



# THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport

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Sonoma, CA 95476

JUNE 2014



## SONOMA SKYPARK FAMILY FUN DAY SATURDAY JUNE 14

Our annual open house will run from 11 am to 3 pm. Come out and have some Family Fun!

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### FIRST THINGS FIRST

The June meeting is this **Tuesday, June 10.**

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 Leon Scarbrough and his helpers.

Our program will be the June EAA video. We will be finalizing plans for Family Fun Day as well.

### **FAMILY FUN DAY JUNE 14**

The big event this month is Sonoma Skypark's Family Fun Day open house. The public is invited for complementary hamburgers and hot dogs and the chance to tour Sonoma Skypark to see what we are all about.

There will be aircraft and automobiles on display, activities for kids, a silent auction and raffle to raise funds for the local Aviation Explorers and Sonoma Mentoring Alliance, and much more.

Many of you have very generously volunteered to once again make this event an outstanding success.

A little note about what makes Family Fun Day happen, and why we go to all the work of putting it on each year.

What makes this work is the incredible amount of time and effort people like Kathy Carmichael, Jeanette Woods and Nelleke Cooper invest.

If I had ANYTHING I needed organized, I would call Kathy. She has the talent and personality to make people want to pitch in and help. She works tirelessly, calling volunteers and donors, and has the organizational skill to have put together the framework that we use every year to stage this open house.

Jeanette Woods has and is investing countless hours creating volunteer lists, donation lists, silent auction sheets and anything else that needs doing to pull together all the jobs and resources necessary to make the day an

enjoyable success. Because Kathy is in Idaho with John for the summer, Jeanette generously volunteered to be the point person collecting all the information from the different activities

Nelleke Cooper is the person responsible for organizing the silent auction and raffle, and works with single-minded determination to make as great a success of the fundraising as possible. All proceeds from these two activities are split between the Sonoma Mentoring Alliance and our own Aviation Explorer Post 1268. Sonoma Skypark has a long history of helping the community and continues to support and benefit local youth organizations

There are many more people working to make Family Fun Day a success, but I wanted to mention Ron Price, as Airport Manager and more, for all the tasks, large and small, that he performs to make things run smoothly.

### **EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT** **June 2014**

**Membership Report:** We're halfway through the year and most of the badges on the board are blue with a few white ones here and there. I've sent out reminder notices to 16 members who were current in 2013 but haven't submitted their dues for 2014 yet – were you one of the lucky ones to have received my reminder?

For those who like numbers, we currently have 57 paid up members including 8 Associate members and 8 Air Explorers who are given complimentary membership by our chapter

**Treasurer's Report:** Our checking account balance stands at \$7819.82, an increase of \$591 due to dues renewals, Air Academy donations, and a slight dinner excess from our May dinner. There were 3 deposits in May (\$591) And one check was written (but not cashed yet) to cover 2 years of web hosting – have you

visited our website lately? Try it at [www.eaa1268.org](http://www.eaa1268.org).

This is a good time to remind potential chapter chefs that the food expenses you incur will be reimbursed from the donations given at the meeting. It is not the goal for the dinners to be money makers. If your expenses exceed donations, you'll still be paid whatever you spent from a special fund set up for just this case.

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

### **YOUNG EAGLES JUNE 8**

BK was ill this month so Ron Price stepped up to organize things for Young Eagles. Ron will have a report at the meeting on the day's event.

Just a little word about Ron. He is the airport manager out at Sonoma Skypark not because he needs the job, but because Sonoma Skypark is a passion of his.

He previously ran Fremont Airport, but when that land was sold to developers, he put together a group of people who invested in Sonoma Skypark. The property had been leased as an airport since 1967, but the current airport owner had died and the property was up for sale as light industrial property, not an airport. Sonoma Skypark Inc. was formed in 1986 to buy the property, ensuring that a lease wouldn't expire in the future and the airport be lost. It is now a pilot-owned public use airport serving Sonoma Valley.

Ron, with the Carmichaels and a few others, saved Sonoma Skypark and have turned it from a dusty backwater airport into the welcoming, friendly, fun place that it is now. He puts in more time than any sane person would, and usually has a big smile while doing so. If we're lucky, he won't be locked up anytime soon.

So next time you see Ron at the airport, give him a big "thank you" for all the work he does

to make Sonoma Skypark a special place for pilots and families.

We'll hope that BK is on the mend and can make it to the meeting Tuesday.

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](mailto:eagle1@vom.com) or by calling him at 707-996-1335.

### **MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK**

Movie night for June will be **Friday, June 27** .

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, JUNE 27** at 6 p.m.

### **DINNER SCHEDULE**

We are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2014 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](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 for this year so far is:

Month	Cook	Meal
2014 DINNER SCHEDULE		
JUN	Leon S.	
JUL	Richard & Bill	
AUG		
SEP		
OCT	Air Explorers	
NOV		
DEC	XMAS	PARTY

**SPEAKERS**

We are always, continually, everlastingly looking for speakers for our monthly programs.

Send an email to me at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker/Member	Subject
2014 SPEAKER SCHEDULE		
JUN	EAA	Chapter video
JUL		
AUG		
SEP		
OCT		
NOV		
DEC	Chris K.	

**2014 EAA 1268 CALENDAR**

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

DATE	EVENT
6/7	Skypark Family Fun Day
6/8	Young Eagles 9 Am
6/10	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
7/8	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
7/13	Young Eagles 9 Am
7/28	AirVenture Oshkosh 7/28-8/3
8/10	Young Eagles 9 Am
8/12	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
9/9	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
9/14	Young Eagles 9 Am
10/12	Young Eagles 9 Am
10/14	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
11/9	Young Eagles 9 Am
11/11	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
12/	XMAS party at Sonoma Skypark!

**EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

The June minutes will be in the July newsletter.

The following was forwarded by Bill Wheadon:

Dear Airport Support Network Volunteer, AOPA is encouraging you to share the attached backgrounder on the 3rd class medical legislation with your pilot friends, colleagues, and airport patrons. Our goal is to urge everyone to contact their representative in the House and Senate and either thank them for cosponsoring the General Aviation Pilot Protection Act (H.R. 3708 in the House and S. 2103 in the Senate), or, telling their representative why the bill is so important to general aviation and asking them to become a cosponsor. The list of cosponsors is available on the AOPA website at this link:

[www.aopa.org/Advocacy/Legislative-Affairs/General-aviation-pilot-protection-act.aspx](http://www.aopa.org/Advocacy/Legislative-Affairs/General-aviation-pilot-protection-act.aspx)

Please tell them you are a constituent and that:

- You support H.R. 3708 in the House and S.2103 in the Senate.
- This bill expands on the FAA's successful sport pilot medical standard.
- This measure will save pilots and the FAA money and time.
- This bill addresses the number one concern of pilots.
- General aviation is a vital part of the nation's transportation system and you hope they will be a cosponsor OR thank them for being a cosponsor.

Thank you for your work as AOPA's Airport Support Network volunteer!

Warm regards,  
AOPA Government Affairs

**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 2014!** SEE YOU THERE!

**REMEMBER! THE JUNE MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JUNE 10 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**

**Please mail your dues to:**  
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