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of the Sonoma Skyrafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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AIN'T IT THE TRUTH...

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The March meeting is this **Tuesday, March 8.**
The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. after the Board of
Directors' meeting, menu is Salad, Corned
Beef & Cabbage plus dessert. **Cost is \$8.00 per**

person due to the high cost of ingredients. Our chefs for the month will be Rich and Nelleke Cooper.

Our program will be the EAA Chapter video for March.

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

Membership Report – Dues renewal for 2016 is proceeding at a good pace. Of the 72 active members (those who have paid their dues in the last 2 years) 49 are paid up through 2016.

We also picked up one new member last month - that new member is Rhonda Giaccio. You may have seen Rhonda at one of our recent meetings, Saturday hamburger lunches, or Young Eagle events. She grew up in a family very much aviation oriented and had a desire to fly in her youth even though her father's life was lost in an aircraft accident in that time period. Relocating to California and eventually marriage forced her to put her flying ambitions on hold.

Now after three children (all of which are in college), a life change, and budding friendships with the local flying community, she's getting back into that avocation she was forced to give up (temporarily).

Treasurer Activity in the checking account has been normal for this time of year. We had a deposit of \$215 which consisted of \$120 in dues renewal, \$50 in an Air Academy donation, and \$45 is proceeds from the dinner.

Expenditures included a check of \$490 to EAA National and a fee from the bank of \$2 for an image processing fee which is a new fee to me – never had one of those as long as I've been Treasurer. I'll call the bank and hopefully have more info by our meeting.

See you then,

Bill Wheadon, EAA 1268 Membership
Chairman and Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES

Only thing I have is a reminder that Young Eagles will be Sunday Mar. 13th. 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

Hello from Air Explorers!

February Air Explorer Update

Greetings everyone! My day job has been interfering with my "other" activities lately, and I missed both the January EAA and Air Explorer meetings. I just returned from a long Asia trip and get to go back to Detroit to sit reserve this week. I am hoping to be back in time for the meeting Tuesday.

We are in the process of re-registering Air Explorers with the BSA as well as getting the camping trip and fly out dates on the calendar for 2016. I have made up a wall calendar that will be placed in the clubhouse with all of our activities on it for the year for you all to keep track of our activities. We will be scheduling the camping trip in May on a weekend where Young Eagles is not meeting.

If anyone might be able to fly one or both legs, please let me know. We are short pilots at this time.

The deadline for Air Academy scholarships is February 29, so this next meeting we will be identifying those who want to apply as well as electing officers for the year at our upcoming meeting on Sunday February 14. Ben Presten has been working hard to get two RC trainers up and running to give the Explorers their first hands on lesson in flying an RC. Thank you Ben!

At this time, two of our members are actively working on their private pilots license

(William and Aidan). I am currently working on an abbreviated stick and rudder program with the intent of teaching participants what flight controls are for and how to use them. At this point it will involve both gliders and tailwheel flying. Sounds basic, but with all the electronic gee whiz stuff out there these days, there is a growing disconnect among pilots between pushing buttons and actually flying an airplane. My goal is that any Explorer that comes through our group and continues on to fly will never have that problem.

For those of you who donated to Daniel Shulte's Kickstarter program, he is nearly finished with the project. He took a break from school to work (at the Santa Rosa Airport) and finish the movie. Hopefully we will have our own premier at Skypark late Spring.

That's it for now!

March Air Explorer Update

Hi everybody -

Lots going on behind the scenes at Air Explorers:

Paperwork, Youth Applications, and Adult Applications have been submitted to re-charter the Post. A total of 9 applications - 3 Adult and 6 Youth are complete, and I am waiting for missing information on 5 more.

Adults have to take an online sensitivity/security training class as well as submit to an in-depth background check. Once again, the Board of Directors via Ron Price have consented to be the sponsoring organization as well as pay for the Adult Committee Members (\$24 each adult per year).

Thank you Sonoma Skypark!

As I have discussed previously, the group is going to be a blend of the Boy Scout Lifetime Learning organization, and the EAA.

I am still not convinced that this is going to work in the long run. However, I think it is the best solution to allow a broad variety of events to stimulate participation that allows appropriate oversight and insurance coverage.

(Nobody thinks insurance is a big deal until

somebody gets hurt - then its a big deal.) As I see it, there are two big obstacles to the long term success of the Post. The first is the time available of kids these days to participate - competing interests include large home work loads, AP (advanced placement) and off campus classes, sports, sibling events, and both parents who work full time. The other is the distance to the airport. A lot you remember a time when you could walk or ride your bike to the airport. Parents in our group spend an average of 35 minutes each way (and up to 50 minutes) driving their kids back and forth.

The BSA allows for ground events - field trips, overnights, etc. but has extremely restrictive rules on flying and an age range of 14-20 for participants. The EAA on the other hand prohibits overnights but has much more flexible rules about flying events, and has a wider age range of 12-19. Any Young Eagles participant will get a free membership that they can activate with a code from their certificate after receiving a flight. The membership is good through their 18th birthday. We currently have 2 members (Connor Richey and Amir Fahraji) who are now 19 and get to pay for their own membership as adults!

Last month I attended the Napa Pilots Association meeting and met up with Kristen Gregory to discuss their new/old scholarship program. They awarded 2 scholarships to twin brothers who work at the Napa Jet Center.

They recently turned 18 and have decided to follow in their father's footsteps and pursue a career in Corporate Aviation. They will release money incrementally to them to help cover the costs of their private pilots license. They are investigating creating a flying club for this purpose. I have been doing the same thing, and we have agreed to help support each others group as best we can. I am hoping the twin brothers will show up this Sunday for Young Eagles rides! They will start flying sometime next month.

At the February meeting, new officers were elected (reluctantly):

President - Macklin Liss

Vice-President - Will Schoeffler
Secretary - Aidan Escalera

We also discussed fly out dates for a lunch at Half Moon Bay. Saturday, May 5th is the first one. If any of you could volunteer to fly that day it would be much appreciated. See me to check on insurance requirements if you do not already volunteer for Young Eagles. Most aircraft insurance policies cover the requirements. We will have an alternate destination in mind if Half Moon Bay is too foggy or windy.

We have a reservation for the USS Hornet overnight on April 22nd. We are hoping Gardner Bride may come with us! As most of you know, he flew off the carrier when it was active, and he was a docent at the museum until recently.

The fly out/camping trip to Columbia still does not have a specific date. I am guessing it will be September again and will let you know in the newsletter next month.

I would like to get some more fly outs on the calendar. If any of you have some suggestions of fun places that are easy to get to, please let me know!

I am on reserve this next week but hope to be here for the EAA meeting (and the Cooper's corned beef and cabbage!) on Tuesday. Hope to see you there.

Robin

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

SSP Vintage Movie Night, **Saturday March 26th**, presents Oscar nominated **Wings Over Honolulu** starring Wendy Barrie and Ray Milland.

Join us at 6 PM as we visit beautiful 1937 Honolulu, the carrier Lexington and the US Navy's front line airplanes.

Admission is always free. 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.



Please let Rafe know if you are attending so we don't run short on the chow.
strafe55@icloud.com

See you at the movies on Skypark Movie Night, **SATURDAY, MARCH 26** 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	Corned Beef & Cabbage
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
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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		
MAR	EAA VIDEO	
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
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
7/10	Young Eagles 9 Am
7/12	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
7/25	AirVenture Oshkosh 7/25-31
7/23	Skypark Movie Night
8/7	Young Eagles 9 Am
8/9	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
8/27	Skypark Movie Night
9/11	Young Eagles 9 Am
9/13	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
9/24	Skypark Movie Night
10/9	Young Eagles 9 Am
10/11	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
10/22	Skypark Movie Night
11/8	1268 Meeting 7 Pm
11/13	Young Eagles 9 Am
11/26	Skypark Movie Night
12/?	XMAS party at Sonoma Skypark!
12/24	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

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 MARCH MEETING OF SONOMA SKYRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 8 AT 7 P.M., AT THE SKYRAFTER'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

SKYRAFTER 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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