



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The July meeting is this **Tuesday, July 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 Roy and Linda Myers, who will once again delight us with their "Chef's Surprise!".

Our speaker will be Tosh McIntosh, Sam McIntosh's brother. He will talk about his experiences as a military pilot and instructor. (More background material on page 3 of this newsletter.)

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN  
AND TREASURER REPORT**

**2015**

July marks the halfway point in our year of financial accounting with June being the month with the most financial activity – both in funds accumulation and disbursement. The big fundraiser for the year was the Family Fun Day event in June. Although the final tally has yet to be completed, if it's anything like last year we'll be able to help finance some of the expense of our sponsorship of our Air Academy attendees.

Our major disbursements for the Air Academy have yet to be completed and will appear in the August report. Our checking account balance stands at \$10523.12.

Submitted by Bill Wheadon, Treasurer

**YOUNG EAGLES**

As usual I'm calling for volunteers for Y.E. flight day on July 12th. REALLY gonna need some help that day because I'm not going to be there! Leaving for Utah on the 12th. Won't be at the EAA meeting on the 14th either.

Need someone to pick-up donuts, bananas, orange juice (forget the bagels - no one ever eats them). Of course we'll need registration help, line crew, ground school. Sure hope we'll have volunteers step up to the plate for a one time shot at fame and frustration.....B.K.

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.

**AIR EXPLORER UPDATE**

The latest from the Aviation Explorers:  
Hello EAA Members!

Our Air Explorer membership has been growing, and we are up to 8-10 regular

members, and an additional 2-3 that float in and out depending on their school and summer schedules.

Our air camping trip to Columbia Airport is set to take place. We are looking for another 4 volunteers/airplanes or so to take the kids up and back to the airport. Please call me at 707-853-2220 or email at [robntat@aol.com](mailto:robntat@aol.com) if you are interested in participating. The explorers are very excited about going! Several parents will be driving up also, one with a trailer, so you don't have to worry about carrying any gear in your airplanes. I'll be working on all of the "red tape" with the EAA and BSA as far as insurance, permission slip, etc. in the next 2 weeks.

Marc Ashton is continuing to help out and bring a lot of experience and depth to the group. I am so grateful for his assistance and support.

Our meeting (today) after Young Eagles will continue to focus on learning to run a meeting with our newly elected officers, and refine our "what to bring" list for the camping trip.

Happy Contrails!

Robin

**MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK**

Movie night for July will be **Saturday, July 25.**

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, JULY 25** at 6 p.m.

**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](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
2015 DINNER SCHEDULE		
JUL	Roy & Linda Myers	
AUG	Marsi, Amir & Chris	
SEP		
OCT	Aviation 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
2015 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JUL	Tosh McIntosh
AUG	
SEP	
OCT	Air Academy Participants
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
7/12	Young Eagles 9 Am
7/14	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
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 <sup>st</sup> Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs!	



**SPEAKER: LT. COL. TOSH MCINTOSH**

Lt. Col. McIntosh entered the United States Air Force in 1964 and served as a pilot for twenty years, five months, four days, twelve hours, and thirty-seven seconds, but who's counting? He never had a desk job that didn't include active flying, all of which after pilot training was in fighters, and of that, the majority in the F-4 Phantom, including two combat tours in a hot war and the rest in constant readiness if a cold war decided to heat up.

Tosh retired from active duty in 1985 not yet ready to turn in his g-suit. Every day since, he has missed the unique combination of service to country and the bond of commitment to a team effort in which each fighter pilot must constantly perform to the best of his ability with no exceptions. Fail your wingman or leader and an already dangerous profession turns deadly.

After a series of false-start second careers in Austin, Texas, as a flight instructor, landscaper, and financial planner, he flew airliners for ten years before monumental boredom finally drove him away and he began flying corporate jets. His professional flying landed for the last time in 2007.

Tosh is also a writer. Although he's been putting pen to paper for much less time than he's been a flyer, these two dominating interests in his life dovetail seamlessly into a synergistic union. His goal is to share with readers his deeply ingrained love of aviation.

Tosh published his debut novel *Pilot Error* in September, 2011, and the second-in-series novel *Red Line* in June, 2014. In non-fiction, Book One of *Words on my Wings, tales from the cockpit*, and Book One of *Wings on my Words, tales from the writer's desk*, cover his fledgling experiences as a pilot and writer. Subsequent books planned in each series will continue his ongoing journeys in aviation and wordsmithing.

### **THE OVERVIEW: "PILOT ERROR IN FACT AND FICTION"**

Although air travel is by far the safest mode of transportation over long distances, pilot error is the most common cause or contributing factor in air crashes. Tosh will cover in detail the critical links in the chain of events relating to three high-profile aviation accidents that

epitomize the all-too-common negative role of human performance in determining the final outcomes. His presentation on the facts of pilot error will also examine how superb airmanship prevented a tragic disaster, then shift to the fiction portion of his talk with a short description of how his personal aviation for airborne murder. A question-and-answer session will follow.

### **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

**Send me your news for your newsletter!** experience and interest in writing have combined to author a series of mystery novels in which pilot error serves as a smokescreen

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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 JULY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JULY 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.**

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**EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EXPIRATION DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your check should be made payable to: **EAA 1268**

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