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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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JUST TO START A CONVERSATION BETWEEN NAVY, AIR FORCE
AND MARINE PILOTS

Should make for an interesting meeting...

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The February meeting is this **Tuesday, February 9**. 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 chef for the month will be Marsi and Amir Fahraji.

Our speaker/program will be:
The February EAA Chapter Video.

Video Highlights:

- **News From HQ**
EAA's Charlie Becker and Bret Steffen, Director of Education, gives an important update on the Youth Protection program. Charlie also discusses the new chapter merchandise web store.
- **Douglas A-26**
"Father and Son Invade Oshkosh"
- **EAA's Founder's Innovation Prize**
Sean Elliott, Vice President of Advocacy & Safety, discusses how you can help solve general aviation's most pressing problem, loss of control, and possibly win up to \$25,000.

Hints for Homebuilders
Control Cable Components

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT **2016**

Membership Report – I'm happy to report that our membership is maintaining its strength in numbers and also in dues accountability.

With 72 members considered active (have paid dues within the last 2 years), 41 of them have paid dues for 2016.

Twenty-one who were current in 2015 still have to pay, and we have 10 members who were last active in 2014. For you new members [and those of us old(er) with memory problems], the clue as to whether you're current is your badge color – blue if current, white if not. If you have no badge it means

you've been dropped from the roster which happens after 2 years delinquency.

Treasurer Report As I mentioned in my brief oral report to the membership at last month's meeting, the state of the treasury is in good shape – to be more specific, our checking account balance on December 31, 2015 was \$189.86 greater than on December 31, 2014. Some of the categories of credit were: Member dues - \$745, Air Academy donations - \$1500, excess dinner receipts - \$311.87.

Some categories of debit were: EAA national - \$455 (insurance) and \$1565 (Air Academy tuition), and website hosting - \$125.88.

I sent a more complete accounting to all of the board members last month. If any member would like the same accounting let me know and you'll get it by email.

That's all for now – any other 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

Young Eagles day is Feb 14th. 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.

MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

Movie night selection for **Saturday, 6pm, Feb 27th** is the 1939 RKO Radio picture **Five Came Back** starring Chester Morris, John Carradine and a very shapely Lucille Ball.

When an airliner crash-lands in the Amazon jungle, the survivors struggle to repair the craft and build a makeshift runway as a vicious tribe of native headhunters surrounds them. But when they realize that the damaged plane can

only carry five passengers out, who will be given a chance to escape, who will stay behind to fend for themselves in an unforgiving jungle--and who will decide?



Free admission. 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, February 27** at 6 p.m.

DINNER SCHEDULE

We are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2016 so let us know if you would like to be one of our famous chefs for the upcoming year. Contact Robin at robntat@aol.com or 707-553-2747. 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
2016 DINNER SCHEDULE		
JAN	Bill & Jan W.	Chili
FEB	Marsi & Amir	Persian Chili
MAR	Nelleke & Rich	Chili Spaghetti
APR		Mildly Chili
MAY		Chilly
JUN		Warm

JUL		Hot
AUG		Not So Chilly
SEP		Cool, Man
OCT		Cooler Still
NOV		Dern Cold
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
2016 SPEAKER SCHEDULE		
FEB	EAA Feb Video	Lots!
MAR		
APR		
MAY		
JUN		
JUL		
AUG		
SEP		
OCT		
NOV		
DEC	Herr S. Klaus	IFR/NIGHT OPS

2016 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

Send me any exciting, thrilling, terrifying or just plain fun events you have for the calendar.

DATE	EVENT
2/9	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
2/14	Young Eagles 9 Am
2/27	Skypark Movie Night
2/29	Air Academy application deadline
3/8	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
3/13	Young Eagles 9 Am
3/26	Skypark Movie Night
4/10	Young Eagles 9 Am
4/12	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
4/23	Skypark Movie Night
5/8	Young Eagles 9 Am
5/10	1268 Meeting 7 Pm

5/28	Skypark Movie Night
6/?	Skypark Family Fun Day
6/12	Young Eagles 9 Am
6/14	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
6/27	Skypark Movie Night
1/1/17	New Years' Day 1 st Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs!	

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

The January minutes will be in the next newsletter.

A PERSONAL “EDITORIAL”

I am hesitant to visit this issue in the newsletter, but want everyone reading this to understand that the following is my personal opinion and does not represent the opinion of the officers, board members or other members of Chapter 1268. I feel it is enough of an important issue that it should be discussed at the meeting.

I also wholeheartedly support the mission of the EAA and have great respect for those persons within the organization working so hard to preserve and protect our right to fly.

The following is an email I sent to Jack Pelton and the Directors of the EAA:

Dear Jack,

I have been volunteering for many years with the EAA Young Eagles program, but am very upset that I may no longer be able to do so unless I submit my Social Security number and personal information and submit to a criminal background check. Further, I understand that I will be compelled to sign a waiver holding EAA and its contractor harmless should my Social Security number and personal

information be stolen and I suffer financial loss. Police are routinely able to do a check of individuals without requiring their Social Security number. You have my permission to conduct such a background check without using my Social Security number and without my having signed the hold-harmless waiver.

I am deeply disturbed that EAA has succumbed to the hysteria surrounding the potential for registered sexual predators harming the youth we serve. Unless someone has already committed such a crime, a criminal background check serves no purpose. On the other hand, all credit security agencies strongly caution against giving out such information due to the much more common crime of identity theft and credit fraud.

I strongly urge you to reconsider what I feel is an unnecessary intrusion into our privacy. I volunteered as a CPR and first aid instructor for the American Red Cross for 38 years until they also enacted criminal background checks for their volunteers. I could not continue to do so without giving up my confidential information and also signing a waiver relieving them of any responsibility for any compromise of that information.

I hope I will not also need to stop volunteering with the EAA for this same reason.

I would appreciate it if you would forward this to the rest of the Board of Directors. I am sure that I am not the only EAA volunteer upset by this new requirement.

Darrel Jones
EAA 184434
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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 2016!** SEE YOU THERE!

**REMEMBER! THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 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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