



THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Skycrafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
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AIR EXPLORER POST 1268 MEMBERS AT CAL FIRE

Robin Tatman, Post Advisor, arranged another field trip for the Explorers.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The November meeting is this **Tuesday, November 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. The general membership meeting will follow dinner.

Our chefs for the month will be Ron Price and Frank Russo.

Our program will be a talk by David Meeks about flying in the arctic.

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
AND TREASURER REPORT**
November 2015

Membership Report – The month of November is upon us and marks the end of our warm days, sunny skies and the end of regularly scheduled meetings. It also is the beginning of the season for dues collections. I'll be on hand for our Tuesday night meeting with a fistful of five dollar bills to give you in exchange for a twenty dollar bill – in other words, membership dues are still \$15!

Treasurer Report Since I haven't yet received our monthly bank statement and haven't signed up for online banking, I'll have to wing it on estimating our current checking account balance. I wrote two checks totaling \$3047 which were disbursements to the Sonoma Mentoring Alliance and the Air Explorers. These were funds that were raised by Family Fun Day and were being held in our checking account. One deposit was made for \$65 so our estimated checking account balance is around \$9900.

An upcoming expense is a deposit of \$1200 to be made to the EAA Air Academy to reserve slots for the 2016 Air Academy sessions. That's all for now – any questions shoot me an email (bill.wheadon@gmail.com) or ask me at the meeting,

Bill Wheadon, EAA 1268 Membership
Chairman and Treasurer

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 everyone!

The Air Explorers have been busy, especially behind the scenes. Unfortunately, our first two fly outs have been a bust. The first one to Columbia Airport to go camping was a no go for this year. First we were "smoked" out in September due to the rampant wild fires. We rallied and rescheduled for October, but our volunteer pilots scattered for various reasons - mostly aircraft maintenance and annuals. Our planning was well executed, and the parents have been fantastic providing support, vehicles, and their kids!

Our second outing to Half Moon Bay for lunch that was to happen this last Sunday was both rained out and suffered from lack of volunteer pilots. (We had 5 seats available and needed more than that). We tentatively have a tour at the CDF facility at the Santa Rosa airport to see the Fire Bombers to replace the Fly Out.

At the meeting this Sunday we will reschedule 2 dates for next year's camping trip.

If we are weathered out the first time, we will still have a date on the calendar that we have volunteers for as a backup. We will also be choosing dates that do not conflict with Young Eagles events so that hopefully we will get some volunteers from Sonoma Skypark. Thank you everyone that has volunteered so far!

A big thank you goes out to Kathy Carmichael for getting the details of our order together for new shirts. We are also ordering caps for the first time - they should look very spiffy! We are hoping to have them in later this month.

Marc Ashton and I (along with Ron Price) finally got to meet with two

representatives from the Boy Scouts of America regarding getting the Post re-registered. They were very nice, and should be helpful in the future. For standardization purposes, I am looking forward to getting the group structured more towards their model.

We can do that now that there are more kids (and parents!) participating in the group on a consistent basis (about 10-12).

However, I did ask them about their policy about the Explorers actually flying in airplanes. (That seems like a "no-brainer" since they are called "Aviation Exploring"). But, I got a very firm "I'll have to get back to you on that." So I am pretty sure the answer is a big "No." But happily there are work-a-rounds in life for just about everything, and our wonderful affiliation with you all - the EAA - has given us a venue around that stumbling block, as well as the age restrictions.

Ron Price was very generous re-committing the airport as the group sponsor, and also will help cover the costs of the parents being on the directing Committee. Here is a breakdown of all of the fees:

Explorers: \$24/year
Advisors: \$24/year (This includes adults on the Committee).
Sponsor: \$40/year

At our current level of participation that adds up to nearly \$500.00 annually. For that we get insurance at events, the affiliation status with the Boy Scouts, and some networking tools to find other groups, as well as a page on their web site so that others can find us. They highly recommended a Facebook page, which we have up and running already. They will print brochures for us that we can have at the airport and on Young Eagle days. They will also send information about our group to the local high schools via career counselors. On career days we can arrange to be there to promote Air Explorers. The BSA also has a district newsletter, so we can advertise our own events (like Young Eagles and our meetings) to drum up business.

All in all things are coming along.

There are two items that we will be focusing on over the next 6 months. The first is to get

the group structurally sound so that the Explorers are running the meetings, and the Advisors and Committee are in place to support them and the organization. The second is to get events on the calendar, and fly them. Field trips are great, but they really want to fly.

Enthusiasm can generate motivation and action. So, when I put out notices that we need volunteers for events, I hope you will consider flying!

Thanks again for all of your support.

Robin

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

Movie night for November will be **Saturday, November 28th**. It will be a great aviation classic TBA.

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, November 28** at 6 p.m.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2016 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		
NOV	Ron and Frank	A surprise!
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		
NOV	David Meeks	Flying in the Arctic
JAN	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
11/9	Young Eagles 9 Am
11/11	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
11/28	Skypark Movie Night
12/5	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

OCTOBER 13, 2015

The Board of Directors' meeting was called to order by President Don Booker at 6:05 pm.

Treasurer Bill Wheadon reported that the California Statement of Information needed to be filed before December 31. Board member Darrel Jones volunteered to file the statement.

Bill also reported that the proceeds from Sonoma Skypark's Family Fun Day provided \$1524 each to the Aviation Explorer Post 1268 and Sonoma Mentoring Alliance.

President Booker advised that nominations for officers for 2016 will be made at the October meeting. Robin Tatman, current Vice President, volunteered to run for President. Don Booker, current President, volunteered to run for Vice

President. Treasurer Bill Wheadon and Secretary Marsi Fahraji both volunteered to run for Treasurer and Secretary. Board members Paul Seibert and Darrel Jones agreed to serve as Board members for 2016.

Robin reported that she has someone who can help get the Internet connection up and running in the clubhouse and help with the Chapter website.

Darrel reported again on the Chapter's critical need for help with public relations and press releases.

Darrel proposed that Sonoma Skypark once again sponsor the Aviation Explorer Post since EAA does not allow Chapters to do so. He will bring it before the Board of Directors for Sonoma Skypark at the next meeting.

The Chapter flew 22 Young Eagles at the October event with six pilots volunteering their services. Young Eagles liaison BK White was indisposed due to health issues and was unable to attend this month.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:55. Dinner was provided by the Aviation Explorers with Robin's organization and consisted of pizza, ravioli, salad, rolls and pie.

The General membership meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm.

President Booker reported on the volunteers for officers for 2016 and asked for any additional nominations from the floor. There being none, he said that elections will be held at the November meeting, with any subsequent nominations included on the ballot at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned after reports of officers. The program was a presentation by the Air Academy participants sponsored by EAA Chapter 1268 this summer.

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

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