Eagles was rained out so we will give it another try in May. BK brought donuts and Ron brewed coffee so some hangar flying was performed instead.

BK White has taken over as Young Eagles coordinator, so give him a call at 707-996-1335 or email him at bkeagle1@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
April ‘10	Rich C	Nelleke C
May ‘10	Darrel J	Catherine
June ‘10	Jeannie W	Jeanette W
July ‘10	Marsi F	?
August ‘10	?	?
September ‘10	Walt	?
October ‘10	Ron P	?
November ‘10	?	?

December ‘10	XMAS	PARTY!
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Let Roy know which month you want at 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!

SPEAKERS

We are always looking for a few good speakers.

Are you building or have you ever built an airplane? Had an interesting/wonderful/exciting/terrifying flying experience? Know something about aviation or the associated technology? You can come brag and show pictures and go home with a bottle of wine and our undying gratitude. Well, the bottle of wine anyway.

Please let Paul Seibert and/or Jorge Oros know and they will happily schedule you into our speakers’ bureau.

Month	Speaker	Subject
Apr	Shawna Kelly	Hollywood
May	?	?
Jun	?	?
Jul	?	?
Aug	?	?
Sep	?	?
Oct	?	?
Nov	?	?
Dec	Sandy Claws	FAA lists

COMBINATION TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT

EAA 1268 April, 2010

Membership Report

We presently have 58 dues paid members for 2010 with 1 returning member (Fred Dickson) and one new member (Leon Scarbrough). Fred has apparently been a Skypark habitu , a former member, and he flies a Citabria 7KCAB.

Leon is a local semi-regular attendee at the Saturday hamburger fests and flies an Aeronca out of Schellville.

Treasurers Report

According to the latest bank statement we have a balance of \$9808.93 of which \$1500 is being held in the Hal Woods Memorial Fund.

Activities for the March bank statement are as follows:

Members dues renewals -	\$210
March meal receipts -	\$79
Hal Woods Memorial Fund -	<u>\$1500</u>
Total deposits -	\$1789

Report submitted by Bill Wheadon

2010 CALENDAR

Sun-n-Fun, Lakeland, FL: April 13-18,
Pacific Coast Dream Machines, Half Moon Bay, CA: April 25

Los Angeles Aero Meet: June 12-13
Arlington EAA Fly-in, Arlington, WA: July 9-11

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

Wings Over Wine Country, Santa Rosa, CA: Aug. 27-28

Watsonville Fly-In and Airshow, Watsonville, CA: Sep. 4-5

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

OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST

Aluminum Overcast (B-17) will be in the area May 7-9 in Napa offering rides. Want to go up?

There are only 14 B-17's remaining that still fly today. The B-17 is a historical piece of history that was instrumental in changing the tide of WWII.

You can read more information on-line at here:

<http://www.eaa.org/calendar/eventdetail.asp>

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It's not cheap, but when you get on board and take in the experience -you'll forget about what it costs.

As a previous rider said: "*As soon as the engines fire up, you soon forget about the money.*"

Petaluma Airport ASOS is now certified
132.325 & 707-773-1529

Curtis Presten is doing a fund raising project for his trip to Europe this summer in the student exchange program. He is collecting old inkjet toner cartridges, cell phone, chargers, mismatched jewelry, electronic items, old laptops computers etc. He will be setting up a collection box at the airport. Please bring any items that could help him collect money for his trip. So far he has collected about \$5000 of the \$7400 he needs for the trip.

Curtis is also putting on a garage sale this coming Saturday, April 17. If you have anything to donate for his sale give him a call at 707-939-8913 and arrange for him to pick up your donations.

The Sonoma Mentoring Alliance is hosting an event at Sonoma Skypark this Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to noon. Mentors will be bringing their mentees out for a radio controlled aircraft demonstration by Gary Iacini and his Remote Control Jet Air Show on Saturday, April 17th.

The mentors and mentees will join the regulars for the BBQ lunch after the demonstration.

Rich Cooper coordinated the event with Tina Baldry of the Mentoring Alliance.

Walt Lewis still needs a two horsepower

electric motor for the donated air compressor for the Air Explorer Post.

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES **February Minutes**

February 9, 2010. Board of Director's Meeting

President Darrel Jones called the BOD meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.
Adjourned: 6:58 pm

PRESENT:

Darrel Jones, President
Jorge Oros , Vice President
Bill Wheadon, Treasurer
Walt Lewis, Board Member
Gardner Bride, Board Member
Paul Siebert, Board Member
BK White, Board Member
Marsi Fahraji, Secretary

Keys were distributed to the officers and board members

Treasurer's Report: We are up approximately \$200 because of dues renewals.

Young Eagles Coordinator BK White announced that the next Young Eagles would be the following Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Secretary: No announcements.

President Darrel Jones asked the officers and board members to help conduct a membership survey. Survey handed out and divided amongst board members. Dues amount \$15. 82 members registered; 37 Paid; 45 Unpaid.

Board member Paul Siebert informed the officers that the airport entrance gate is now automatic and scheduled to close at 7:00 p.m. It is controlled with a keypad.

President Jones asked that all records be collected and placed in the locked file cabinet in the clubhouse. He also asked the officers and board members to submit reports and articles for the newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:58 pm

February 9, 2010 – Darrel Jones called General Meeting called to order at 7:49 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from prior meeting were approved.

DINNER: Thanks to tonight's cook, Roy Myers, for the scrumptious Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread and Chocolate Cake.

GUESTS: Tammer Barkouki (pilot working on instruments)
Bill Smith
Dieder Makowski

COFFEE: Thanks to Gardner Bride for exhilarating coffee.

SPEAKER: Earl Pederson, 30-years at NASA as meteorologist.

The program was presented by Jasmine's grandfather. He immersed us in a snapshot of his life's work with NASA - - from the genesis of his experiments /adventures as a meteorologist.

BIRTHDAY: Jack Caldwell's 89th birthday - -Group song was lead by Richard Craig...."For He's a Jolly Good Fellow..."

Calendar:

Petaluma Area Pilots Association will have 5-6 guys flying at 80 mph to Moab, Utah to the Painted Desert; 1st week in April. North Route over South Lake Tahoe, towards Ely.

Santa Rosa EAA Chapter – Swap Meet (middle of next month).

Les Goldner announced that an electrical plane NASA/CAFE Symposium will be held at the Double Tree in Santa Rosa. \$299 – 2 days.

Ron Price announced the Casa Grande Antique Fly In will be March 5-6.

More guests: Earl/Karen; Heather / Kevin / Nick (new pilot working on instrument reading).

Walt Lewis, the Air Explorers advisor thanked John Carmichael who donated rudder pedals and a windshield. Will take a little work to make them work with a Vagabond.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00, with the speaker presenting the program immediately following.

Respectfully submitted, Marsi Fahraji,
Secretary

March Minutes

March 14, 2010. Board of Director's Meeting

President Darrel Jones called the BOD meeting to order at 6:10 p.m..
Adjourned: 6:45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Darrel Jones, President
Bill Wheadon, Treasurer
Walt Lewis, Board Member
Gardner Bride, Board Member
Paul Siebert, Board Member
BK White, Board Member
Gary McDonald, Board Member
Ron Price, Board Member
Marsi Fahraji, Secretary

NOT PRESENT

Jorge Oros , Vice President

Survey and dues; target date for finalization: April 13, 2010.

Feedback from the membership survey was that the members most enjoy the social aspects of the chapter. They also enjoy the speakers and would like to see more flying activities organized through the chapter. What was the feedback?

Chapter member Mark Ashton suggested an outreach program to other local Civil Air Patrol and EAA chapters using a common website to post events.

Petaluma Area Pilots Association is setting up a calendar to list events in the Northern California area. Tom O'Neal is the webmaster.

We need to recruit a 1268 member to revitalize the chapter website.

YOUNG EAGLES:

Sponsorship of young people to the Air Academy was helped with donations of Young Eagles pilot credits from other Chapters. BK White will contact other chapters to pursue additional credits for our chapter youth, and coordinate with Napa and Petaluma to see if they have credits to contribute.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The officers and board members discussed setting up a fund for people to contribute for scholarships for young people to help pay for flying lessons or aviation career training.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

Submissions from officers for newsletters could be on last of month (the Saturday before meeting).

6:45 p.m. Meeting Adjourned.

March 14, 2010

Darrel Jones called General Meeting called to order at 7:44 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes from prior meeting were approved.

DINNER: Thanks to tonight's cooks: Bill and Jan Wheadon

MEAL: Chile con Carne; Corn Bread; Salad; Dessert

COFFEE: Gardner Bride – Petaluma Coffee. It was a blue's breaker.

GUESTS: Tom Ryan
Fred Dixon
Jane Gaylord

SPEAKER: The program was presented by Richard Craig and Jack Caldwell on Light Sport Aircraft

Announcement regarding Membership survey.

- More fly-outs.
- Always looking for good speakers.
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Gary McDonald announced: May 8, 2010. Poker Run in Petaluma (East to Byron). Pancake Breakfast / Hamburgers. 4-5 Airstrips.... Petaluma, Sonoma, etc.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Wheadon: Not much. Badge color for 2010 – Paid/Green. No color – Not paid.

Vice President's Report: Jorge Oros. He has two hours solo so far.

Young Eagle's Report: BK. White Help is needed for Young Eagles Sunday because of an expected larger group of Young Eagles. Chapter 1268 received 93 credits for EAA Air Academy, \$465 for scholarships in Oshkosh.

Publications: Sonoma Family Life magazine., March 2010 issue. Written by MaryAnn Dolcini (Martin's mum).

Air Explorers meeting on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Two speakers from Coast Guard. C130 / Professional surfer. This will let them (AE) see another part of aviation. Open invitation.

New Post in Santa Rosa (Post 707). Sponsored by museum. Joint activities. Got scholarships due for PAPA. April 15.

Curtis Preston: Regarding Europe Trip. Collecting jewelry, ink cartridges, electronics to recycle for funding.

Les Goldner:

1. April 26 – May 1, 2010: Light Sport Trip – MOAB. Canyon Land, monument Alley, Grand Canyon - - chase car.
2. April 22, 2010: Cafe Foundation – Electric Airplane Symposium, Rohnert Park. "Electric Planes in Sports Flying. \$299, includes meals.

Eric Preston: 630 people attended Bud Field's memorial.

Ron Price: April 17, 2010 – Mentor's at Sonoma re Radio Controlled Jet Power.

Gary McDonald. April 17, 2010: St. Patrick's traditional dinner in Petaluma's Club House. East End / South Side.

132.325 New AWOS in Petaluma: (707) 773-1529. Frequency: 3232

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Marsi Fahraji,
Secretary

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DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE!

REMEMBER! THE APRIL MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 13, AT 7 P.M., AT THE SKYCRAFTER'S CLUBHOUSE HANGAR G-1 AT SONOMA SKYPARK AIRPORT.

DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM, SO DON'T BE LATE!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE 6 P.M. BEFORE THE MEETING

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: _____

Your check should be made payable to: **EAA 1268**

Please mail your dues to:

Bill Wheadon, Treasurer

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