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of the Sonoma Skycrafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
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FRANK RUSSO AND MIKE MILLER ON AERIAL DAMAGE SURVEY

Frank Russo and local amateur radio operator Mike Miller, WB6TMH, took to the skies during the state-wide earthquake disaster drill, The Great Shake-Out on October 20 to relay earthquake damage information to the Sonoma Valley Emergency Operations Center in the Sonoma Police Station. The only damage was to the Watmaugh bridge.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

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

This is the meeting at which we nominate (read that as railroad) candidates for officers and then elect them, covering them in all the glory that accompanies their offices. Our current officers think they were elected to two years terms, so be sure not to tell them anything different.

Jeannie Williams and Jeanette Woods will be our celebrity chefs for the November meeting. I haven't received the menu yet, but they have always treated us to a delicious meal, so be sure to arrive with your appetites intact.

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 speaker for November will be Robin Tatman, who will talk about her career in aviation.

The Secretary of State has endorsed our amendment of name change. We are now officially and truly Sonoma Skycrafters EAA Chapter 1268. We won't have to deal with being Skycraters (notice the missing F) any longer.

We have movie night again on Friday, November 18 at 6pm. Free admission and popcorn, just \$5 for pizza and drinks.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER'S REPORT

EAA Chapter 1268
November, 2011

We got some money in the bank somewhere.

Bill Wheadon
Membership Chairman and Treasurer
EAA Chapter 1268

(Actually, I haven't received Bill's report yet, so I just thought I would throw something in for him until the meeting.)

ED BARKHURST MEMORIAL

Sonoma Skypark sent Ed on his way in grand style on Sunday, October 16.

Bob Berwick gathered Ed's friends and fellow pilots together for a moving ceremony that included a Navy color guard in starched, gleaming white uniforms, presentation of his flag to his family, a salute from the guns of the veterans' honor guard, a stirring missing man formation flyover to the sound of Taps played by Bill Smith.

After the ceremony on the ramp in front of the airport office the entire group adjourned to the clubhouse for a lunch catered by Ed's friends from Supertime restaurant in Napa.

Bob Berwick led the formation flight in his Travelaire, with Eric Presten, Ron Price, Mike Harris and Peter Gauthier flying the vee off each wing.

Ed would have been pleased to see the warm affection his friends showed as they saw him off on his flight west.

Fair skies and following winds Ed.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

The November movie is my favorite. The following is from Wikipedia.

Only Angels Have Wings (1939) is a movie directed by [Howard Hawks](#), starring [Cary Grant](#) and [Jean Arthur](#). It is generally

regarded as being among Hawks' finest films, particularly in its portrayal of the professionalism of the pilots, its atmosphere, and the flying sequences.



Geoff Carter (Grant) is a pilot and the manager of a small, barely solvent air service owned by "Dutchy" Van Reiter ([Sig Ruman](#)) carrying mail from the South American port town of Barranca over the Andes Mountains. Bonnie Lee (Arthur), a piano-playing entertainer, arrives one day and becomes infatuated with Carter, despite his fatalistic attitude about the dangerous mountain flying, and stays on in Barranca (*not* at Carter's invitation, as he insists on telling her).

The situation is complicated by the appearance of Bat MacPherson ([Richard Barthelmess](#)) and his wife Judy ([Rita Hayworth](#)). MacPherson is a pilot shunned by other fliers because he once bailed out of a plane, leaving his mechanic — the brother of 'Kid' Dabb ([Thomas Mitchell](#)), Carter's best friend — to be killed in the resulting

crash. Carter needs pilots badly, but he is unwilling to hire MacPherson even so. However, when Judy begs him to give her husband a chance, he gives in, with the understanding that MacPherson will get the most dangerous flights.

I'm not going to tell any more of the story. You'll just have to join us Friday November 18 and see it for yourself. You miss this one, you're going to kick yourself for a long ol' time.

Check out the trailer at:
[ONLY ANGELS HAVE WINGS](#)

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, NOVEMBER 18 at 6 p.m.

YOUNG EAGLES, NOVEMBER 13

Young Eagles will be Sunday, November 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. As always BK White is asking for volunteer pilots, ground crew and registration helpers.

We have had another good year flying young people ages 8 to 17 and introducing them to the joy of flight. Worldwide this incredible program had flown over one and a half million Young Eagles. Sonoma Skypark's EAA Chapter 1268 has flown over a thousand of those kids.

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
NOV '11	Jeannie W.	Jeanette W.
DEC '11	XMAS	PARTY!
2012 DINNER SCHEDULE		
JAN '12		
FEB '12		
MAR '12		
APR '12		
MAY '12		
JUN '12		

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
NOV	Robin Tatman	Women in Av
DEC	Rudolf	Night VFR
2012 SPEAKER SCHEDULE		
JAN		
FEB		
MAR		
APR		
MAY		
JUN		

DECEMBER MEETING/XMAS PARTY

The December meeting will once again be a combined EAA Chapter 1268 and Sonoma Skypark shareholders Christmas party.

The dinner and party will be held on **Friday, December 2**, and will be in Ron Price's hangar on Row A behind the clubhouse. We have had the party there in the past and it has always been a great venue.

Instead of a white elephant exchange this year there will be a multimedia show commemorating Sonoma Skypark's twenty-fifth anniversary as a privately owned public use airport.

Sonoma Skypark was started in 1967 by John Thomas on leased land and continued through different management until the death of John Tate, who was the last operator of the airport.

After John's death the owners, who were not pilots and who lived outside Sonoma Valley put the property up for sale as commercial/light industrial real estate, since the Eighth Street East corridor was developing as Sonoma Valley's industrial and commercial district.

At the same time the owners of the property Fremont Airport was on sold that property for a shopping center development. Ron Price, John and Kathy Carmichael and other Fremont pilots put together a limited corporation to buy the Sonoma Skypark property and started selling shares to local pilots.

The happy ending to this story is that Sonoma Skypark is not covered with warehouses and has developed into a premier flying community with a strong social orientation.

Kathy Carmichael is putting together a celebration of the airport and has asked people to contribute photos and memories of Sonoma Skypark for the evening's program. If you have something you can contribute, please give Kathy a call at **(707)935-7940**.

We will be collecting toys for Toys For Tots at the party. Information on the time and who brings what will be sent after the meeting Tuesday.

Please mark your calendars for the evening of **Friday, December 2** for another wonderful wrap-up to a year of flying and socializing.

EAA 1268 MINUTES

The minutes of the October meeting will be included in the next newsletter.

Sonoma Skycrafters
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**REMEMBER! THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA
CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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: _____

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

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