



THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Skyrafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
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ED BARKHURST FLIES WEST ON THE FASTEST THING HE CAN FIND

Ed Barkhurst left us last week. We can't say whether it was by air or motorcycle, but I'm betting it was a thrilling ride. What a life he had! He will be missed by all his friends.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The September meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, with dinner starting at 7 p.m. in the Chapter 1268 clubhouse, B-5, at Sonoma Skypark.

Ron Price is the scheduled cook, but I don't know if dinner will be hamburgers and hot dogs or pizza. You'll just have to turn out up and find out. (Actually, I just received an email from Ron telling me that he and Frank will be cooking dinner.)

Ron and Frank are planning a meat and potato dinner with consideration for the veggies among us.

Robin Tatman has rescheduled her presentation so Chapter 1268's Air Academy participants can give their report on their experiences in Oshkosh this summer.

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.

Sonoma Skypark's weather station is also now on-line. Check it out at wunderground.com at [Sonoma Skypark, CA](http://www.sonomaskypark.com)

Our speakers for October are going to be the kids who went to Oshkosh on our scholarships, giving a presentation based on their experiences. I look forward to seeing what benefit was brought from the effort and money everyone put in.

We have movie night again on Friday, October 28th at 6pm. Free admission and popcorn, just \$5 for pizza and drinks. Our

movie will be Always. A story of daredevil aerial firefighting, starring Richard Dreyfus, Holly Hunter, John Goodman and Brad Johnson.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER'S REPORT

EAA Chapter 1268
October, 2011

I have very little to report this month - the bank statement reflects a balance of \$7348.10 and two checks have been written. One was to the Sonoma County Tax collector and the other one to a member for reimbursement of travel expenses to the Air Academy.

No new members have joined this month.

That's all for now,
Bill Wheadon
Membership Chairman and Treasurer
EAA Chapter 1268

ED BARKHURST MEMORIAL

Bob Berwick is planning a memorial for Ed Barkhurst next Sunday, October 16 at Sonoma Skypark starting between 2:00 and 3:00 in the afternoon. He hasn't finalized all the details but it looks as if it will be catered by Ed's long-time friends at the restaurant he patronized for years, Suppertime in Napa, with a donation jar out on the table so Ed's friends can chip in to help with the food.

Bob is planning a fly-by and the local American Legion will have an honor guard. Taps will be played at sunset. Let him know if you would like to join the fly-by and maybe we can work it up into a good-looking missing man formation.

For those of you who don't know Ed that well, he is a Navy veteran who became a union electrician and worked a long, productive career in the Napa/Solano Local

180 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

He recently underwent surgery to repair an aneurysm but wasn't able to get his legs back under him to fly again. He had great care from Rusi, his professional home care provider. Ed's daughter, Triana also stayed with him during his convalescence. Ed also has a son living on the east coast.

Ed loved to ride his motorcycle and had a Harley until the end of his life. He started taking flying lessons after retiring and finished up in an Aeronca Champ he bought and hangared at Sonoma Skypark. He may well have more hours in his short flying career than many of us who have been flying for decades.

Join all of us to share our Ed Barkhurst stories next Sunday, October 16 at Sonoma Skypark. There will be some good ones.

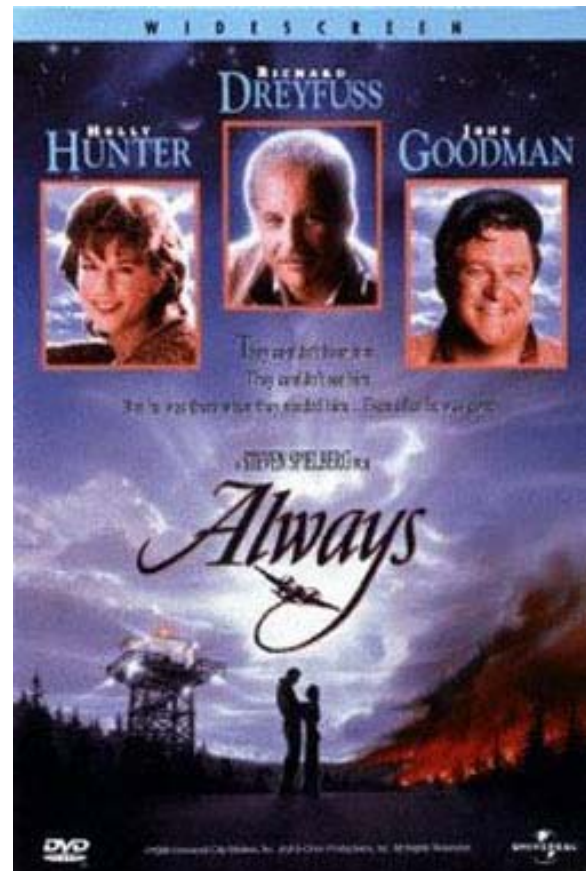
MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

Always is a remake of the 1943 romantic drama [A Guy Named Joe](#) although Spielberg did not treat the film as a direct homage to the earlier World War II melodrama. The film follows the same basic plot line: the spirit of a recently dead expert pilot mentors a newer pilot, while watching him fall in love with his surviving girlfriend. The names of the four principal characters of the earlier film are all the same, with the exception of the Ted Randall character, who is called Ted "Baker" in the remake and Pete's last name is "Sandich", instead of "Sandidge".

For a more detailed review, go to the Wikipedia page at [Always](#)

Check out the movie trailer and the opening sequence with a PBY fire bomber picking up a load of water from a lake in these YouTube links.

ALWAYS and the ALWAYS PBY



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, OCTOBER 28** at 6 p.m.

YOUNG EAGLES, OCTOBER 9

Young Eagles was today, Sunday October 9 from 9 a.m. to noon, although the fog didn't clear enough for flying until 11:45. Chapter 1268's Young Eagles pilots extended their commitment and stayed to fly thirteen Young Eagles who had waited for hours for the fog to lift.

Ron Price, Frank Russo, Jeanette Woods, Bill Wheadon and Darrel Jones flew and Jasmine Villasenor handled registration with Paul Seibert working as ground crew and ramp boss.

Join us November 13 for our last Young Eagles Day of the year.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2012 so let Roy know if you would like to be one of our sugar cookies. 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
OCT '11	Ron P.	Frank R.
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 and copy an email to me at wd6bor@vom.com so we can get your information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker	Subject
OCT	Our airport kids	Air Academy
NOV	Robin Tatman	Women in Av
DEC	Rudolf	Night VFR

EAA 1268 MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING

EAA CHAPTER 1268

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Commencement: 6:10 p.m.

In Attendance:

Darrel Jones, Bill Wheadon, Travis Morton, Jeanette Woods, Walt Lewis, Gardner Bride, Marsi Fahraji

Absent:

Paul Siebert, B.K. White

TRAVIS MORTON:

- Weather station on-line and hooked-up; Weather Underground;
- Available: Temperature / dew point / rain collection / wind
- Property tax bill for hanger \$121.00

JEANETTE WOODS:

Sep-11-2011 Young Eagles; Total numbers: 12 scouts; 8 airplanes.

- October may have Girl Scouts.
- Plans to liaison with Young Eagles and pilots to RSVP for Sundays Y.E. events.

BILL WHEADON:

- Accounting Report in Newsletter; bank change issues and name change (501C3) on hold.

MARSI FAHRAJI:

No new issues to report this month.

DARREL JONES: Incorporation of articles, currently pending.

PROPOSED PROJECTS:

Insulate the clubhouse with rigid foam insulation; plywood; and 4 x 8 peg boards.

WALT LEWIS:

-To convene and assist in preparing Air Explorers for next months speech regarding their adventures at the Air Academy Camp in Oshkosh.

-There are interested candidates that will "help" with the Air Explorers group from Napa.

6:40 pm BOD Meeting adjourned.

EAA Chapter 1268 - General Meeting Tuesday, September 11. Called to order at 7:45 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER: Chris Jurasek, Fire Captain, State of California - Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, CAL FIRE, Sonoma County Air Attack Base

GUEST: Gina Cuclis - - Supervisor Candidacy

-Announced: Oct-09-2011 Fundraiser and BBQ at Sonoma Skypark. \$25 per adult; \$free, 17 Under

-Sonoma's Best! + Free drawing (Win: Air tour for 2 over Sonoma; 1 Acrobatics Flight)

DINNER: Presented at no charge by Air Explorers Post 1268, as a SPECIAL THANK YOU to EAA 1268; Sonoma Skypark; Sonoma Skypark Pilots for generous donations / scholarships towards Air Academy 2011 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. RECOGNITION TO: Walt Lewis - - Air Explorers Fearless Leader, Educator and Pilot.

SERVED: Lasagna; salad; bread // DESSERT by Margo Porter: Red Velvet Cake / Carrot Cake COFFEE/ SPIRITS: Petaluma Coffee & Tea; Prosecco and Wine in appreciation of pilots.

WALT LEWIS REPORTED:

Air Explorer, Troy Hewett - -attended the Ninety-Nines Meeting and they were impressed with Troy. The 99s have \$40,000 in scholarships and did NOT issue any last year because no one applied!

Air Explorer, Garrett Porter (and Young Eagle) - - is interested in airport designing; already has blue-prints and is interested in pursuing a career in airport architectural & design.

TRAVIS MORTON:

Motion to approve last month's minutes - - approved & 2d.

Weather station connected with Internet. "Sonoma Skypark CA" at Weather Underground on the Internet.

YOUNG EAGLES ANNOUNCEMENT (by Jeannette Woods):

12 Boy Scout's flew on Sunday; they also camped in the Sonoma Skypark premises; 8 airplanes were volunteered for the Young Eagles' flights.

TREASURER (by Bill Wheadon):

See, August 2011 Newsletter.

AIR EXPLORER ANNOUNCEMENT: (by Walt Lewis):

Geek Flight Challenge in Santa rose, open on Saturday (NASA Booth) - takes place on

last Saturday of month. Main Rule: 1 gallon per 100 passenger miles; quieter than a Prius.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m..

Marsi Fahraji, Secretary

OTHER NEWS

"Paul Seibert (Curtiss Junior) and Ron Price (Fleet 1) flew from Broadhead WI to Blakesberg IA for the annual Antique Airplane Association Fly In over Labor Day weekend.



Pictured are Paul And Bob Taylor, President Antique Airplane Assn. with the Curtiss Jr. which Bob had last flown in 1955. Bob wrote an article about the flight entitled "Paddling Around in a Curtiss Jr. Pusher" which appeared the AAA Magazine in 1956. Paul was honored to receive the Robert L. Taylor Award for bringing the Curtiss Jr."

The 420 mile Broadhead-Blakesberg-Broadhead round trip flight took 7:40 with two fuel stops in each direction due to the limited range of the Jr. with nine gallons of fuel on board. This was Paul's first solo cross country in the Jr. and was flown mostly at 500 ft. AGL with a climb to 1000 ft to cross the Mississippi River at Savanna Ill on the return leg.

The Jr. has flown 24:45 hours since Paul and Ron picked her up in Dixon Ill in Oct 2010. She has given lots of rides and lots of smiles in the past year.

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**REMEMBER! THE OCTOBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA
CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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: _____

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Telephone number, home: _____ work: _____

EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ **EXPIRATION DATE:** _____

AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: _____

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