



# THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Skycrafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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JACK CALDWELL HOSTED THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AT HIS PLACE  
(and even shared his cake!)

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The October meeting is this **Tuesday, October 11**. 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 furnished by Aviation Explorer Post 1268 as a thank you to the Chapter for their support. Our chefs for the month will be the Post members.

Our speakers will be Hugo Halley, Heiko Gmirr, Andrew Daigle and William Schoeffler, all the Air Academy participants sponsored by EAA Chapter 1268 to this summer's camps at Oshkosh.

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

**Treasurer Report** Since my last report in August our checking account has seen an inflow of \$171 - \$100 in donations to the Air Academy fund and \$71 in excess receipts for our August pizza dinner. Our sole disbursement was a check in the amount of \$435.60 for website hosting. Our checking account balance now stands at \$9682.88.

That's all for now – any questions, email me or ask me at the meeting.

Bill

## **YOUNG EAGLES**

Young Eagles for October was this Sunday, October 9. BK will give his report at the meeting.

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:

I soloed in 1981 in Taylorcraft 85898 in San Carlos, Ca. I still have the remnants of the T-shirt I was wearing, which my instructor cut off to prove it. Shortly after that I began hearing about something called Oshkosh. I vaguely figured out that it had something to do with an airshow, and it was somewhere around Wisconsin. Isn't there cheese in Wisconsin?

So, 35 years later I finally made it to the airshow to end all airshows. And wow, what an airshow. I had no idea what to expect, and whether or not it would measure up to all the hype.

I can tell you that like a great movie, it delivered, and exceeded any expectations I might of had. I wasn't able to witness the arrival ballet that I have heard so much about, but the organization of the event was fantastic. Volunteers were everywhere in case you needed to ask a question. The final statistics are in: over 10,000 airplanes flown in, 583,000 people in attendance, and over 1,000 educational forms offered. Wow. And NO noise abatement. Anywhere. People like noise back there - what a concept.

Lots of noteworthy things occurred this year, as they do every year - 100th anniversary of Boeing, 100th anniversary of the Coast Guard, 30th anniversary of the RV-6 (I think) just to mention a few. I got to see the only flying Martin Mars put out a fire, Patty Wagstaff work her magic aerobatics, and a Jelly Belly Piper airplane land on a truck at 55 miles an hour.

Without question Oshkosh is a complete pain in the next to get to. But - I can tell you that I'll

be back next year with better advanced planning. I have a special thank you to Ron, John, Josh and his lovely wife Carrie: After losing the keys to my rental car, they saved me from spending the night in a rainy field and help get me on my way home the following day.

Happy contrails! Robin

### Robin's October report:

Hellooo from.....Schmalhof?

Have you ever picked up your cell phone to check the forecast only to find that it says you are somewhere that you've never heard of? Sounds like a pilot nightmare. I thought I was in Vilshofen, right across the Danube River from the lovely Vilshofen Airport but the Weather Channel seems to think otherwise!

Unfortunately I have to report that for the second year in a row we had to cancel our fly out to the Columbia Airport. This year there were happily no major fires smoking us out, and the weather was very hot, but doable. Aircraft maintenance was a major player however and our two big airplanes went down, and a few pilots became unavailable. Our available seats went from 13 down to 2 only 5 days before departure.

I am hoping to have a day fly out to Columbia (or somewhere else) in November or December. That is of course when the weather cools off, density altitude is not as big of a factor, and our airplanes come back up. If anyone can volunteer to fly please let me know.

This Tuesday the Air Explorers will be providing dinner and our scholarship winners will be talking about their experiences at Air Venture.

My other great news is that Daniel Shulte has finished his film. If you supported his film through Kickstarter!, You should have heard from him about Rewards. If you haven't please send me an email.

Thanks!

Robin

### MOVIE NIGHT AT SKYPARK

Movie night for ----- will be **Saturday, October 22? (I haven't heard from Rafe yet).**

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, October 22?** at 6 p.m.

### DINNER SCHEDULE

We are lining up our celebrity chefs for 2017 so let us know if you would like to be one of our famous chefs for the upcoming year. We've struggled this year getting people to speak up and take a month, so we will start trying to fill the calendar earlier this year.

Contact Robin at [robntat@aol.com](mailto:robntat@aol.com) or 707-553-2747. 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
2016 DINNER SCHEDULE		
OCT	Air Explorers	Lasagna
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](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker/Member	Subject
<b>2016 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b>		
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
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 <sup>st</sup> Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs!	

### **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

The August 9 Board of Directors' meeting was called to order at 6:15 Vice President Don Booker, with Paul Seibert, Jeanette Woods, Bill Wheadon and Darrel Jones present.

The Chapter paid \$435.20 to Trevor Meeks for web hosting charges to date. Air Explorer parent Gretchen McDougall has volunteered to help build a new website and get it up to date.

President Robin Tatman has the paperwork to start a non-profit 501.c.3 LLC flying club to provide low cost flight instruction for Air Explorers or other Young Eagles to start lessons toward obtaining a private pilot's license.

Board member Darrel Jones stressed the need for ongoing publicity for the Chapter and airport. He will ask for volunteers to write

articles for the local newspapers to raise public awareness of the benefits of local aviation.

Young Eagles flew 14 kids with Bill Wheaton, Walt Eastman, Tim Bloodgood and Ron Price as pilots and John Thomason, Rhonda Giaccio and Paul Seibert working on registration and as ground crew.

The September meeting will be a week earlier on September 6 and will be held at Jack Caldwell's winery in Napa. Directions will be emailed to the members. Jack is hosting the dinner and wine.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Dinner was Papa Murphy's pizza furnished by Darrel Jones, with ice cream and cookies by Ron Price.

Marc Ashton announced a private pilot test prep class in Petaluma from August 25 through November 17 from 7 to 9:30 at the Petaluma Pilot Training Center at the Petaluma SRJC campus. Cost will be \$175, including the textbook.

The officers gave their reports to the members.

The meeting was adjourned and Rafe Thomset gave a slideshow presentation of Oshkosh 2016, with photos of Brodhead and the Pietenpol fly-in included.

There were no meeting minutes for the September meeting since it was a social evening at Jack Caldwell's winery in Napa.

### **THIS FROM PAUL SEIBERT**

Chapter Video Magazine:

Archives Now Available Online

Miss a Chapter Video Magazine?

Video archives now available online

Now EAA members have access to Chapter Video Magazines from previous months! We have established a link that takes you to the archived videos with a click of a mouse.

Currently we have available the winter and spring 2016 videos, and will add more videos in upcoming months.

Newsletter editors: Please share the link with your readers!

Remember, the Chapter Video Magazine is an exclusive, first-run offering only available at

your chapter get-together. But you can see the archived videos anytime and even play them at chapter events like pancake breakfasts and fly-ins.

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**Send me your news for your newsletter!**



A floatplane takes off from the Reflecting Pool, headed directly toward the Lincoln Memorial in 1923. (Library of Congress)

What is the best weather for a takeoff on the Reflecting Pool? Great question. A headwind is helpful for maximum lift, and calm water is necessary for a smooth takeoff. It also really helps if the weather cooperates as occurred back in 1923. We don't recommend trying it now.

A century ago, Washington was targeted by aviators and stunt pilots at the dawn of the [golden age of aviation](#). The Reflecting Pool takeoff was one of the more interesting stunts performed in 1923. Given the waves in the photo, it appears there was indeed a good headwind to help with lift. After the floatplane rose above the Reflecting Pool, the pilot maneuvered the airplane around the Lincoln Memorial. The stunt was successful.

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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 OCTOBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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