



# 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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## **ED BARKHURST CHECKING OUT THE CHICKS AT FAMILY FUN DAY**

You're not going to believe this, but Ed is getting better and talking about driving his riding lawnmower out to the airport to check out the action. You just can't keep those Champ pilots away. He is still welcoming visitors at his place on Denmark.

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### **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The August meeting will be Tuesday, August 9 with dinner starting at 7 p.m. in the Chapter 1268 clubhouse, B-5, at Sonoma Skypark.

Marsi and Amir Fahraji will be doing the honors, so prepare yourselves for a delicious feast.

Our speaker will be Bob Avrit talking about his experiences with the B-52. I think they let him check one out for the weekend, but we'll have to wait for his presentation Tuesday to confirm that.

### **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

Since I'm writing this newsletter at the last minute, we will have to send out a newsletter sequel later in the month with the treasurer's report, the minutes and all that good stuff.

There is no reason to panic...yet.

Feel free to send me stuff for the newsletter.

### **MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK**

The next movie at Sonoma Skypark will be Friday evening, August 26 at 6 p.m. and will feature "The High and the Mighty", starring John Wayne, Claire Trevor and more.

The following is from Internet Movie Data Base:

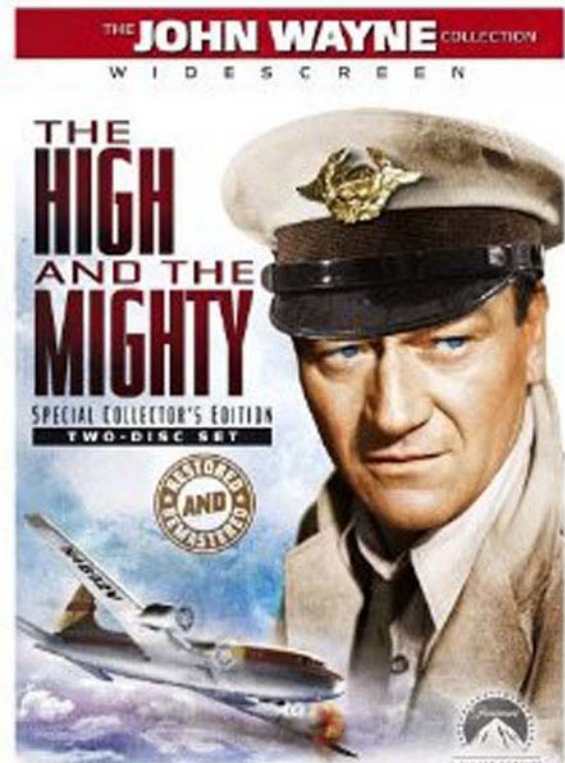
When a commercial airliner develops engine problems on a trans-Pacific flight and the pilot loses his nerve, it is up to the washed-

up co-pilot Dan Roman to bring the plane in safely. *Written by [Jim Beaver](mailto:jumblejim@prodigy.net)*  
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One disaster after another happens on this trans-Pacific flight. You have the pilot who loses his nerve! The washed-up co-pilot. The milquetoast flight engineer. The young hot shot second officer. And a cabin full of passengers with every range of problems and personalities there could possibly be. Here you have the Duke in a role he didn't want, and a movie with the title song that became Duke's theme. What else could any John Wayne fan want? It's all here, and then some. *Written by*  
[williamsportump@chilitech.net](mailto:williamsportump@chilitech.net)

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, AUGUST 26** at 6 p.m.



## **YOUNG EAGLES, AUGUST 14**

Young Eagles will be on Sunday August 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. The Young Eagles pilots and crew are invited to come early and get first crack at the donuts BK will bring. If you wait until after the first flight the kids get them. Imagine that.

## **DINNER SCHEDULE**

We only need cooks for September. Let Roy know if 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
AUG '11	Marsi F.	Amir F.
SEP '11	?	
OCT '11	Ron P.	
NOV '11	Jeannie W.	Jeanette W.
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
AUG	Bob Avrit	B-52s
SEP	?	
OCT	Robin Tatman	Women in Av
NOV	Rich Cooper	Pan Am
DEC	Rudolf	Night VFR

## **EAA 1268 MINUTES**

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

**June and July minutes will be in the next newsletter.**

OK, I've run out of exciting items about the chapter for this issue, so I'm filling the rest of this column with stuff I've found trolling the Internet. Don't say you weren't warned.

## **Words of Wisdom From Aviators**

Flying is a hard way to earn an easy living.

Both optimists and pessimists contribute to society. The optimist invents the airplane, the pessimist, the parachute.

If helicopters are so safe, how come there are no vintage helicopter fly-ins?

As a pilot, only two bad things can happen to you and one of them will.

- a. One day you will walk out to the aircraft knowing that it is your last flight.
- b. One day you will walk out to the aircraft not knowing that it is your last flight.

The medical profession is the natural enemy of the aviation profession.

Before each flight, make sure that your bladder is empty and your fuel tanks are full!

There are certain aircraft sounds that can only be heard at night.

An old pilot is one who can remember when flying was dangerous and sex was safe.

You're going to have to make up your mind about growing up and becoming a pilot. You can't do both.

The FAA Motto: We're not happy till you're not happy .

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

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**REMEMBER! THE AUGUST MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA  
CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 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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