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of the Sonoma Skycrafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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WHILE ON 101 JUST SOUTH OF SFO

I had to run down to San Jose recently and was just south of SFO on Highway 101 when I happened to look in my rear view mirror. Just had time to pick up my camera and snap a quick shot. You may have read about it in the paper..

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The July meeting is this **Tuesday, August 13**. The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. after the Board of Directors' meeting, and is \$6.00 per person. Our chefs for the month will be Marilyn and Bob Avrit with deli sandwiches and cobblers (just in case anyone needs some work done on their shoes. Yeah, I know, bad joke.)

Our speaker will be our Petaluma compatriot Gary McDonald talking about airplane camping.

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT **August 2013**

Membership Report - We now have 80 members in good standing with their dues in 2013. This includes 15 Associate members (Spouses or significant others). We also had one renewal in the past month. If you're not sure of your standing, check the badge board – if your badge is blue, you're paid up – if its white or not there, you're probably in arrears.

Treasurer's Report The busy Air Academy season is drawing to a close and our fund set aside for this expense is still showing a deficit. The large contribution from the Air Explorers and also individual gifts have helped to whittle down the deficiency, but we still have a ways to go. Now that we have our 501c3 status, all contributions to the Air Academy fund are fully deductible on your income taxes - I hate to remind you but tax season is just around the corner.

That's all for now - see you at the meeting,

Bill Wheadon
EAA 1268 Membership Chairman and
Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES AUGUST 11

Young Eagles this coming Sunday. The WX should be good, lets hope theres no fog. I have to leave early (visitors from San Diego). I will bring the usual "Treats" and help get things started. Will be thankful for any volunteers. Send me a Yea or Ney to Eagle1@Vom.Com. See you Sunday

As always BK White is looking 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 or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

AIR EXPLORER UPDATE

The latest from the Aviation Explorers:

We finally got to do the field trip to Beale Air Force Base in June. All the officers and enlisted folks rolled out the red carpet and gave us a great look in to everything happening on the base pertaining to Flight Ops, Aeromedical training, and career opportunities in the Air Force.

We had a great turnout - 5 of the 7 members were able to come on the tour: Daniel, Amir, Connor, Ryan, and newbie Jacob.

We got great training in night vision and scanning techniques, hypoxia (all forms), function of the altitude chamber, crash survival and aircraft ejection techniques and considerations. These were the full modules that they give their regular students, not just an abbreviated version! We got a tour of the altitude chamber itself and the repair and maintenance section that maintains the pressure suits that the pilots wear in the U-2

We also got to see first hand a pilot being fitted for flight in their pressure suits (which takes no less than 3 people!).

In addition to the training, we also were treated to the real stories of 5 airmen (3 enlisted and two officers) of how they chose the Air Force and their particular career path which landed them at Beale in their squadron. It was both informative and heart warming to hear their personal stories and impressions of their time serving their country. All have chosen to re-enlist. Most impressively, the XO of the base and their most senior U-2 pilot talked for nearly an hour explaining the various paths to becoming a military pilot - invaluable information for our future pilots. A big thank you to all of the drivers and chaperones: Walt, Jill, Lisa, and Tina.

All in all we were there from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and had a great day. Even better, we are invited back for future visits!

In other news, Walt has started workshops featuring the project airplane for the Air Explorers at the clubhouse on the fourth Saturday of every month. They'll meet from 10a - 1p, stopping for lunch at the EAA barbecue.

Robin

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

Movie night for March will be **Friday, August 30**

I talked to Rafe and he said he was thinking of showing "The Right Stuff" based on Tom Wolf's book about the early astronaut program and the test pilot era of Chuck Yeager.

We'll send an email to confirm the date and program.

Pizza is always available for \$5 per person, including beverages, and complimentary popcorn just to whet your appetite (or spoil it), courtesy of Walt Lewis and his Amazing Real Movie Theater Popcorn Popping Extravaganza Machine.

See you at the movies on Skypark Movie Night, **FRIDAY, AUGUST 30** at 6 p.m.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2013 so let Roy know if you would like to be one of our famous chefs 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	Meal
2013 DINNER SCHEDULE		
AUG	Marilyn & Bob	Deli delight
SEP	?	?
OCT	Air Explorers	Chili
NOV	Ron P.	Chili
DEC	XMAS	PARTY

SPEAKERS

We are always, continually, everlastingly looking for speakers for our monthly programs. If you don't want to show your own baby pictures at a meeting, think of an alternative program or speaker and let us know what you would like to hear.

We will be trying a new method of arranging for speakers. We will ask for volunteers, not to necessarily be the speaker themselves, but to ask someone they know to be the speaker for the month they've selected. If we can fill out the schedule at the February meeting for speakers and dinners then we can sit back and relax for the rest of the year.

Send an email to me at wd6bor@vom.com so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker/Member	Subject
2013 SPEAKER SCHEDULE		
AUG	Gary McDonald	Air camping

SEP	Tom Ryan	?
OCT	Air Academy Participants	Tales of Oshkosh
NOV	Eric Presten	Bleriot ops
DEC	FROSTY	ICING OPS

2013 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

Send me any events you have for the calendar and I'll put them in.

DATE	EVENT
8/17-18	Wings Over Wine Country, Sonoma County Airport
9/21	Wings Over Marin
10/12	SSP Family Fun Day

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

June 11, 2013

EAA Chapter 1268 - BOD Meeting
President Don Booker called the meeting to order at 6:10.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June meeting and found no errors or omissions.

Board members and officers present were Don Booker, Bill Wheadon, Paul Seibert, Marsi Fahraji, Jeanette Woods, BK White, Robin Tatman, Walt Lewis and Darrel Jones.

Darrel reported that the Aviation Explorer Post 1268 is sponsored by Sonoma Skypark this year while the EAA national office completes new guidelines for Chapters to sponsor local youth organizations such as Aviation Explorers, Boy and Girls Clubs, etc.

Darrel also reported that Family Fun Day this year will be on Saturday October 12 and told the Board that Sonoma Skypark will need help from the Chapter membership.

Bill reported that donations to the Sonoma Skypark Family Fun Day will be made through Chapter 1268 to qualify them as 501.c.3 donations. Proceeds from past

events have gone to the local Aviation Explorer Post 1268 and the Sonoma Mentoring Alliance. The Sonoma Skypark Board of Directors will decide on recipients for this year's funds.

Bill also reported that EAA has a six-month free trial membership available to anyone interested in aviation. The Board approved a motion to extend a trail membership to anyone taking advantage of the national EAA trail membership offer. Young Eagles are eligible for free membership in the EAA until they are nineteen. The Board will also grant Young Eagles free membership to young Eagles applying for membership in the national EAA by granting them "honorary membership" as provided for in the Chapter by-laws.

BK reported that the June Young Eagles Day had nineteen Young Eagles participating with five pilots and the regular ground crew helping. BK once again thanked the ground crew and pilots for the generous donation of their time, aircraft and fuel to make Chapter 1268's Young Eagles events a continuing success.

Robin reported that the Aviation Explorer Post will be continuing to work on the airplane project to give the members hands-on experience with aircraft skills. Robin also reported that the Post will be taking a field trip to Beale Air Force Base to tour the high-altitude chamber and training facility. Robin said that Daniel Shulte's surgery went well and he is recovering and will be ready to attend Air Academy this summer.

Walt informed the Board that the Post will be breaking the aircraft work into smaller tasks to keep progress going forward. He said the Post members would also be inventorying the tools and rearranging the work space.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:40.

Dinner was prepared by Robin and Jeanette and consisted of ribs, corn, garlic bread, cole slaw and ice cream.

The General membership meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Booker.

The May minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

The officers gave their reports to the membership. Bill informed the members that the Chapter is a 501.c.3 non-profit organization and that all donations to the Chapter are tax-deductible. He also informed the membership about the national EAA trial membership program and that the Chapter will match the trial membership with membership in Chapter 1268.

President Booker adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

The speaker for the evening was Gardner Bride telling about dusting in Texas and flying over 100' tall cottonwood trees at the end of the field with 600 pounds of dust in a Piper PA-18. He worked in Stanton, Texas, home of "3,000 friendly people and a few soreheads."

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES **July 9, 2013**

President Booker called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Board members and officers present were Don Booker, Bill Wheadon, Marsi Fahraji, Paul Siebert, BK White and Darrel Jones.

The June minutes will be in the August newsletter.

Darrel reported that Eli Asaro, one of Chapter 1268's Air Academy sponsored participants, decided the night before he was to leave for Air Academy that he didn't want

to go. The result was that Chapter 1268 lost the airfare and some of the tuition for his participation at Air Academy.

The Board discussed measures to prevent a reoccurrence in the future. Some of the suggestions were that the family of the sponsored participant would be asked to pay a deposit which would be refunded when the participant attended Air Academy. They would also be asked to meet with the Board of Directors before their child was selected for a scholarship to determine that both parents supported their child going to camp.

Scholarship guidelines will continue to be refined.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Dinner was pulled pork, tortillas, refried beans, rice and flan, all brought by President Don and wife Elita and Wayne and Cecilia Schake.

The officers gave their reports to the membership.

Richard Craig introduced his guest Will Crogan, who is helping him with the composite construction of his Cozy 4.

Ron Price announced that the top is on the airway beacon tower in the airport parking lot. Volunteers are needed to help refurbish the beacon for the top.

Travis Morton announced that Jorge Oros achieved his private pilot license June 30. Travis also said that the flight school will soon have a Super Decathlon for tailwheel and aerobatic instruction.

The meeting was adjourned and the EAA Chapter video for May was shown.

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 AUGUST MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 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: _____

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