



# THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
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## CHAPTER 1268 AIR ACADEMY VETS MEET SULLY AND THE BLUES

Garrett Porter, Amir Fahraji and Emmanuel Burke got to meet Captain Sully Sullenberger and the Blue Angels pilots during Fleet Week thanks to Travis

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### **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

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

Dinner will be courtesy of Walt Lewis and the Air Explorers. Walt has been actively involved in getting our local young people back to Oshkosh and the Air Academy for years and has his crew do the dinner after returning from Oshkosh as a thank you to the membership.

The program will be the report by our Air Academy participants.

We will also have nominations for officers during the regular meeting. A number of officers have agreed to continue, including Jeanette Woods, Bill Wheadon, Marsi Fahraji, Paul Siebert, Walt Lewis, BK White and Darrel Jones. We will need candidates for President and for at least one Board member. Come prepared to step up and volunteer. We just hate begging.

### **AIR ACADEMY UPDATE**

Our Air Academy participants Troy Hewitt, Garrett Porter, Daniel Shulte and Ben Presten will be giving their reports on their experiences and impressions from their trip to the EAA Air Academy this summer in Oshkosh.

They are the latest in a long list of young people that Chapter 1268 has sponsored to Oshkosh. Their youthful enthusiasm and boundless energy make flying that much more fun and very special. It is always nice to have a recharge from kids discovering aviation and sharing their excitement with us.

Amir Fahraji, another former Air Academy participant from Skypark, also went back to Oshkosh this year and stayed with some of our Sonoma Skypark pilots at Airventure. He told us a little bit about his experiences

last month but perhaps he can add to his report after the Air Academy reports.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well, I have to say that it's been a good two years (which is almost 10% of my life so far, to give you an idea) but I have to say that I won't be running for office again this year. Running the Flight School is taking up all of my life, just like any small business. It's been a real pleasure to work with everyone. I'm happy to say that most everyone is going to keep on with their jobs, and they even committed before I said I wasn't! We'll need someone else to take on this role, and I think it'll be great to keep on with some new blood. It's really not difficult. You just keep the meetings on track, make sure everyone does their jobs and find a few speakers (most of them will somehow find you). So if you're thinking of giving back to the club, go for it!

Travis

### **SONOMA SKYPARK FAMILY FUN DAY OCTOBER 13**

Sonoma Skypark's Family Fun Day is coming next weekend on Saturday, October 13. Chapter 1268 members will be helping out many ways. Jeanette Woods is coordinating this year and would love to hear from you if you can help during the day or if you want to display your airplane or car. Contact her at 707-996-4563 or at [jowoods@vom.com](mailto:jowoods@vom.com).

Nelleke Cooper is organizing the silent auction and still need items for that and the raffle. Your contributions don't need to be aviation related since the general public is our guests and will be bidding on the auction items. Call Nelleke at 707-938-5587 or email her at [nellekecooper@vom.com](mailto:nellekecooper@vom.com).

We will once again need staffing for the Young Eagles table. BK will be out of town so give Jeanette a call to let her know when you can cover a shift.

Spread the word and bring the family. It will be a fun day!

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

EAA 1268 Membership Chairman and Treasurer Report, October 2012

**Membership Report** – We picked up two members in the past month. One new member is Scott Snyder, a Sonoma resident who serves as Deputy Commander of the 349<sup>th</sup> Operations Group. Scott mainly performs administrative duties with the reserves but when he puts on his uniform with the rank of Lt. Colonel, he flies the KC-10.

The second member added to our roles is a returnee, Sandi Hansen.

Welcome Scott and welcome back Sandi!

**Treasurer's report** – Not much happened in this department. One deposit of \$247 resulting from donations to the Air Academy fund from Todd Walker and Larry Murphy and a dues renewal for 2013 from Don Booker. There were no disbursements resulting in a checking account balance of \$3484.09.

Bill Wheadon, Treasurer and Membership Chairman EAA Chapter 1268

### **YOUNG EAGLES OCTOBER 14**

Young Eagles comes after the meeting this month, and just a day after the Sonoma Skypark Family Fun Day open house. We will need the usual pilots, airplanes, ground crew and registration staff, as well as any newcomers who would like to join us for an enjoyable Sunday morning's flying and donuts.

This from BK:

Greetings all Young Eagles, and those who aren't so young also. This is pre-mature but I won't be here on the 14th so thought I'd give everyone a heads up in advance.

Departing the pattern Sat. the 6th with an ETR around the 18th.

As usual, the hard core folks will need a lot of help. I have it on good authority that Marsi will be there, and I'm sure Jasmine as well. Ron, Rich, Walt all the "regulars" will hold the fort I'm sure. Lets hope the WX is CAVU and everything runs smoothly. I'll see you in November.... Good luck with the elections on Tue...B.K.

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

### **MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK**



The September movie night will be Friday, October 26 at the EAA clubhouse at Sonoma Skypark.

The movie this month will be “Chained Lightning”, starring Humphrey Bogart, Eleanore Parker and Raymond Massey. It is about a reckless jet pilot who goes to work for a demanding tycoon.

There will be another episode of Sky King and a vintage flying cartoon before the main movie.

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 26** 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. Call soon! Don’t miss out on your favorite month to be our celebrity chef. I hear there will be scouts for the Cooking Network lurking in the audience.

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 so far is:

Month	Cook 1	Cook 2
<b>2012 DINNER SCHEDULE</b>		
OCT ‘12	Air Explorers	?
NOV ‘12	Ron P.	?
DEC ‘12	XMAS	PARTY
<b>2013 DINNER SCHEDULE</b>		
JAN	?	?
FEB	?	?
MAR	?	?
APR	?	?
MAY	?	?
JUN	?	?
JUL	?	?
AUG	?	?
SEP	?	?

OCT	?	?
NOV	?	?
DEC	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
<b>2012 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b>		
OCT	Air Academy	OSH report
NOV	?	?
DEC	FROSTY	ICING OPS
<b>2013 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b>		
JAN	?	?
FEB	?	?
MAR	?	?
APR	?	?
MAY	?	?
JUN	?	?
JUL	?	?
AUG	?	?
SEP	?	?
NOV	?	?
DEC	XMAS PARTY	

**EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

EAA Chapter 1268, BOD Meeting – Minutes, August 14, 2012

Board of Directors meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Present: President Travis Morton, Vice-President Jeanette Woods, Secretary Marsi Fahraji, Board members Paul Siebert, Gardner Bride, Darrel Jones and Walt Lewis, Young Eagles liaison BK White, Treasurer and Membership Chair Bill Wheadon.

Reports:

Travis Morton: Announced a flight school open house August 18 at 6 pm.

Walt Lewis: The Air Explorers will be helping the Santa Rosa 99s sell hot dogs at the Wings over Wine Country airshow August 11 and 12. AOPA has an instructional syllabus, Path To Aviation, available for teachers and pilots for use with young future pilots. Walt gave a brief report on this years Air Academy participants.

Jeanette Woods reported on planning for the annual Sonoma Skypark Family Fun Day this October 13 and asked for volunteers to help. Set up will start Friday evening at 4 pm.

Darrel Jones reported that the Family Fun Day will benefit Sonoma Mentoring Alliance and Air Academy Post 1268. The 501.c.3 application has still not been reviewed by the IRS.

BK White: August 11 Young Eagles flew 22 young people with 5 pilots and 3 ground crew.

Bill Wheadon reported that the balance in the Chapter checking account is the same as last month..

Paul Siebert announced that the speakers for the evening were Chris Prevost and Sheryl Carlucci from Sonoma Valley Airport..

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:50.

General Membership meeting: 7:50 p.m.

President Morton called the meeting to order. The June minutes were approved..

Dinner was barbecued beef by Todd Walker and Larry Nelson, with salad, pasta, chili and dessert.

The officers repeated their reports from the Board meeting for the members.

Nelleke Cooper asked for donations for the Family Fun Day.

Gary McDonald thanked Jeanette Woods for volunteering to fly Young Eagles at Petaluma.

August movie night will be August 24 and will be the 1942 film “Winged Victory”.

President Morton adjourned the meeting at 8:10.

The speakers for the evening, Chris Prevost and Sheryl Carlucci, with help from Tom Morris, informed the members about the non-compliant development on the property adjacent to Sonoma Valley Airport. Leland Fly-fishing was build without county planning approval or permits and threatens the continued operation of the airport. Members were encouraged to contact the Sonoma County Planning Department to urge them to deal with the illegal operation and development.

### **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

EAA Chapter 1268, BOD Meeting – Minutes, September 11, 2012

Board of Directors meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Vice-President Jeanette Woods, Secreatry Marsi Fahraji, Board members Paul Siebert, Gardner Bride, Darrel Jones and Walt Lewis, Young Eagles liaison BK White, Treasurer and Membership Chair Bill Wheadon.

Board member Darrel Jones conducted the meeting. There is still no news on the 501.c.3 application.

Walt Lewis: The Air Explorers will be helped the Santa Rosa 99s sell hot dogs at the Wings over Wine Country airshow August 11 and 12. The Big Brothers and Sisters organization may help the 99s next year.



Jeanette Woods reported on planning for the annual Sonoma Skypark Family Fun Day this October 13.

BK White: September 9 Young Eagles flew 16 young people with 6 pilots. BK received the thank you letters written by the Air Academy participants while they were at camp and will post them in the clubhouse..

Bill Wheadon will prepare an update roster for inclusion with the October newsletter.

Nominations for officers was discussed with the current officers and board members asked to recruit candidates for office for nominations at the October meeting. Elections will be held at the November meeting with officers installed at the December meeting and Christmas party.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

General Membership meeting: 8:00 p.m.

Board member Darrel Jones called the meeting to order. The August minutes will be included with the October newsletter.

Dinner was provided by Gary McDonald and friends.

The officers repeated their reports from the Board meeting for the members.

Nelleke Cooper again asked for donations for the Family Fun Day silent auction.

September movie night will be September 23 and will feature the film "Dawn Patrol".

The meeting was adjourned meeting at 8:30.

There was no program scheduled for the evening so the members visited with each other.

### **OTHER NEWS**

The following comes from Paul Siebert:

### **Help For Aspiring Pilots**

EAA said this week that Sporty's has made its new Learn To Fly course available to all Young Eagles free of charge. Sporty's has previously offered its recreational and private pilot courses free to Young Eagles, and more than 15,000 students already have accepted that offer. The new Learn To Fly course helps students to focus on the first step -- the first solo -- and then choose whether to pursue a sport, private, or recreational pilot certificate. The upgraded course is available for iPads and other mobile devices as well as desktop computers, EAA said. EAA also said it will provide a free first flight lesson and will pay for the FAA knowledge exam for all Young Eagles who complete the Learn To Fly course. Also this week, the Flying Musicians Association and the 99s announced programs to help those seeking an aviation career.

Focus on the Future, a project of the Flying Musicians and the Wolf Aviation Fund, is hosting its inaugural event on Saturday, Sept. 22 in Atlanta, Ga., for youth interested in pursuing a flying career. The daylong conference will offer meetings with representatives from schools around the country and seminars on topics such as how to finance an education and how to develop a career plan. The event is free for students and their parents, guardians, and counselors, but **pre-registration is required** (scroll down for the free student and parent registration option). Similar events are planned for locations around the country, including Las Vegas, Boston, Chicago, Orlando, Dallas, Los Angeles, and Honolulu. Also this week, the Eastern New England Chapter of the Ninety-Nines announced that it has four \$1,500 **scholarships** open to those training for a career in aviation. Applicants must be a resident of one of the six New England states or studying in New England. Two of the scholarships are for women only, but

two are open to all. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31, 2013.

Also from Paul is the link to the EAA Brodhead, WI Chapter 431 website where there are reports on the Pietenpol and Grassroots fly-ins this summer.

The website features a short video of Paul and Chris Price flying Paul's Curtis Junior from Brodhead during the Grassroots Fly-in.

<http://www.eaa431.org/>

Another one from Paul:

Flabob Flying Circus -- Riverside, CA. Sat, Sept. 29, 2012. (see; <http://www.flabobflyingcircus.com/>)

Flabob is a historic airport, established mid 1940's. It is the home of EAA Chapter #1.

Skypark people in attendance at the Flying Circus were; Paul, Ron, Rafe Frank Russo, Frank Schelling Eric & Debbie Preston, Jeannie Williams.

Jenny and her crew were gratuitously hosted by Shella and Mark Lightsey. Mark was Aerial Coordinator of the event and is the owner of Aerocraftsmen--a well respected antique aircraft repair and restoration facility at Flabob.

While at Flabob, Jenny's crew were treated to an informative tour of Consolidated Aircraft Coatings. Consolidated is now the parent company of Poly-Fiber (Formerly Stits), Ceconite and Randolph.

[Flabob Flying Circus photos](#)

[Flabob Flying Circus videos](#)

Leon Scarbrough send this from the Pacific Coast Air Museum Wings Over Wine Country Airshow:

[Pacific Coast Air Museum Airshow](#)

This in by email from Watsonville:

Hi Travis:

My name is Kryss and I am a member of EAA 119. My husband and I just opened the restaurant on the field at Watsonville. Please let your members know that they can get a \$100 hamburger once again beside the Monterey Bay. They can also follow us and view our menu on our Facebook page.

Thanks and hope to see you sometime at Props,

Kryss & Andrew

The Santa Rosa EAA Chapter 124 newsletter is at the following web site:

<http://www.eaa124.org/Newsletter/Oct2012.pdf>

Fly safe out there folks.

**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 FOR 2013!** SEE YOU THERE!

**REMEMBER! THE OCTOBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 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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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number, home: \_\_\_\_\_ work: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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