



THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
21870 Eighth Street East
Sonoma, CA 95476

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PAUL SEIBERT GOING REALLY FAST IN A CURTIS JUNIOR

Wouldn't you know that Paul found a little orphan airplane back in the Midwest and had to give it a good home. Jealous, aren't you. It now lives at Brodhead, WI.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The April meeting will be Tuesday, April 12 with dinner starting at 7 p.m. in the Chapter 1268 clubhouse, B-5, at Sonoma Skypark.

Anna Diaz and Emanuel will be providing dinner from Mary's Pizza with a big salad.

Our speaker will be Les Goldner talking about the electric airplane he is building. With gas at Skypark now a bargain at \$5.17 a gallon, thirteen cents a kilowatt hour doesn't sound too bad.

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.

The latest news is that our Chapter President, Travis Morton, has taken over the flight school here at Sonoma Skypark and is now offering instruction in both a nice Cessna 172 and his Citabria. Pretty good for a former Young Eagle.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER'S REPORT **First Quarter 2011 Report**

Membership- As of April 8, 2011 there are a total of 54 paid members through 2011 and 14 Associate members (spouses or significant others).

Treasurer's Report: For the first quarter of 2011 the treasurer has sent to all board members a break down of the chapter's finances in the form of a Running balance account (of our checking account with West America Bank), a Meal Accounting report, and a Bank Deposit accounting. These reports are in the form of an excel spreadsheet and can be sent to any member in good standing in that form or in pdf form.

To summarize, our checking account balance as of March 30, 2011 is \$6,609.43. Submitted by Bill Wheadon, Treasurer Sonoma Skycrafters EAA Chapter 1268

EAA 124 NEWSLETTER ON-LINE

Check out the Santa Rosa EAA Chapter's newsletter on-line at:
<http://www.eaa124.org/Newsletter/Apr2011.pdf>

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK!

The "Blue Max", a coveted medal for achievement in flying, is ruthlessly sought by Peppard, a poor-boy German soldier who climbs out of the trenches and into the aristocratic air force. He is met with prejudice by the other contestants, wealthy snobs who (look down on the lower class soldier). The Blue Max is highly unusual among Hollywood films, not just for being a large-scale drama set during the generally overlooked World War I, but in concentrating on air combat as seen entirely from the German point of view. The story focuses on a lower-class officer, Bruno Stachel (George Peppard), and his obsessive quest to win a Blue Max, a medal awarded for shooting down 20 enemy aircraft. Around this are subplots concerning a propaganda campaign by James Mason's pragmatic general, rivalry with a fellow officer (Jeremy Kemp), and a love affair with a decadent countess (Ursula Andress). As directed by John Guillermin (who later made The Battle of Britain in 1969), the film's main assets are epic production values, great flying scenes, and stunning dogfights. The weak point is the sometimes ponderous character drama, not helped by Peppard, who is too lightweight an actor to convince as the driven antihero. Clearly influenced by Kubrick's Paths of Glory (1958), The Blue Max is a cold, cynical drama offering a visually breathtaking portrait of a stultified society tearing itself

apart during the final months of the Great War. –Gary S. Dalkin



See you at the movies on movie night, **FRIDAY, APRIL 30** at 6 p.m.

YOUNG EAGLES, April 10

What a day huh? Severe clear, just as advertised. The tally for today is twenty-two (22) Y.E.'s got airborne.

Pilots: Sam McIntosh, John Thomason, Bill Wheadon, Trevor & David Meeks, Andy Smith, Frank Russo, Les Goldner, Ron Price, Travis Morton, Jeanette Woods

Ground Support: Paul Seibert, Manual, Anna, Jasmine, Walt Lewis, Darrel Jones

Radio Guys: Jim Hill, Dave Dammuler, Alan Young, Sanford Smith.

As usual, it was a 100% team effort. Very unusual, we actually had MORE aircraft than we needed, what a treat.

EVERYONE is to be congratulated. Looking forward to next month already.

If I forgot any names, it was strictly intentional!!!! THANKS TEAM.....B.K.

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
APR	Les Goldner?	Elect A/C
MAY	Peter Goldstein	King of Tonga
JUN	Tad Chapman	Test piloting
JUL	Frank Russo	Barnstormers
AUG	Bob Avrit	B-52s
SEP	?	
OCT	Robin Chapman	Women in Av
NOV	Rich Cooper	Pan Am
DEC	Rudolf	Night VFR

We have Don Booker, Eric Presten, the Barnstormers Tour group and Les Lucas as

other speakers, so we will schedule them in as we go. We also have Peter Friedman from Livermore who will talk on "40 Years of Homebuilt Aviation". We currently have three speakers for May, so we will have to sort that out before then.

EAA 1268 MINUTES

Sonoma Skycrafter EAA chapter 1268

Board of Directors Meeting

March 8, 2011

Chapter Clubhouse – 21870 – 8th St. East, Sonoma, CA

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Darrel Jones, Jeanette Woods, B.K, Bill Wheadon, Walt Lewis, Paul Siebert and Marsi Fahraji. Absent: Travis Morton. Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Bank Balance is \$6,520.15

Director Darrel Jones has been working on the revisions to the Chapter bylaws to bring them into conformance with the national EAA guidelines. He will submit an amendment form of the Chapter Articles of Incorporation to the California Secretary of State to change the name of the Chapter to "Sonoma Skycrafters EAA Chapter 1268". Currently the Chapter name is different on four different documents. The cost of filing the amendment is \$30. The bylaws revisions will be sent to the voting members for their approval as soon as they are returned from the national EAA office after their review and approval. The Chapter is applying to the Internal Revenue Service for formal 501.c.3 non-profit status. The attorney's review will cost \$250 and the filing will cost \$400. The Board of Directors voted to approve the expenditures.

Dinner was prepared by Nelleke and Richard Cooper, and Jan Wheadon. Dinner consisted of beef stew, rolls and salad, with desserts of Irish whisky cake, lemon bars

and brownies. Coffee was provided by Gardner and Shelia Bride from the Petaluma Coffee Company.

MARCH EAA 1268 MINUTES

March 8, 2011

GENERAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:51 PM by Director Darrel Jones.

Guest & New members: Robin & Tad Chapman.

Young Eagles Report by BK:

29 Young Eagles flown on February 13, with four aircraft flown by Sam McIntosh, Richard Craig, Rich Cooper and John Thomason.

Ground crew was Bill Wheadon, Margo Porter, Emanuel Burke, Jack Caldwell and Marsi Fahraji.

Air Explorers meeting will be on Sunday March 13 at 12:30. Troy Hewitt will also attend the EAA Air Academy. She has 5 hours flight time in a Piper Colt with an instructor.

Board of Directors' report: Board members approved sending five Young Eagles to the EAA Air Academy. Chapter 1268 is contributing \$800. We have five candidates: Garrett Porter, Emanuel Burke, Amir Fahraji, Ben Preston and Troy Hewett.

The members were asked to help with the expense of sending five young people to this year's Air Academy by making whatever contribution they can. Chapter has \$740 in Young Eagles credits to apply to tuition, room and board. The total cost to send five kids will be about \$5,800. Gary MacDonald generously donated \$400 to the scholarship fund.

The speaker for the evening was Jim Hill, President of the Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club, or VOMARC. He talked about various aspects of the ham

radio hobby and announced the annual VOMARC Hamfest and breakfast to be held at the Sonoma Veterans' Building, 126 First Street West, here in Sonoma, on Saturday April 30, from 8 a.m. to noon. The hamfest will include a \$6 breakfast from 8 to 10, an electronics swap meet, an operating radio station and other displays and presentations. Admission is free.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Marsi Fahraji,
Secretary

DON CARTER FLIES WEST

Don Price Carter was born on Oct. 3, 1927, to Homer and Margaret (Price) Carter in Liberty Township, Ohio. After growing up on the family farm, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served in Japan during World War II. Upon his return from the war, he earned an engineering degree from Purdue University. He accepted a job with Weirton (National) Steel in West Virginia, and soon transferred to San Francisco, where he met his loving wife, Anne (Zeman). They married in the city in 1970, enjoyed 26 years together before her passing and raised three children in the bay area.

His love of airplanes and flying became a true passion for Don at a very young age. He treasured flying his antique airplanes throughout California and the rest of the country, and was a regular at many air shows in the west where he could dazzle onlookers with his aerobatic feats. His collector vehicles and vintage motorcycles were also close to his heart; he cherished riding all across the United States with his motorcycle buddies.

Don was also an avid water and snow skier and enjoyed many trips to the mountains with close friends throughout the years.

Don passed away at the age of 83 on March 20, 2011, at his home in Sonoma.

He is survived by his children, Kim Carter, of Sonoma; Ryann (and Noah) Pressler, of Flower Mound, Texas; and Lindy Carter, of San Francisco; two grandchildren, Grant and Grace Pressler; brother, Jerry (and Marge) Carter, of Hamilton, Ohio; sister, Velma Griffithof Franklin, Ohio; brother-in-law, Dave Meyer, of West Chester, Ohio; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents; wife, Anne; sister, Doris Meyer; and brother-in-law, Rollie Griffith. He will be fondly remembered as a loving husband, cherished father, adored "grandpa" and loyal brother and friend who led quite an extraordinary life and is now flying higher than ever before.

All those who appreciated Don are invited to a celebration of his life at the Schellville Airport in Sonoma, on Saturday, June 11, 2 p.m., for a day filled with flying.

Ryann Pressler
817-491-4661

DON AND GARY'S "EXCELLENT BREAKFAST"

Come join the fun, with the PAPA (Petaluma Area Pilots Association) Annual Breakfast. Eggs to order, corned beef hash, coffee Potatoes, and juice all for only \$7.00 Profits will benefit the PAPA building fund. Start the flying season off right!

Petaluma Area Pilots Association
Date: Saturday April 16, 2011
Time: 8 to 10 AM
Petaluma Airport O69
PAPA Clubhouse

Any Questions, Please call,
Gary McDonald 707-333-4464

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LAST CALL FOR YOUR 2011 DUES! SEND A CHECK FOR \$15 TO BILL WHEADON AT THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW ON THIS PAGE. WE'RE DOING UP THE CLUB ROSTER FOR 2011 AND WE WANT YOU INCLUDED.

REMEMBER! THE APRIL MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 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: _____

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

Please mail your dues to:

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