



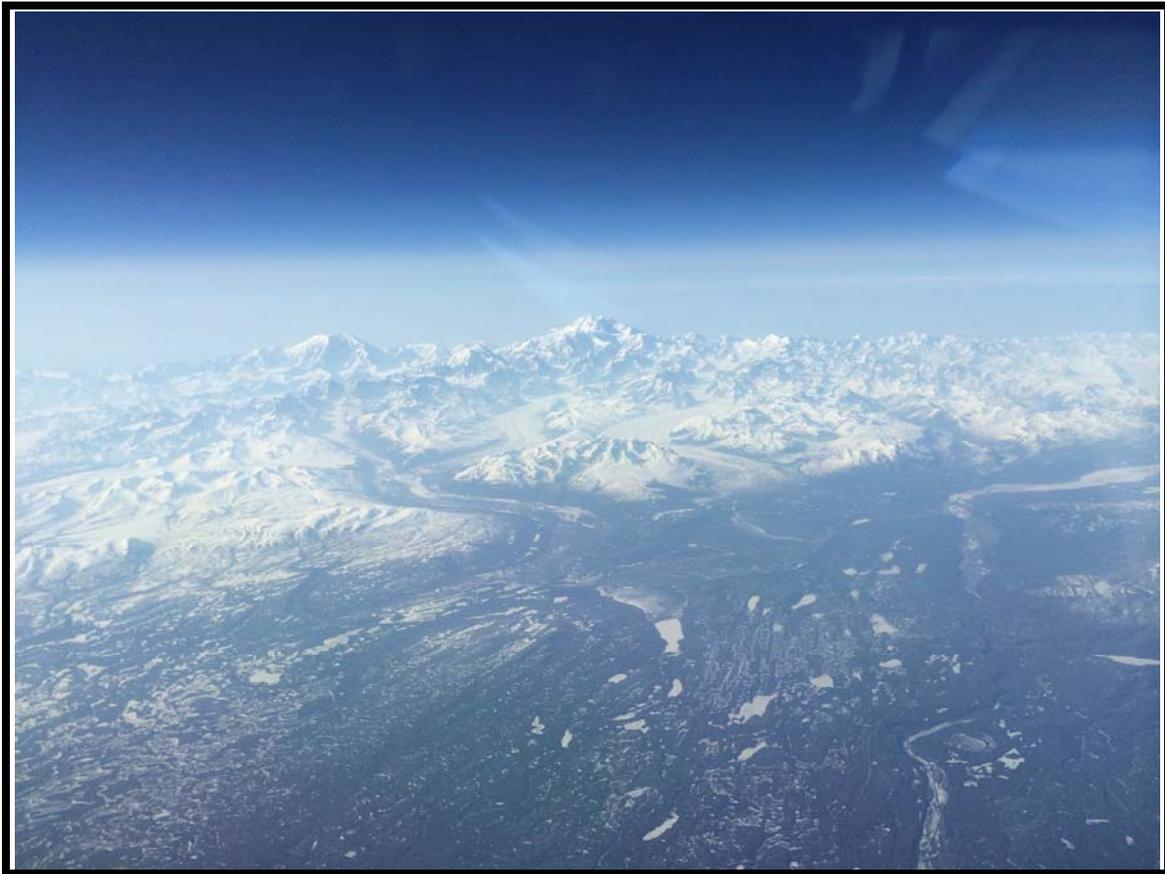
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of the Sonoma Skycrafters

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WHERE'S ROBIN?

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The October meeting is this **Tuesday, October 14**. 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 Air Explorers.

Our speaker will be Garrett Porter.

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT

October 2014

Membership Report: We received one renewal from a former member who is possibly returning to the Sonoma area from Florida. Anna Diaz, Emmanuel Berke's mother, mailed me a membership form and when I sent her an email acknowledging her form she replied that Emmanuel is working on his BS at Embry Riddle and is in his third year by virtue of his taking online accelerated courses. Anna is getting fed up with the humidity and bugs.

Treasurer Report: Since I missed the September meeting (more about that later) I'll give a synopsis of what's happened in that department for the last two months: we received income of \$232 from dues renewals, Air Academy donations, and receipts from the silent auction at Family Fun Day. Disbursements included \$1850 with \$1600 going to the Sonoma Mentoring Alliance and \$250 for payment of two years of website hosting.

I missed the September meeting because of a trip I took in the Cessna 140 to the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Every year, always on the weekend following Labor Day, the Hood River Fly-In is held at the Ken Jernstedt Airfield in Hood River which is on the south bank of the Columbia River almost due north of Mt. Hood. I had heard of this event but this was my first (but not last) trip there.

The Fly-In took over the airfield and was self-contained - hot meals 3x a day for those like me who chose to camp under the wing and a shuttle service was available for those staying in motels.

Also attending was John & Jerry Montorency in John's Beech Staggerwing (they were in attendance at Family Fun Day). A total of 300 airplanes attended this year.



This airport is the home of the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum which is worth a visit anytime of the year by plane or car. The museum is large and filled with many restored antique autos and airplanes too numerous to list. Visit the museum website at <http://www.waaamuseum.org> for more information on this excellent facility.

After 3 days there I flew to Coeur de Alene, Idaho to visit an old friend (retired airline also) who has a condo on a golf course just north of there. I lugged my golf clubs along and we played 3 rounds in 3 days and even had time to fly up to Cavanaugh Bay airport at Priest Lake, WA for lunch. Many of you are familiar with this airport gem – a sod strip with excellent camping facilities a short distance from a public lodge on the water with excellent food. The trip back was a bit grueling – 7 hours in 3 legs fighting a headwind but very satisfying and worth a repeat next year.

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

YOUNG EAGLES OCTOBER 12

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:

Hello from Air Explorers!

In August a group of Explorers piled in to vehicles and all met at Travis Air Force Base to get a tour of the KC-10 Air Force refueling aircraft. Capt. Ben Middlebrooks greeted the group and gave us a sit down briefing about the mission of the airplane, its capabilities - including a great in-house video, his background, and how he got into the military.

We then went out to the airplane and got a full tour. It was a lovely day in Vacaville where the temperature was over 90 degrees on the ramp, and well over 100 degrees in the airplane.

Despite the heat, (the Reservists never made it out to turn on the air conditioning and power the airplane), the boys had a great time checking out the cockpit, learning about the refueling and cargo operations, checking out the view from the refueling boom station, and grilling the pilots with a lot of great questions.

They got to appreciate the size of the exterior of the airplane as well since they were allowed full access to wander where they pleased.

Big thanks go to Capt. Middlebrooks for making the tour possible and coming in to "work" on a weekend, and to parents Mark, Marsi, and Lisa for driving.

In July, our guest speaker Marc Ashton went over the requirements in detail about the private pilot rating. This weekend we will be staying at the airport and continuing the discussion

about what you need to do to get all the ratings in between you and a career.

Robin

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I missed the last meeting, but I heard that several of you guessed correctly that I was preflighting my airplane. I didn't hear if you guessed the location - Tokyo Narita.

Here's this month's question:

On most of my flights on the 747, we have pilot crews of 3 or 4. For any flight scheduled over 8 hours we must have 3 pilots, and over 12 hours we have to have 4 pilots to give the crews a break during the flight for rest.

On flights with 4 crew members we split the flight in half to determine the breaks. One captain and first officer are in the seat for take off and fly the first half of the flight while the other two are on break. Half way through we switch and the relieving crew continues and is in the seat for landing.

On a lovely day in May of this year, I was on first break on this particular flight. When I came up to the cockpit to relieve the flying crew, I was treated to this spectacular view. (See front page photo.) Where were we?

Bonus: based on your answer, what was the name of a likely, fairly well known nearby town (not city) 36,000 feet below us?

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

The movie for SSP Vintage Movie Night on **Saturday, October 25th** is “Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo”.



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, **SATURDAY, October 25th** 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 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.

| 2014 DINNER SCHEDULE | | |
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| OCT | Air Explorers | Surprise |
| NOV | | |
| DEC | SSP | XMAS Party |

SPEAKERS

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

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 |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 2014 SPEAKER SCHEDULE | | |
| OCT | Garrett Porter | Air Academy |
| NOV | Chris K? | |
| DEC | | |

2014 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

| DATE | EVENT |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| 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! |
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EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

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 2015!** SEE YOU THERE!

REMEMBER! THE OCTOBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 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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