



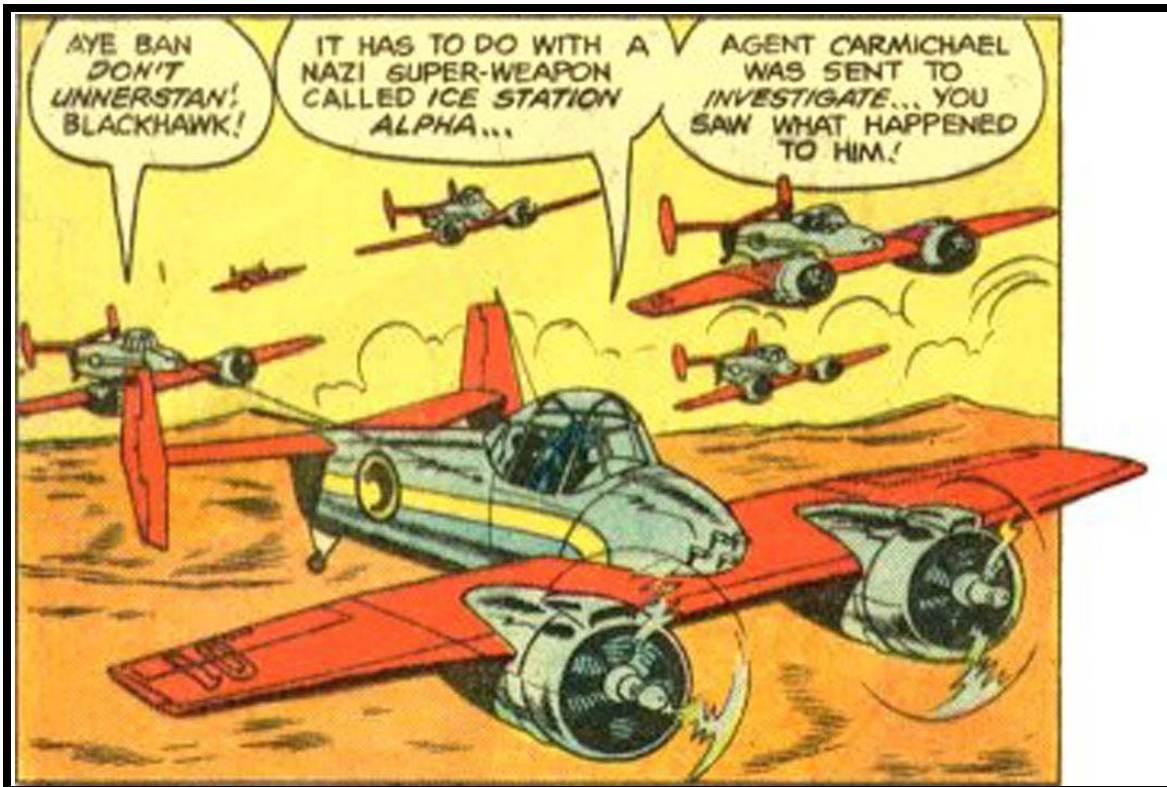
THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The February meeting is this **Tuesday, February 10th**. 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 Bill and Jan Wheadon.

GUEST SPEAKER

This month's guest speaker will be Captain Bob Norris. He just published the book "The Dust

Bowl to WWII - One Young Man's Journey of Survival". The book is a historically accurate account of life in the U.S. from the perspective of a kid growing up in the Dust Bowl to air combat in the Pacific in WWII and escape from a Japanese prisoner of war camp in Borneo.

The book is dedicated to Tat Tatman, and a portion of the book is based on some of Tat's experiences at United Airlines after he got hired in 1946. The detail in the novel about everything from life in Alaska in the 1930's to a checkout and dogfighting in a P-38 is stunning.

A little bit about Bob: First of all, he is married to his life long sweetheart Dee and they have 3 wonderful sons and a large number of grandkids.

Professionally, Bob is a retired Captain from United Airlines. Besides flying the line at United, he was also a Flight Manager, FAA Check Airman, and Instructor. His ratings include Flight Instructor, ATP, Flight Engineer, and Flight Dispatcher. He is type rated on B-737/757-767, DC-8/10 and has flown numerous general aviation single and multi-engine aircraft including many tail wheel. He has owned at least one Super Cub and a Fleet Bi-Plane. He also was the owner/operator of an FAA-141 Flight School and FAA Maintenance Repair Station. He is the recipient of the FAA Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" award and past Commander of the San Francisco County Sheriff's Air Squadron. He has written many excellent textbooks on different facets of aviation, and just published his for novel mentioned above. Finally, he has flown 196 Young Eagles in his Fleet Bi-plane. He has always been very generous with his time and helped many, many young pilots find jobs in the aviation industry.

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT 2015

Checking account balance: \$8222.00

Dues for 2015 were due in January. If you haven't done so already, please fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter and mail your check made out to EAA 1268 to Bill Wheadon.

YOUNG EAGLES

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 January we were treated to Marc Ashton's presentation on how to properly fill out a scholarship application. This was timely considering all applications for Air Academy are due by the end of February. This month we were weathered out of flying with low ceilings, rain, and gusty winds. I elected not to have a meeting as only one person sent me an RSVP to attend. Everyone was busy or staying under the covers and out of the rain. Next month I'd like to "Explore" some of the owners' hangars. Most of the time we focus on exposing career oriented topics. I'd like to switch gears a bit to show them what fun you can still have in aviation when it's a hobby as opposed to a career. If any of you would like to show off your airplanes and "stuff" (aviation related or not), please let me know.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

Movie night for January will be **Saturday, February 28th**. Rafe will show the movie "Men with Wings".



A 1938 film
directed by
William Wellman
and
starring
Fred MacMurray,
Ray Milland,
Louise Campbell
and
Andy Devine.

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, Feb 28th** at 6 p.m.

MOTION-INDUCED BLINDNESS

(Interesting article submitted by Paul Siebert.)

Thanks to Bob Gehring for sending the following article from the Midwest Antique Airplane Club Newsletter July 2014.

“In a motor accident, where a speeding car hits a slower-moving vehicle coming from the side, the speeding car driver often swears that they just didn’t see the vehicle coming from the left or right. Well, they aren’t lying. They really don’t see the vehicle coming from the side, in spite of broad daylight.

This phenomenon on the car driver’s part is known as “Motion-Induced Blindness”. It is definitely frightening.

Once airborne, pilots are taught to alternate their gaze between scanning the horizon and scanning their instrument panel, and never to

fix their gaze for more than a couple of seconds on any single object. They are taught to continually keep their heads on a swivel and their eyes always moving. Because, if you fix your gaze on one object long enough while you yourself are in motion, your peripheral vision goes blind.

Till about three decades ago, this “heads on a swivel & eyes moving” technique was the only way to spot other aircraft in the skies around. Now-a-days they have on-board radars, but the old technique still holds good.

Here’s a small demonstration of motion induced blindness. Just click on the link below. You will see a revolving array of blue crosses on a black background. There is a flashing green dot in the centre and three fixed yellow dots around it. If you fix your gaze on the green dot for more than a few seconds, the yellow dots will disappear at random, either singly, or in pairs, or all three together.

In reality, the yellow dots are always there – just move your focus to see.

Just watch the yellow dots for some time to ensure that they don’t go anywhere!

<http://www.msf-USA.org/motion.HTML>

So, if you are driving at a high speed on a highway, and if you fix your gaze on the road straight ahead, you will not see a car, a scooter, a buggy, a bicycle, a buffalo or even a human being approaching from the side.

NOW REVERSE THE SITUATION. If you are crossing a road on foot and you see a speeding car approaching, there’s a 90% chance that the driver isn’t seeing you, because his/her peripheral vision may be blind! And you may be in that blind zone!!

DINNER SCHEDULE

We are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2015 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
2015 DINNER SCHEDULE		
JAN		
FEB	Bill/Jan Wheadon	
MAR		
APR		
MAY		
JUN		
JUL		
AUG		
SEP		
OCT		
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 so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker/Member	Subject
2015 SPEAKER SCHEDULE		
JAN	Davis Crawford	Aviation career
FEB	Bob Norris	
MAR		
APR		
MAY		
JUN		
JUL		
AUG		
SEP		
OCT		
NOV		
DEC	Chris K.	Icy Ops

2015 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
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1/11	Young Eagles 9 Am
1/13	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
1/24	Skypark Movie Night
2/8	Young Eagles 9 Am
2/10	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
2/28	Skypark Movie Night
2/28	Air Academy application deadline
3/8	Young Eagles 9 Am
3/10	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
3/28	Skypark Movie Night
4/12	Young Eagles 9 Am
4/14	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
4/25	Skypark Movie Night
5/10	Young Eagles 9 Am
5/12	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
5/23	Skypark Movie Night
6/	Skypark Family Fun Day
6/9	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
6/14	Young Eagles 9 Am
6/27	Skypark Movie Night
7/12	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
7/14	Young Eagles 9 Am
7/20	AirVenture Oshkosh 7/20-26
7/25	Skypark Movie Night
8/9	Young Eagles 9 Am
8/11	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
8/22	Skypark Movie Night
9/8	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
9/13	Young Eagles 9 Am
9/26	Skypark Movie Night
10/11	Young Eagles 9 Am
10/13	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
10/24	Skypark Movie Night
11/9	Young Eagles 9 Am
11/11	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
11/28	Skypark Movie Night
12/	
12/	XMAS party at Sonoma Skypark!
1/1/16	New Years' Day 1 st Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs!	

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