



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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SKYPARK'S OWN TYLER ORSOW HAS FLOWN WEST

It's especially hard to lose one of our airport kids. Fair skies and following winds Tyler.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The March meeting will be Tuesday, March 8 with dinner starting at 7 p.m. in the Chapter 1268 clubhouse, B-5, at Sonoma Skypark.

Rich and Nelleke Cooper are preparing a delicious beef stew, salad and Irish Whiskey cake. You can RSVP to Rich and Nelleke at nellekecooper@vom.com to let them know how many people will be at dinner.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The EAA Chapter 1268 site is up and live; you can see it now at <http://www.eaa1268.org/>. There, you'll be able to see each month's newsletter, as well as a calendar of our upcoming events. Trevor built it on a very customizable platform, so there is still a lot more potential. Things like a photo gallery for young eagles is not far off. If there's a lot of interest in using the site, I could add more features and do a short presentation on how to use them. In the mean time, try taking a look.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK!

Howard Hughes' epic World War I tribute to aviation is our feature movie for March. Starring Ben Lyon and James Hall, the black and white film offers a special color section with the eighteen year young and beautiful Jean Harlow. Filmed on location in Van Nuys to replicate the European countryside, the production moved to Oakland for the flying sequences taking advantage of the spectacular cloud formations. Mr. Hughes lavished 3 million dollars on this film making it the most expensive movie production in 1930. The grand daddy of all of the aviation movies, we are pleased to show it on our club house screen with another exciting installment of our serial, "Mysterious Pilot." As always, the movies and popcorn are free of charge and pizza and a beverage is only \$5. The movie will be on Saturday night this month, after the Friday

night Sonoma Skypark Shareholder's Meeting. Hope to see you at 6 PM!



See you at he movies on movie night **SATURDAY, MARCH 26** at 6 p.m.

YOUNG EAGLES

The **TEAM** came through big time on Sunday 13 Feb. It was a little foggy up until about 10:30, but then it cleared off and with no breeze it turned out to be a GREAT day. Our biggest problem was NOT ENOUGH Airplanes. A lot of our regulars were either out of town or their Flying Machines were down for Annual. Anyway, John Thomason, Rich Cooper and Richard Craig did almost "Hot Turnarounds". Then the Ace in the Hole showed up in the guise of Sam McIntosh with his 182, which could accommodate 3 Young Eagles. So between these four Saints we managed to fly

TWENTY-NINE (29) Younguns. Marci handled the Admin details with assistance from Bill Wheadon and Margo Porter. Other participants were Darrel, Emanuel, Walt, Roy, Jack Caldwell. Andy Smith was the Sky Park Rep. and got all the doors open, signs out, coffee made etc. I just can't express my gratitude to ALL those who participated. I'm willing to bet we have one of the most successful programs in the country. It's the VOLUNTEERS that make the difference. Looking forward to our next Fly Day March 13th (again). GREAT HUGH THANKS!
B.K., Young Eagles Coordinator

March Young Eagles will be next Sunday, March 13, starting at 9:00 a.m. A number of our regular pilots and ground crew will be out of town again so we especially need as many of our chapter members as possible to help out.

The weather has been beautiful, and should be again next weekend, so we can expect a good turnout of kids to fly. Please make a point of coming out to Sonoma Skypark for the morning to lend a hand.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We only need cooks for July, September and November. Let Roy know for which month you would like to be our star chef. Roy can be found at Flyboyroy@aol.com or by phone at 415-897-2983. You can also let me know at wd6bor@vom.com and I'll put you on the roster.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
MAR '11	Nelleke C.	Rich C.
APR '11	Emanuel B.	Anna D.
MAY '11	Catherine J.	Darrel J.
JUN '11	Garret P.	Margo P.
JUL '11	?	
AUG '11	Marsi F.	Amir F.
SEP '11	?	
OCT '11	Ron P.	

NOV '11	?	
DEC '11	XMAS	PARTY!

SPEAKERS

We are still looking for speakers, so send Travis an email at Jungroth@gmail.com and copy an email to me at wd6bor@vom.com so we can get your information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker	Subject
MAR	?	
APR	?	
MAY	Peter Goldstein	King of Tonga
JUN	?	
JUL	?	
AUG	?	
SEP	?	
OCT	?	
NOV	?	
DEC	Rudolf	Night VFR

EAA 1268 MINUTES

**Sonoma Skycrafter EAA chapter 1268
Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 2011
Chapter Clubhouse – 21870 – 8th St. East,
Sonoma, CA**

Call to Order: Chapter President Travis Morton called the meeting to order at 6:21pm

Attendance: The following board members were present: Travis Morton, Jeanette Woods, Walt Lewis, Paul Seibert, Bill Wheadon, Darrel Jones and BK White. Marsi Fahraji and Gardner Bride were absent

Old Business:

EAA candidates and the Air Academy: Darrel Jones is in contact with EAA National.

Walt Lewis has Troy Hewett as possible candidate

Ron Price and Paul Seibert are helping Emmanuel Berke

Walt Lewis has submitted applications for Amir Fahraji and Garrett Porter and is waiting on Ben Curtis's application. Amir Fahraji and Garrett Porter have reservations for the first session at the Air Academy – Emmanuel Berke and Troy Hewett have reservations for the third session.

In the future Darrel Jones will be the contact for EAA national and Walt Lewis will be the local contact.

Paul Siebert reported (unofficially) that the chapter has 148 Young Eagle credits worth \$740.

February 28 – last date for local scholarship applications

March 31 - last date for national scholarship applications

New Business:

Young Eagles – because some of the regular YE pilots will not be available BK will put out a request for pilots for the February YE event

Travis is working on the website and has it up and running – he'll coordinate with Darrel to get the newsletter available through the website. Website is available at www.eaa1268.org

Darrel Jones sent out a current copy of the Bylaws to board members in pdf form. He is working to update by amendment the bylaws to make them more applicable to current operations. Because many of the chapter's documents are titled in different names, one of the amendments is to have a single name "**Sonoma Skycrafters EAA Chapter 1268**".

For the newsletter, Darrel Jones requested a short summary of happenings for articles preferably a week prior to publication.

Air Explorers – Walt Lewis has an overnight visit to the aircraft carrier Hornet in the planning stage.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 – minutes submitted by Bill Wheadon

General Membership Meeting February 8, 2011

President Travis Morton called the meeting to order at 7:12

Thanks were given to Jan and Bill Wheadon who were the cooks for the February meeting. Thanks were also given to Richard Craig who supplied the cakes for the surprise celebration of Jack Caldwell's 90th birthday.

President's report – Travis discussed topics of the BOD meeting (see BOD minutes). He highlighted the proposed modification of the present by-laws and establishing one name for our organization- **Sonoma Skycrafters EAA Chapter 1268**. He also mentioned that the chapter website, www.eaachapter1268.org is up and running. Some content features coming in the near future will be a newsletter archive, a calendar of events and a picture gallery. For those wanting to contribute to the website, contact Travis Morton.

Membership Chairman Report – Not counting those who paid at this meeting, 35 of our members have paid their 2011 dues. The new badges for 2011 have been boarded and the color for this year is sky blue

Treasurer's Report – the chapter current bank balance is \$7113.15.

Announcements:

Les Goldner announced that the Café Foundation is holding a 5th annual CAFE Electric Aircraft Symposium on April 29-30, 2011 in Santa Rosa. One of the topics will be coverage of the Green Flight Challenge which is a project funded by NASA to the tune of \$1.65M and is a flight competition for quiet, practical, Green aircraft that will take place July 11-17, 2011 at the CAFE Foundation Flight Test Center at Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport in Santa Rosa. It is the largest-ever prize for civil

aviation and there are currently 9 teams entered. Team aircraft must fly 200 miles in less than two hours using the energy equivalent of less than 1 gallon of gasoline per occupant. Team aircraft include those propelled by gasoline, bio-diesel, hydrogen, and electricity. For more information go to <http://cafefoundation.org>.

Les is building an electric powered motor glider (Cumulus) using 80 radio controlled model aircraft batteries.

Paul Seibert announced that this year is the 100th anniversary of naval aviation and as a kick-off Paul is going to the North Island Naval Station near San Diego to help static display a local Jenny.

Travis Morton is offering a \$50 introduction-to-flying ride in his Citabria, which will be approx. 45 minutes in length.

Travis also is interested in starting a motor glider club geared toward young members since they can solo at age 14 in this aircraft. He's hoping for 8-10 members in the club

Evening program:

Was given by on-field mechanic Craig MacDonald. He talked about and showed pictures of a Vagabond rebuild project for a client that he completed several years ago.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm.
Submitted by Bill Wheadon

TYLER ORSOW LOST IN CRASH

I've waited until the end of this newsletter to write the sad news that one of our own Sonoma Skypark airport kids died in an aircraft accident in Abu Dhabi.

Tyler was part of the crew ferrying a Turbo Grumman Goose conversion, the McKinnon G21G, from the United Arab Emirates to the United States. Also killed were pilot Chuck Kimes and owners Landon Studer, the

owner and general manager of Triple S Aviation; Joshua Hucklebridge, the company's international project manager.

Tyler was the son of Terry Campbell, who had been a shareholder at Sonoma Skypark and who served on the Board of Directors. Terry, who moved to Calaveras and started a seaplane instruction business there, was instrumental in forming EAA Chapter 1268 here at Sonoma Skypark.

Tyler has been on my mind since hearing about the accident. We all expect and hope to grow old before we die, but the loss of someone young is never part of our expectation of life. Our grief at losing a parent is still part of what we expect, as difficult as that is. The grief of a parent losing a child is incomprehensible. The only thing we can think of saying is "I'm so sorry."

I've been thinking of an old Peter, Paul and Mary song, "Forever Young". We had lost a nephew to a motorcycle accident when he was thirty-six. I remember that intense pain and grief that never seemed to subside. We have his photographs up in nearly every room, but the one I see most is the one of Dan smiling, printed from the computer on plain paper and stuck to the refrigerator with a magnet. After several years I realized that he is still part of our life, but as we grow older, he will remain forever thirty-six, forever young.

My mother told me that my baby sister who died as an infant was now a star in the heavens. As a child, when I looked up on a starry night I was comforted knowing she was up there with everyone else who had ever died.

When I look up now into the night sky glittering with all its stars, I will see Tyler with his youthful smile, forever young.

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REMEMBER! THE MARCH MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 8, AT 7 P.M., AT THE SKYCRAFTER'S CLUBHOUSE HANGAR B-5 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: _____

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