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The Official Newsletter
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport
21870 Eighth Street East
Sonoma, CA 95476

MAY 2017



SONOMA SKYPARK FAMILY FUN DAY OPEN HOUSE

THIS SATURDAY MAY 13 FROM 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

Bob Berwick will be hopping rides in his beautiful 1926 Travel Air

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The May meeting is this **Tuesday, May 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 \$8.00 per person. Our chefs for the month will be Marsi Fahraji, ably assisted by Les Goldner and George Thompson.

Our speaker/program will be a guest Wayne Schake invited, Wayne Mehl, who was in the submarine service and had to go "outside" to make repairs while Russian subs were circling. Sounds like an inside scoop on "The Hunt for Red October".

FAMILY FUN DAY SATURDAY MAY 13

If you haven't already talked to Robin or Kathy Carmichael about what to do for Family Fun Day, give them a call or send them an email. Robin's email is robntat(at)aol.com and Kathy's is jdc(at)vom.com. (Fix the address before sending).

Set up will be Friday afternoon starting at 4 p.m. and will consist of setting up tables, chairs, hay bales, who knows what else, and eating pizza and drinking beer. But don't get the idea that it will be all fun. (It will be).

Saturday, we start bright and early (about 9 a.m.) and get the barbecue warmed up, the welcome signs out, and wait for our guests.

There will be the usual hamburgers and hot dogs, with the added enhancement of free Three Twins ice cream courtesy of one of our newest Sonoma Skypark shareholders, Michel Oltramare.

We will have activities for the kids, lots of great airplanes and cars to look at, and a chance to show Sonoma Valley what we are all about.

Even if you can't volunteer to help, bring the family out for the fun. See you Saturday, May 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT

May 2017

Treasurer Report – For the month of April our checking account balance decreased by \$454.50. We had one deposit of \$155 which consisted of \$50 in an Air Academy donation and \$105 in dues renewal. Our debits were two checks – one for \$592.50 to the Air Explorers which were 2016 Family Fun Day proceeds we were holding and another check of \$17 paid for our April dinner.

Our checking account balance on April 30 was \$9948. Our saving account balance is \$100.01 -

we earned a whopping penny in dividends since we opened the account in March!

See you at the meeting,
Bill Wheadon, EAA 1268 Membership
Chairman and Treasurer

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles day is Sunday, May 14, the day after Family Fun Day. 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 at The Clubhouse at Skypark (fancy sounding restaurant, huh?) is set for **Saturday, May 27 at 6pm.**

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, May 27** 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. 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	Cooks/Meal
2017 DINNER SCHEDULE	
MAY	Marsi, Les & George
JUN	

JUL	
AUG	
SEP	
OCT	
NOV	
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
2017 SPEAKER SCHEDULE		
MAY	Wayne Mehl	Sub service
JUN		
JUL		
AUG		
SEP		
OCT		
NOV		
DEC		

2017 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
5/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
5/13	Skypark Family Fun Day
5/14	Young Eagles 9 am
5/27	Vacaville fly-in breakfast
5/27	Skypark Movie Night
6/11	Young Eagles 9 am
6/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/24	Vacaville fly-in breakfast
6/24	Skypark Movie Night
7/9	Young Eagles 9 am
7/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/22	Vacaville fly-in breakfast
7/22	Skypark Movie Night
8/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/13	Young Eagles 9 am
8/26	Vacaville fly-in breakfast

8/26	Skypark Movie Night
9/10	Young Eagles 9 am
9/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/23	Vacaville fly-in breakfast
9/23	Skypark Movie Night
10/8	Young Eagles 9 am
10/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/28	Vacaville fly-in breakfast
10/28	Skypark Movie Night
11/12	Young Eagles 9 am
11/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/25	Skypark Movie Night
12/?	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/17	New Years' Day 1 st Flight
Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!	

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

EAA 1268 Board of Directors Meeting
April 11, 2017

Members present: President Robin Tatman, Vice President Don Booker, Treasurer Bill Wheadon, Directors Jeanette Woods and Darrel Jones

Members absent: Secretary Nelleke Cooper, Director Paul Siebert

6:30 – meeting called to order. Items discussed: Nelleke Cooper’s health status, Rich Cooper arrived later and briefed the Board on her condition. He indicated she would probably remain in the hospital for a few more days. He requested any calls to be short and check with him before visiting.

Family Fun Day: New date – May 13 instead of May 20

Hours of FFD: 11am to 3 pm instead of a 9 am start time per the website.

Robin Tatman is point person with Darrel Jones backing up.

Much scaled down fund raising activities – focus will be on fun this year.

No activities dropping things from the air. Bob Berwick hopping rides in his biplane will be OK

Anne Andree Wilson will be doing crepes again this year. Air Explorers will be helping out this year also.

Website: Gretchen McDougall has done an excellent job setting up the website and it can be accessed using either EAA1268.org or EAA1268.com. Rather than bothering Gretchen every time a change or addition needs to be made (e.g. imputing the newsletter) explore training a local chapter member to accomplish this. Perhaps Colin Trainor can assist on the above task prior to Saturday burgers or before an Air Explorer meeting.

President's report: Daniel Schulte's video "For the Love of Flight" will be shown at the Sebastiani Theater in Sonoma on April 23. Doors will open at 12:30 with the viewing beginning at 1. The video is about 40 minutes in length with a Q&A to follow. Robin is trying to get Daniel's video on the program for viewing at Air Venture in Oshkosh this summer.

We have no volunteer cooks for May and speakers are also needed. Robin has obtained a list of speakers from the Petaluma Airport Pilots Association and will follow up on this.

Robin will be working on getting her flight instructor rating reinstated in order to help some of our young aspiring aviators get a start on obtaining their private pilot license.

Possible Flying Club: Paul Siebert has made contact with a person at AOPA and discussed with him the steps involved in setting up a flying club. Paul produced a list of questions to consider before proceeding. A correction to the March minutes should be that the EAA is not a sponsor or involved with the flying club airplane.

Air Academy: We will be sponsoring four attendees this year – Macklyn Liss, Avery

Cruz, Julien Dugaraoz, and Andrew Daigle. Tuition for the attendees had been around \$5,000, but because they had all applied for and received scholarships, our sponsorship has been reduced to \$2875 which includes \$645 in Young Eagle credits. Because of their motivation to attend, demonstrated by obtaining the scholarships, the board voted to waive their obligated \$200 buy-in. Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:10.

EAA 1268 General Membership Meeting
Minutes
April 11, 2017 7:30 pm

President Robin Tatman opened the meeting by thanking Ron Price for filling in as last minute cook by serving a delicious imported lasagna (from Santa Rosa) accompanied by salad and garlic bread. Robin and Marsi contributed with dessert and coffee.

-Visitors Mark and Marcus Shackford (father and son) introduced themselves. They have a Cessna 170 based at Skypark and a Luscombe at Napa County airport. Both are in pursuit of their private pilot's license and Marcus is planning on continuing his flying with the goal of a career in aviation.

- Robin briefed the meeting on Air Explorer activities – they recently had a group tour of Oakland Center (ARTC) in Fremont and are planning a tower visit to Santa Rosa and a possible orientation visit conducted by Daniel Schulte showing what's involved in working on the ramp at the Santa Rosa airport.

- Treasurer's Report: Bill Wheadon gave a brief report on the chapter finances. There were no disbursements and one deposit in the checking account. The deposit was for \$718 and consisted of \$135 in dues renewal, \$550 in donations for the Air Academy, and \$33 in dinner proceeds. Our checking account balance was \$10,402.80 on March 31, 2017.

Announcements:

Ron Price reported the airfare for Air Academy attendees this year is \$2809 and the burger fund is a little short. The chapter has enough in the account to cover the deficit.

John Thomason gave a public commendation to Darrel Jones for all the work he does in enabling such a large number of Air Academy attendees each year. Darrel in turn congratulated the chapter membership by our sponsorship and remarked on how such a small chapter can consistently send 3 or 4 youths to the annual Air Academy and that the focus of our chapter is fostering youth's interest in aviation.

Rich Cooper gave thanks to the group for enabling his son and daughter to pursue and achieve their career goals in aviation.

Skypark airport tenant Bob Berwick will be flying a C41 to the gathering of DC3s and C47s at the Flabob airport on May 19-21. This C41 is a C47 variant used by Air Force General Hap Arnold.

Marsi Fahraji, George Thomson and Les Goldner volunteered to be our May cooks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 –minutes submitted by Bill Wheadon

THIS FROM PAUL SEIBERT

FAA Checklist, AOPA Course Ready for BasicMed Implementation

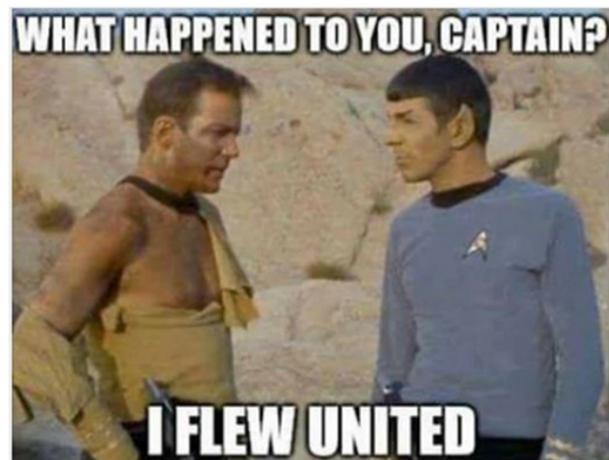
April 24, 2017 - On April 24, the FAA released the final checklist for the physician visit required by BasicMed allowing pilots to visit their regular doctor in preparation for the program's official implementation on May 1. To fly under BasicMed a pilot must have the checklist, called the [Comprehensive Medical Examination Checklist \(CMEC\)](#) by the FAA, signed by a state-licensed physician and kept in the pilot's personal records. [AOPA's online medical self-assessment](#) course approved for BasicMed is also now available. AOPA's

course is one of two being offered to satisfy the BasicMed requirement, the other is provided by Mayo Clinic. Mayo Clinic has released a video that discusses some of the highlights of BasicMed and provides a [preview of its own medical self-assessment course](#).

As a reminder, **before** flying under BasicMed beginning May 1, one must:

- Have held a third-class medical certificate or special issuance at any point since July 15, 2006.
 - New pilots and pilots who fall outside the above window must obtain a one-time third-class medical certificate or special issuance before flying under BasicMed.
- Visit any state-licensed doctor and have them review and sign the [CMEC](#) during the visit. Retain the CMEC records.
- Take one of the online medical self-assessment courses provided by [AOPA](#) or Mayo Clinic. Retain proof of completion.
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There is much more to BasicMed than the above requirements. Pilots who wish to start flying under BasicMed on May 1 are strongly encouraged to read FAA [Advisory Circular 68-1](#) and EAA's BasicMed [FAQs](#), or visit [EAA's BasicMed Resource Center](#). If you have any questions, please call us at 800-564-6322.



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 2017!** SEE YOU THERE!

REMEMBER! THE MAY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, MAY 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: _____

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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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