



THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Skycrafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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PIETENPOLS OVER BRODHEAD, WI

This month's speaker, Pete Kozachik, will be talking about his Corvair-powered Pietenpol project. Click on the links inside this newsletter to see YouTube videos of Pete flying in a Pietenpol at Fraser Lake and of Piets flying at Brodhead.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

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

Dinner will be courtesy of Marsi and Amir Fahraji. Marsi always has something delicious so be sure to be at the meeting for the food, camaraderie and entertainment.

Our program this month will be Pete Kozachik showing a video and talking about his Corvair-powered Pietenpol project.

Check out the two video links below. The first is Pete's ride in Charlie Miller's beautiful Pietenpol at Fraser Lake Airpark a couple Saturday's ago at the West Coast Pietenpol Fly-in there. The second is a video made by another Pietenpol pilot at Brodhead, Wisconsin in 1992.

[Pete's ride in Charlie Miller's Piet](#)

[Pietenpols at Brodhead](#)

AIR ACADEMY UPDATE

We've recently learned that the EAA national office will not be offering scholarships for our Air Academy participants this year. Last year our four participants received scholarships covering the balance of their tuition so the Chapter had no trouble funding the balance of the cost, including airfare.

Anticipating similar scholarship levels, the Board of Directors selected four participants again this year and committed to fully funding their Air Academy expenses. After Young Eagles credits and the deposits sent to EAA to reserve six slots, there is a balance of \$2300 for tuition with airfare in addition to that. Tickets have already been purchased for one of the participants at a cost of \$773 plus another \$200 for unaccompanied minor from San Francisco to Appleton, WI. Two of the other

participants won't be charged as unaccompanied minors and one will be traveling one-way only, so the costs will not be as high. The Air Explorers will be paying for the airfare for Troy Hewitt and Daniel Shulte, so we have the air fare for Garrett Porter and Ben Presten to cover, which should be about \$1500 to \$1700.

The Sonoma Skypark hamburger fund will be able to contribute \$2,000, and we have the offer of another donation from one of our members for \$250 for each of the four young people to help pay their tuition.

That leave's us with about \$1,000 to raise to cover the expenses this year. There are funds in the club treasury to help toward that, but we are asking our members for any contributions they can make to help out. It might be possible that some members have frequent flyer miles that could be applied to the cost of the airfare.

All four young people going are enthused about the opportunity and have shown committed interest to flying and a future as aviation professionals. It is unfortunate that EAA national has reduced their scholarship support. The result is that the Chapter will only be able to sponsor two kids to Air Academy in the future, although we will continue to reserve six slots so other local young people can attend by paying their own expenses.

We will discuss this issue at the meeting Tuesday and see what solutions we can find. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute, please contact me or drop your donation off at the airport office to my attention.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Travis has been flying like crazy instructing here at Sonoma Skypark with his business, Sonoma Valley Flying Club. He teaches in both a 172 and a Citabria and has several students nearing their check ride.

Travis has proposed having his students enroll in EAA national's six month trial membership, and concurrently having them join Chapter 1268 as guest members so they can receive the newsletter, attend meetings and learn more about EAA and our Chapter.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER'S REPORT

EAA Chapter 1268, June 2012

I have no substantive changes from my rather lengthy report last month. About the only thing that's changed is our checking account bank balance which is \$4629.29 as of May 31.

Treasurer – Our checking account activity since the last report has seen one deposit and one check written. The deposit was for nine member's annual renewal (\$15 ea.) and a dinner excess of \$31 for a total of \$166. One check for \$20 was written to the Boy Scouts.

Membership – We currently have 71 members who are current with their 2012 membership dues, which also includes 20 associate members.

That's all for this month,
Bill Wheadon
EAA 1268 Treasure and Membership
Chairman

YOUNG EAGLES, JUNE 10

Young Eagles: Sunday June 10th was well attended with great pilot participation. Chapter 1268 flew twenty Young Eagles with eight pilots, including Jeanette Woods, Frank Russo, Ron Price, Rich Cooper, Trevor Meeks, Les Goldner, Darrel Jones and one other pilot in a Decathlon whose name I didn't catch. We'll try to have an update at the meeting.

The weather was typical summer bump and grind, with a challenging wind pattern at the airport that would start off favoring runway

26 and then shift 180 degrees just as you started your takeoff roll. Add in crosswinds from both directions (it seemed, at the same time!), air swirling around the hangars, flags flying every which way, and thermals pegging the VSIs, and you had just your typical summer flying weather. Come on December!

Chapter 1268 has such a highly skilled group of pilots that they took it all in stride, didn't damage any airplanes, and talked all tough and macho until safely in the privacy of their own hangars.

You really haven't seen anything until you see Jeanette talking macho and the boys whimpering about crosswinds. She just puts the rest of us to shame sometimes.

BK has been out of at-the-site commission for some surgery, but sent the email reminders and promised to eat a couple donuts for the gang. There is a get-well card making the rounds, so be sure to sign it at the meeting Tuesday. I'm not sure exactly what the details of his surgery are, but I think it had something to do with the fact that he is a Marine (there are no ex--Marines) and that the wizard had to give him a new heart, or at least do a ring and valve job on his old one. BK should be getting more get-up-and go and much better fuel economy in miles per donut. Give him a call to cheer him up, and be sure to ask him to share those donuts when he comes back out to the airport.

As always BK White is asking for volunteer pilots, ground crew and registration helpers at our monthly Young Eagles events. Let him know you will be joining us and helping our by sending him an email to eagle1@vom.com or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

The June movie night will be Friday, June 29, with popcorn and an exciting aerial

adventure serial at 6 p.m. Our feature film will be starting at 7.

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

I will forward the information on the next movie as soon as Rafe sends it out.

See you at the movies on movie night, **FRIDAY, JUNE 29** at 6 p.m.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We have our cookies schedule completed for 2012 and are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2013 so let Roy know if you would like to be one of our sugar cookies for the upcoming year. 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
2012 DINNER SCHEDULE		
JUN '12	Marsi F.	Amir F.
JUL '12	Marilyn A.	Bob A.
AUG '12	Todd W.	Larry N.
SEP '12	Sam Mc.	Bea Mc.
OCT '12	Air Explorers	
NOV '12	Ron P.	?
DEC '12	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
2012 SPEAKER SCHEDULE		
JUN	Pete Kozachik	Corvair eng
JUL	?	
AUG	?	
SEP	?	

OCT	Air Academy	OSH report
NOV	?	
DEC	FROSTY	ICING OPS

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

EAA Chapter 1268, BOD Meeting - Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2012
Commenced at 6:14 pm

PRESENT: Darrel Jones, Travis Morton, Jeanette Woods, Marsi Fahraji, Bill Wheadon, Paul Seibert, Garner Bride, Walt Lewis.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Attendees at FAA seminar re Safety, Loss of Control + Safety Check. Focused on a through advance pre-flight check. 12-attendees.

501.c.3 Application - - Status currently pending

Napa Hosted B-17 on May 4-5-6, 2012.

Volunteers from Napa Vacaville, and Sonoma chapters hosted the event. 37 Young Eagles flown.

Air Adventure Academy - - all scholarship applications have been submitted to EAA National. National has requested \$700 - 770 per attendee in advance. The actual deadline for submission is June 27. We will wait for results from scholarships in order to determine balance due.

Question: Are we [Chapter 1268] contributing additional funds, other than the initial deposits for Air Academy tuition? Yes.

We [Chapter 1268] will seek additional funds to supplement what the scholarships do not cover.

Gary MacDonald has pledged a monetary contribution towards the Air Academy tuition funds.

John Thomason is in the hospital. Get Well card circulated for signatures.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

None at this time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

None at this time.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

EAA Chapter 1268, May 2012

Shellville Grill's owner (Emily) provided dinner at Lee Schaller's Villa. The Grill is now serving *all day*.

Treasurer: Current Balance: \$4,530.31

Current EAA 1268 Members: 71

Membership:

Response to question related to trial membership: Log into:

www.eaa.org/chaptertrial. For Chapter Complimentary Trial Membership.

Appended hereto is a form needed for the application process. A savings is provided for a family membership (\$30 discount).

Napa - B17: Greg Baer, Napa Chapter 167's

Vice-president lead a very organized presentation of the B-17 Flying Fortress; in addition to having 37 Young Eagle fly-outs.

Raffle: *World of Flight* calendar to members.

AIR EXPLORERS REPORT

Walt Lewis - Air Explorer's Leader - will drive to Oshkosh's Air Adventure this year. He will make it to the Pietenpol fly-in to rendezvous with our students and members: Post meeting moved from Sunday, May 13, 2012 -to- Saturday, May 12, 2012; 1:00 p.m.

YOUNG EAGLES, MAY 13 (MOTHER'S DAY)

The show must go on! Walt Lewis will have carnations for Moms. BK will not be able to attend. Ron Price to bring donuts and bananas.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK:

Friday, May 25, 6:00 pm - The Red Baron

SPEAKERS (*Open Months - speakers needed*):

June: Pete Kozachik on Corvair-powered Pietenpol.

Suggestion: NOAH speaker re: conflicts re air space; changes in wildlife refuge ceiling.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

EAA CHAPTER 1268 - GENERAL MEETING

Commencement: 7:55 p.m.

LOVELY DINNER TONIGHT:

Catherine Jones and Darrel Jones
Turkey Tetrazzini, Asian Cabbage Slaw, French Bread, Cheese n' Chutney with Pita Crackers, Cookies (peanut butter; oatmeal & chocolate chip; & cranberry delights).

PETALUMA COFFEE: Gardner Bride

SPEAKER: Presentation by Roland A. Gangloff, Ph.D., Geologist & Palaeontologist.

Topic: Chinook Helicopters and the Arctic "Fish lizard aka Ichthyosaur"

GUEST and new member: Pete Kozachik

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 9, 2012 - - PAPA Meeting, Social Time 5:30 pm; Dinner 6:30

May 14, 2012 - - June 1, 2012; 8am - 5pm
Repairman (LSA) Maintenance- Airplane Workshop Event Tag(s): *Seminar *Sport Pilot-LSA Corning Airport, Corning, CA, USA The FAA-accepted 120 hour course, conducted by Rainbow Aviation Services. The Repairman Maintenance Rating allows you to perform the maintenance, the annual condition inspection, and the 100 hour inspections (required on aircraft used for hire) on Special Light Sport Aircraft and Experimental Light Sport Aircraft and charge for your services. for more information call Carol Carpenter 530-567-5141 or visit <http://rainbowaviation.com/>
May 19, 2012- - EAA Chapter 124's 50th Anniversary Celebration, Santa Rosa, CA

May 19, 2012 - - Petaluma Airport: Display Day & Flour Bombing

May 19, 2012 - - San Carlos Flight Center Open House & BBQ, San Carlos, CA

May 25, 2012 - - Sonoma Skypark's Movie Night, 6:00 pm

May 26, 2012 - - Petaluma: Fly-Out to Monterey (Monterey Bay Aquarium) or San Carlos (Hiller Museum)

May 26, 2012 - - Hollister Airshow 2012, Hollister, CA

June 8, 9 & 10, 2012 - - Golden West Regional Flyin, Air & Car show & BBQ Cookoff; Yuba County Airport (MYV), California, EAA Chapter 1268 has been invited for Aircraft Judging of home built aircrafts. Using EAA Judging Guidelines, judge aircraft in one of 5 major categories (previous experience required); Judging apprenticeships available for a limited number of participants.

June 23, 2012 - - EAA 119 "Free" Fly-In Breakfast

July 7, 2012 - - Thunder In The Sky, Auburn, CA

July 7, 2012 - - Truckee Tahoe Air Fair & Family Festival, Truckee, CA

August 19, 2012 - - Wings Over Wine Country, Sonoma, CA

SPEAKERS (*Open Months - speakers needed*):

July, August, September, November

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

The officers present repeated their reports given during the Board of Directors' meeting.

MEMBER'S REPORT:

Frank Russo reported that the vintage Cessna 195 - was lost in a ground loop accident over the past week.

AIR EXPLORERS REPORT

Walt Lewis – repeated the report to the Board of Directors. Current membership includes 6 girls; 8 boys.

Suggesting that Chapter 1268 members hold raffles and that funds be contributed towards the AE pool.

PAPA Scholarship applications: Daniel and Troy.

Jimmy Rollison's Flyin at Yolo Airport - participants: Daniel, Amir & Devon

B-17 Volunteers: Devon; Troy and Amir

B-17 event brought in a 91 year old survivor who flew 25 missions. He was provided VIP tour by Walt Lewis and Amir Fahraji.

Lee Schaller's BBQ on May 5 - - three attendees: Devon, Troy and Amir. They climbed all over the tanks (hard to get them down) - - no broken teeth. They left awe struck.

Marsi Fahraji, Chapter 1268 Secretary



Paul Seibert sent me a nice article about his Curtis Jr. from the Atlantic Flyer. You can see it by clicking on this link:

[Curtis Jr.](#)

Send me your news for your newsletter!

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MEMBERSHIP **DUES ARE DUE** IN JANUARY, AND MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER. DUES ARE STILL A MODEST **FIFTEEN BUCKS**, SO BRING SOME CASH FOR DINNER AND A BIT MORE TO PAY YOUR DUES. SEE YOU THERE!

REMEMBER! THE MAY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JUNE 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**

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