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EAA Chapter 1268

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ERIC FLYING THE BLÉRIOT TO CATALINA ISLAND

Only 26 miles across the sea. Of course he had a little help from the Navy.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The July meeting is this **Tuesday, November 12**. 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 the Dynamic Duo of Rom Price and Frank Russo cooking up their specialty...cooks surprise!

Elections of officers for 2014 will be held at the general membership meeting.

Our speaker will be Eric Presten talking about building and flying the Blériot XI replica of the original wing-warping 1909 airplane. Eric is planning to have his airplane assembled and may fly it before the meeting, so come early.

The following is some information Robin forwarded on the Blériot.

The **Blériot XI** is the aircraft that was used by Louis Blériot on 25 July 1909 to make the first flight across the English Channel made in a heavier-than-air aircraft. This achievement is one of the most famous accomplishments of the "pioneer era" of aviation, and not only won Blériot a lasting place in history but also assured the future of his aircraft manufacturing business. The event caused a major reappraisal of the importance of aviation; the English newspaper, *The Daily Express*, led its story of the flight with the headline, "Britain is no longer an Island".^[1]

It was produced in both single and two-seat versions, powered by a number of different engines and was widely used for competition and training purposes. Military versions were bought by many countries, continuing in service until after the outbreak of the First World War in 1914. Two restored examples — one each in the United Kingdom and the United States — of original Blériot XI aircraft are thought to be the two oldest flyable aircraft in the world.

Skypark/EAA 1268 Christmas Party Dec 6

The Sonoma Skypark/ EAA Chapter 1268 Christmas party will be Friday, December 6, with cocktail hour starting at 6.

Chairperson Kathy Carmichael has once again organized the shindig and has an evening of entertainment and fun planned for everyone.

Dinner will once again be potluck for salads, side dishes and desserts. If your last name begins with the letters A through E, bring a green or pasta salad. F through M bring a hot or side dish, and N through Z bring appetizers or dessert.

There will be a White Elephant gift exchange with each family or couple bringing ONE gift. If you have small children, please bring a gift for them for Santa to give during the party.

Kathy has also lined up some live musical entertainment, so the evening will be one of festivity and fellowship, along with the always popular eating and socializing.

We are also once again collecting unwrapped children's' presents which will be donated to deserving youngsters through the local Schell Vista Fire Department. To donate, bring an unwrapped toy or gift and we will get them to Schell Vista.

December 6, with cocktails at 6 and dinner shortly thereafter. Don't miss it!

Set up will be Thursday, December 5 at 4 pm at Hangar A-3 on the East side of the airport. Refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions, please give Kathy a call at 707-935-1728.

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

Membership Report - It's getting close to that time of year when I start ~~haranguing~~ reminding you that a new year is just around the corner and with it another round of dues obligations. Earlier in the week I sent out an email to those that have already paid their 2014 dues according to my records. If you think you should be on that list and didn't receive that email, please contact me and I'll get it resolved.

Dues are still just \$15 and can be hand delivered to me at the meeting or mailed to me using the information on the last page of this newsletter.

Treasurer's Report I'm happy to report that our fund raising through donations has been very successful. Thanks to members and others we've been able to finance our sponsorship of our Air Academy attendees. I'd like to thank the following donors: The Air Explorer Group, Karla Bailey, John Thomason, Gary McDonald, Marsi Fahraji, Jeanette Woods, The Petaluma Pilots Association, Paul Seibert & Marilyn Poggensee, and Bill & Jan Wheadon. Thanks to all of you.

Activity in our Treasury has been light – we had no disbursements from checking and one deposit of \$195 from dues renewal, October dinner excess, and an Air Academy donation. Our checking account balance stands at \$6322.82.

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

Bill Wheadon
EAA 1268 Membership Chairman and
Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES NOVEMBER 10

Young Eagles this coming Sunday. The WX should be good, lets hope there's 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 Nay 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.

This in from Rich Cooper:

Darrel,

Some friends of mine have donated \$100 to the Young Eagles program to be used toward the Oshkosh fund or as needed. Their names are Ron Matteson & Susan Tam. Please mention them in the newsletter.

Thank You,
Rich

AIR EXPLORER UPDATE

The latest from the Aviation Explorers:

Hello from Air Explorers!

In September, we had great expectations for The Great Hot Dog Sale, which was to take place in conjunction with the NASA Astronaut Rex Walheim speaking at the Petaluma Airport.

The friendly folks at PAPA had graciously given us the opportunity to have the hot dog concession in the hopes of making a lot of money to fun the upcoming events for the Air Explorers. Many hours were spent debating on how many people were going to show up (between 200 and 2,000), and consequently how many hot dogs we could possibly sell (200 to 800 or so), and therefore how many to buy, what to charge, etc. etc. etc.

As many of you will remember, when the Great Day came it was punctuated by a relentless, soaking, downpour all morning long.

It had not rained for many months prior, and it has not rained since. Hmmmm...not sure what to make of that. Except that the poor folks over in Novato had a similar disaster at their first big airport event in several years.

I think when all was said and done, we sold about 25 hot dogs and ate 12 or so ourselves.

Not a stellar day for fund raising. But, happily, the sun did come out in time for Rex to be picked up by the Fire Department, delivered to the airport, and to give a wonderful address to the community. Our explorers got a great photo together with Rex later on at the PAPA members only reception later that afternoon.

Many big Thank You(s)!! are in order: Walt for driving me around over 3 days to collect everything needed (and attend planning

meetings) to put on the event (and then put them all back!) and graciously providing your very cool trailer to store it all in; Bill Wheadon for letting us use your great stove; Tina and Mike Fasano for being there as "sweepers" to get any details taken care of, signs made, etc. that needed to be done at the last minute; and for ALL of the Explorers AND their parents who showed up when they said they would with a smile on their face (no matter how wet and how deep the puddles got that we were standing in): Aidan, Kelly, and Mark Escalera; Ryan, Tina, and Mike Fasano; Garrett Porter and Grandma Peggy, Daniel and Gill Shulte, Jacob and Lisa Smith, Amir and Marsi Fahraji, Connor and Greg, Richey. Also Ron Price and Bill Wheadon came by to offer their assistance. There was NO shortage of help!

And finally another big Thank You!! to Ron Price who bought ALL of the hot dogs and buns that we did not sell to use at the weekly airport barbecues. You saved us from really losing our shirts!

In other news, Garrett Porter and Daniel Shulte had a wonderful time at Air Academy and will be giving their presentations at the January EAA meeting. Daniel went flying earlier in the year with members Eric Presten and Rich Cooper for a school project to get some air to air video and photographs. And he got published on the AOPA website!

Congratulations Daniel and big thanks to Eric and Rich for making the flight happen.

Stay tuned next month for plans for 2014!

Robin

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

Movie night for March will be **Friday, November 22. It's the week before Thanksgiving.**

The movie will be "Lafayette Escadrille" starring Tab Hunter.

Leonard Maltin's review follows:

Directed: William Wellman. Starring Tab Hunter, Etchika Choureau, William Wellman, Jr., Jody McCrea, Dennis Devine, Marcel Dalio, David Janssen, Paul Fix, Will Hutchins, Clint Eastwood, Tom Laughlin, Brett Halsey.

Wellman's final film is a well-intentioned but flat account of the celebrated French flying legion of WW1, spotlighting the coming to maturity of wayward Hunter. Mostly of interest for its cast, with Wellman, Jr., playing his father (who actually was a pilot during the war). Wellman, Sr., wrote the story and narrates.



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, NOVEMBER** 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		
NOV	Ron P+Frank R.	Surprise!
DEC 6	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.

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		
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
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12/6	XMAS party at Sonoma Skypark!

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

October 8, 2013

They're coming' along.

Young Eagles Student Memberships Top 25,000

October 24, 2013 - In just three short years, more than 25,000 Young Eagles have signed up to be EAA student members.

This free membership is available to all Young Eagles as part of the Young Eagles Flight Plan. After a Young Eagles flight (Step 1) each youth receives a logbook with an access code to sign up for the membership (Step 2).

In addition to the EAA membership, the logbook provides access to the free Sporty's Learn to Fly Course (Step 3). To date, more than 22,000 Young Eagles have signed up for the course. The EAA membership is free until age 19 and includes an online version of Sport Aviation magazine, e-newsletters, members-only website, free admission to more than 300 science and technology museums, discounts, and more.

Also included is a free Academy of Model Aeronautics youth membership, and more than 14,000 students have taken advantage of that opportunity.

"The Young Eagles program is more than just experiencing the magic of flight; it's about encouraging young people to consider the all possibilities that aviation has to offer," said Brian O'Lena, EAA manager of Young Eagles and youth pathways. "This membership is just one more way EAA is able to engage young people in aviation."

EAA's Young Eagles program has provided flights for more than 1.8 million youths ages 8-17. For more information about the Young Eagles Flight Plan visit the [Young Eagles website](#)

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 NOVEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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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