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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

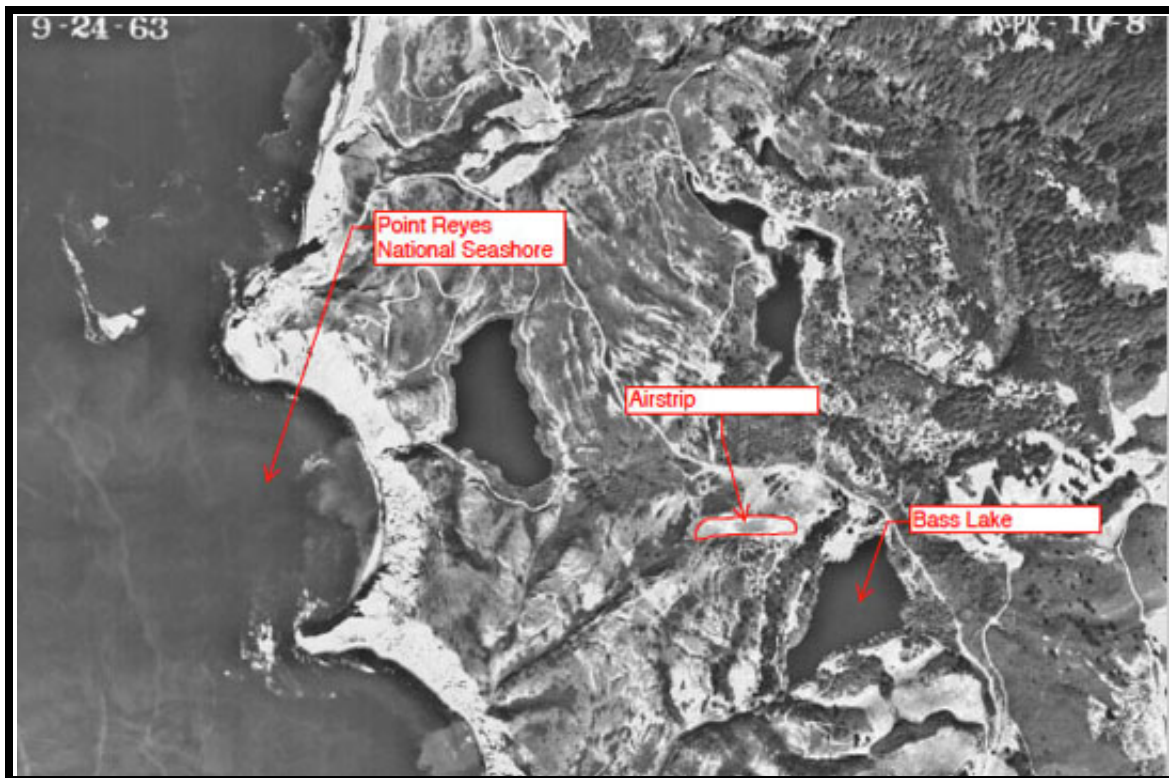
EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport

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AUGUST 2016



FRED DICKSON SENT THIS PHOTO OF A MARIN AIRSTRIP
ON THE COAST NEAR PT. REYES SEASHORE. MORE INFO INSIDE.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The August meeting is this **Tuesday, August 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 chefs for the month will be (maybe you?)

We'll find out Tuesday.

Our speaker will be Dr. Ann Kottler, AME.

MARIN AIRSTRIP FROM THE '40S

There is a long forgotten airstrip located in Marin County in the Point Reyes National Seashore at Bass Lake (above and to the northwest by 200 yards) out of Palomarin, on Bolinas ridge.

The legend goes something like this: a *commandant*, self-proclaimed I imagine, named Will Tevis during WW II "guarded the coast" on land he owned, from possible Japanese invaders and built a polo / airfield on a bluff above Bass Lake. (From his obituary: William S. Tevis Jr. of San Francisco, an internationally known polo player whose family once owned vast land holdings in Marin, including the 2,500-acre Ranch of the Lakes on the coast between Bolinas and Olema.)

My Dad flew into this strip from his ranch near Black Point. He also said a Bonanza flew in and out of there and may have been based there, although after a visit to this location the "airstrip" looked mighty short from the ocean cliff bluff to the inland knoll.

A second look at the link shows three different Marin airfields; Santa Venetia, the San Rafael strip near the canal, and Hamilton Field.

There was another landing strip in Larkspur behind the current C O M athletic field (now where the soccer field is located). Another was in the field across the street from Drake High! Probably more locations too?? Stinson Beach had a strip, and there was another one in the area north of Bolinas as well.

Fred Dickson

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT

August 2016

Treasurer Report Activity in the checking account consisted of one deposit and no

disbursements. A deposit relating to regular chapter business consisted of one renewal (\$15), an Air Explorer donation (\$50) and dinner receipts of \$130 for a total of \$195. A check for \$142.68 was written for July dinner expenses but that check has not yet cleared.

Our checking account balance on July 31 stands at \$10,090.26

That's all for now – see you at the meeting, Bill Wheadon, Treasurer EAA 1268

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:

Greetings! Air Explorers has been quiet lately due to the Explorers being tied up with their summer vacations and plans. We have 4 Explorers that headed back to Oshkosh at the Flight Academy. All have reported having a GREAT time, and we will hear and see about their exploits at the October meeting.

At our next meeting we will be planning the details of our fly out to Columbia, which is scheduled on September 24-25. As you may recall, we were "smoked out" last year due to the rampant fires in the valley. I am hoping this won't happen again, but if Columbia is not available, we will at least fly somewhere local. Also, John Thomason has agreed to give us a tour of his new Tri-Pacer which he is currently refurbishing. The airplane may be available at a future date to fly.

I am on the way to Shanghai tomorrow and unfortunately will miss the EAA monthly meeting. I'll be back for Young Eagles though next Sunday. Happy contrails!

TOOLS AVAILABLE

I received this email from Cecil Cutting. Please contact him directly if you are interested in any of his tools.

I'm too old for another project & I've got some things a builder could use. They would be a gift. A drill press, bench grinder, clecos, adel clamps, AN hardware, coffin hoist, & more. I'm in St. Helena @707-294-8867.

Cecil Cutting

MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

Movie night for August should be **Saturday, August 27**. I haven't received confirmation from Rafe, but will forward the info when it comes in.

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, AUGUST 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 | Richard, Sharon | Chilly |
| JUN | Marsi,Ron,Robin, | Warm Pasta |

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| | Howard,Jeanette | |
| JUL | Walt & Rhonda | Hot(Mexican) |
| AUG | ? | Not So Chilly |
| SEP | Jack Caldwell | Cool, Man |
| OCT | Air Explorers | Cooler Still |
| NOV | Bill & Jan W. | 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 | | |
| AUG | Dr. Ann Kottler | Air medical |
| SEP | Jack Caldwell | Flyin' Wine |
| OCT | Air Explorers | Air Academy |
| 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 |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 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

July 12, 2016

The Board meeting was called to order at about 6:00 by President Robin Tatman. Treasurer Bill Wheadon, Young Eagles liaison BK White, Board members Paul Siebert, Jeanette Woods and Darrel Jones were present.

It was announced that there would be no movie night in July because of AirVenture at Oshkosh.

The Air Explorers will do dinner in October. September meeting and dinner will be in Napa at Jack Caldwell's winery. Directions will be in the September newsletter. Bill and Jan Wheadon will provide dinner for November. We still need someone to do dinner in August.

The Board moved to revise the Air Academy application process with the deadline for applications being January 31, and will require applicants to meet with a selection committee of officers and board members in February before participants are selected at the March meeting. It is hoped that these changes will enhance communication with the Air Academy participants and their families.

The Board will ask the Sonoma Skypark Airport Board of Directors to schedule Family Fun Day for 2017 for the Saturday before Memorial Day to avoid conflict with graduation dates for local schools and families. The proposed date will be May 20, 2017.

Planning needs to begin this fall for Family Fun Day. EAA Chapter 1268 members are encouraged to volunteer early to get the juiciest jobs. Contact me, Darrel Jones, at wd6bor@vom.com to get on the list.

The Air Explorers are planning a fly-out camping trip to Columbia airport September 25-26 and are asking for volunteer pilots and chaperones. Contact Robin Tatman at robntat@aol.com for more information.

Robin brought up a proposal to start an independent, non-profit flying club at Sonoma Skypark to provide low-cost instruction for young pilots. Both AOPA and EAA have information and resources on starting a flying club, and Robin has the paperwork to get things going. Contact Robin to participate in this exciting project. She talked about possibly using John Thomason's Tri-Pacer on lease back as a first airplane.

EAA's Sport Aviation magazine has an article in the August issue about a light-sport flying club started using a Pietenpol Aircamper.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00. Walt Eastman and Rhonda Giaccio provided a delicious Mexican dinner for the Chapter.

The regular membership meeting was held after dinner, with the officers giving their reports to the members present.

OSHKOSH 2016

Several EAA Chapter 1268 members made it back to Oshkosh this year, including your President, several Board members and editor.

There will be some wild tales before our speaker gets going about how they all narrowly averted disaster, found fame and fortune, lusted after so many beautiful airplanes, and watched airshows until falling into a stupor of overindulgence. Oh, and talked about airplanes until everyone's eyes glazed over, and then talked about flying until most were comatose. Strong spirits may have been implicated for some, but not all. Come to the meeting and learn more.

"There is a fine line between genius and stupid. Genius has its limits."

Send me your news for your newsletter!



Thanks to Marilyn Avrit for the pictures of this radial-powered Dodge pickup.



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