



# 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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## **SOMETIMES ALL WE NEED IS A NICE PICTURE**

Send me your nice photos and I'll put them in the newsletter

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The May meeting will be Tuesday, May 10 with dinner starting at 7 p.m. in the Chapter 1268 clubhouse, B-5, at Sonoma Skypark.

Catherine Jones will be providing dinner of chicken enchiladas, cabbage salad, chip and salsa, and home made cookies for dessert. I'll help carry things in from the car.

Our speaker will be Peter Friedman showing slides of Oshkosh 1977 and talking about his experiences in the EAA and homebuilding. Peter is a friend of Bob and Marilyn Avrit and is owner of FRIEDMAN AVIATION ENTERPRISES, a FAA Certified Repair Station at 101 John Glenn Dr. Hangar 2, Concord, CA 94520. his contact information is (925)818-6642 phone, (925)691-9849 fax and email: [planesafe@aol.com](mailto:planesafe@aol.com).

Peter flew out to Oshkosh in his Cherokee 140, evidently while he was still a teenager, since anyone around in 1977 must be pretty old. His suggested title for the evening is "40 years of home built aviation", so it should be an interesting evening.

## **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.

## **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

EAA Chapter 1268  
May, 2011

**Membership** – We increased our membership by one last month with the addition of David Hauke who flew in from the East to inspect and purchase Marty Spragg's Piper PA16 (Clipper). At the time I met David he was getting checked out and hoped to master all the handling intricacies of this aircraft before taking it home.

**Treasurer** – Our current bank balance is \$7089.43 with not much activity. We had two deposits totaling \$730 of which \$670 was for donations to the Air Academy Fund. The Most recent Air Academy donation resulted from a ticket auction held by Walt Lewis at our last meeting for a David Clark headset that Ed Steiger had donated. We had one check disbursement of \$250 for legal advise (a bargain) to an attorney who is working to assist in filing our incorporation papers.

There's been some confusion in regard to reimbursement or lack thereof in regard to the monthly dinners. Some newer members were under the impression that not only did they set up the dinner but that they also had to pay for it! As has been the policy in the past, expenses are reimbursed at the time of the dinner either in cash (if receipts are enough) or by check. All I ask are receipts with your name on them for our records. That's all for now,  
Bill Wheadon

## **EAA 124 NEWSLETTER ON-LINE**

Check out the Santa Rosa EAA Chapter's newsletter on-line at: <http://www.eaa124.org> and click on the "Newsletter May 2011" file to open or download the newsletter in .pdf format. Chapter 124 has their meeting the week before ours so check their website for the meeting information and program each month.

## **EAA CHAPTER 167, NAPA NEWS Aircraft Display Days At Napa.**

We will display at KAPC on the third Sunday of every month, starting now, through December, weather permitting. The display area will be in front of Jonsey's. We need to let Petaluma, Skypark and Santa Rosa pilots know about this. Any aircraft that is either 35 years old, or is deemed to be "rare" can earn display credits to qualify for a property tax waiver for their airplane.

### **Free Young Eagles Flights For Kids Saturday, May 14th**

EAA Chapter 167 plans to provide FREE Young Eagles Flights for kids ages 8-17 on Saturday, May 14th. Kids who don't get flights on Saturday, will be flown on Sunday, May 15th. The flights are free of charge. Planes and pilots for the event are provided by EAA members. To volunteer, call Bill Wheadon at 707-224-3901. Antique and exotic aircraft are invited to display aircraft during the B-17 visit. Display credits are available for qualifying aircraft.

Napa Airport Pilots Association and EAA Chapter #167 combined dinner meeting Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m., Bridgford FBO, hangar ribs, chicken, salad, dessert and good company still just \$5.00.

### **MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK**

The next movie at Sonoma Skypark will be Friday evening, May 27 at 6 p.m. and will feature "The Rocketeer", starring Ted Babini's (now Walt Bowe's) Ryan STA, as well as a bunch of other great old airplanes.

The Rocketeer was a graphic novel, which is to say an adult-oriented comic book. Set in the Golden Age of Aviation during the 1930s, it features a young pilot as the hero who flies a rocket-powered backpack, then uses the invention to battle the bad guys. There are some great scenes of classic air racing using actual aircraft of the period, including the Ryan STA, a GeeBee racer and others. Campy, colorful with some great flying scenes. What more could you ask.

The following is from Wikipedia:

**The Rocketeer** is a [superhero](#) created by writer/illustrator [Dave Stevens](#). The character first appeared in 1982 and is a homage to the Saturday matinee heroes of the 1930s and 1940s.

The Rocketeer is Cliff Secord, a stunt pilot who discovers a mysterious [jet pack](#) that

allows him to fly. His adventures are set in 1938 [Los Angeles](#), and Stevens gave them a retro, nostalgic feel influenced by the [King of the Rocket Men](#) movie serial, the syndicated [Commando Cody](#) TV series (both from [Republic Pictures](#)), and pinup diva [Bettie Page](#).

In 1991, [The Rocketeer](#) was released as a feature film by [Walt Disney Pictures](#) and was directed by [Joe Johnston](#). Rocketeer creator [Dave Stevens](#) has a small cameo in the movie. He is the German test pilot who is killed when the Nazis' version of a [rocket backpack](#) explodes during its take-off sequence. This is a part of the smuggled black-and-white film footage showing the Nazis' top secret rocket backpack tests.

There will be pizza for \$5 per person, and popcorn just to whet your appetite (or spoil it).

See you at the movies on movie night, **FRIDAY, MAY 27** at 6 p.m.



## **YOUNG EAGLES, MAY 8**

Young Eagles will again be on the Sunday before the monthly meeting. The Young Eagles report will be given at the regular meeting and sent in a separate email after the meeting.

## **DINNER SCHEDULE**

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

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
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](mailto:Jungroth@gmail.com) and copy an email to me at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) so we can get your information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker	Subject
MAY	Peter Friedman	40 Years...
JUN	Tat Tatman	Test piloting
JUL	Frank Russo	Barnstormers
AUG	Bob Avrit	B-52s
SEP	?	
OCT	Robin Tatman	Women in Av
NOV	Rich Cooper	Pan Am
DEC	Rudolf	Night VFR

We have Don Booker, Eric Presten, the Barnstormers Tour group, Peter Goldman

and Les Lucas as other speakers, so we will schedule them in as we go.

## **EAA 1268 MINUTES**

**Sonoma Skycrafters EAA Chapter 1268  
Chapter Clubhouse – 21870 – 8<sup>th</sup> St. East,  
Sonoma, CA**

## **Board of Directors Meeting April 12, 2011**

Meeting called to order: 6:15 p.m.  
PRESENT: Travis Morton, Janet Woods, Bill Wheadon, Walt Lewis, B.K. White, Gardner Bride, Paul Siebert, Darrel Jones, Marsi Fahraji.

President Travis Morton proposed setting up an Internet drop box for officers to use for file sharing and keep shared files current. He will act as administrator as President.

President Morton proposed offering flight school members an EAA Chapter 1268 membership with the first year local chapter dues paid by the flight school to encourage new pilots to join the Chapter. No action was needed by the Board because the flight school is not associated with the Chapter.

Treasurer Bill Wheadon reported that he is able to send financial reports to any member requesting them in addition to the regular monthly reports in the newsletter.

Old Business: Board member Darrel Jones reported that the Chapter 1268 501.c.3 application and bylaws revisions have been sent to Patricia Arthur, the attorney working with EAA Chapters applying for non-profit status for her review. He expects the review and any changes will be completed by the May meeting, at which time the membership can vote to approve the bylaws revisions.

Darrel Jones reported that four Air Academy participants are confirmed to go to Oshkosh this summer, with a fifth possibly going. Airline reservations have been made, but the

Chapter hasn't received work on EAA National scholarships yet. The confirmed participants are Amir Fahraji, Garrett Porter, Emanuel Burke and Troy Hewitt.

NEW BUSINESS: President Morton reported that Saturday, May 21 is National EAA international Learn To Fly Day and requests that Chapter 1268 members invite friends to Sonoma Skypark for a "Older Eagles" flight to introduce them to aviation.

Board meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

### **General Membership Meeting April 12, 2011**

Meeting called to Order 7:39 p.m.

March 8 minutes approved with corrections. Moved by B.K. White / 2d by Jeannette Woods.

Dinner was provided by Ana Diaz and Emmanuel Burke and consisted of pizza, pasta, salad, bread and chocolate cake. Coffee was provided by Gardner Bride of Petaluma Coffee and Tea, with a carrot cake by Robyn Tatman.

Guest & new member: Dave Hauke. Purchased 1949 PA 16, Clipper from Marty and Fran Spragg.

President Travis Morton reported on the Learn To Fly Day and asked for pilots and ground crew on Saturday May 21.

Treasurer Bill Wheadon reported the treasury has \$6,049.00. He announced that any member can request financial information about the Chapter by phone or email.

Young Eagles liaison BK White reported 22 Young Eagles were flown April 10 with eight pilots and airplanes participating. BK thanked the pilots and ground crew for their continuing support. He also told the

members present that the Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club is operating a demonstration radio station at Young Eagles.

Air Explorer Post 1268 advisor Walt Lewis announced the donation and auction of a pair of David Clark headsets, with the winner being Barry Danieli. \$120 was raised toward the Air Academy scholarships.

Board member Darrel Jones reported on the Young Eagles and Air Explorers Chapter 1268, Post 1268 and Sonoma Skypark are sponsoring to the Air Academy this summer. He also reported on the review of the bylaws revisions and the IRS 501.c.3 application and told the members that the revised bylaws would be emailed for their review so they could be approved at the May meeting. He then asked that the President entertain a motion to raise the Chapter's contribution by \$100 to \$900 to cover the deposits the Chapter had already sent to EAA. The President accepted a second from the floor and the motion was voted and passed unanimously.

Bill Wheadon announced that the EAA B-17 would be flying from Napa County Airport May 13-15. He also said that Chapter 167 would be flying Young Eagles May 14 and 15.

After the general meeting was adjourned, the speaker for the evening was Les Goldner who talked about electric aircraft and the current and changing technology for batteries and motors. He also spoke about dealing with the FAA in his efforts to get approval for building an electric aircraft.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Try this link. Kinda flying...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBgjowkNtY8&feature=email>

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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, MAY 10, 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.**

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

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

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

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