



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport  
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**RICHARD MARTIN'S DC-3 AT FLABOB**

Some of the Skypark bunch, including Andy Smith directing traffic

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The June meeting is this **Tuesday, June 13**.  
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 chef for the month will be Don Booker,  
I'm sure with a little help from Ligia.

Just a note from Paul Seibert is that Don got his  
basic medical renewed. He may be on the hunt  
for a new airplane.

Our speaker/program will be: Jeremy  
Kornreich from Appareo.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Coming soon to an airplane near you: ADS-B

Our guest speaker this month will be Jeremy Kornreich from Appareo. Remember back in the day when a transponder was something that you thought was something on the Starship Enterprise? Well, ADS-B is going to have a similar impact on general aviation (and I am sure all the Starships have it installed already).

Jeremy is going to give us the basics on ADS-B: what it is, exactly, when it is required to be installed, and if your airplane is going to be required to have it. If any of you own or fly an airplane that came equipped with an electrical system, you won't want to miss this.

We can thank Marc Ashton over at Petaluma for getting Jeremy in from Colorado to talk to us about this, and he will be speaking at the PAPA meeting as well on Wednesday, June 14.

Note - although Jeremy does work for a company that manufactures ADS-B units, this is not a sales pitch. A large portion of what he does for the company is educating people about the units and installation requirement.

### **FAMILY FUN DAY RECAP**

I heard that Family Fun Day was a big success, and I'm going to rely on somebody that was actually there to tell you about it. In an odd turn of events, I was the Coordinator but was not actually there at the event.

I wanted to convey my first BIG Thank You to the Planners in Chief - Darrel Jones, Ron Price, Jeanette Woods, and Kathy Carmichael who planned and executed a terrific event.

Whenever something good happens at Sonoma Skypark, they usually have been involved in one way or another (and that goes for the rest of you on the Board as well).

My second BIG thank you goes to Bob Berwick, Richard Martin, and Christ Towt who donated three fantastic prizes to make the Raffle, which netted over \$1,000 to the Air Explorers, a huge success. That was Kathy Carmichael's great idea by the way.

My third Big Thank You goes to all of you wonderful people who showed up to volunteer

when you said you would, and do what you said you would do. We could not do this without your help!

It sounds like we had some unusual weather phenomena floating around and I am looking forward to hearing more stories from all of you that were there. It is a wonderful thing to have the community come out to see the airport and meet all of the fun people that fly out of Sonoma Sky Park.

Robin

### **AIR EXPLORERS**

In April a group of us headed to the Oakland Center facility that is located in Fremont, California. They are a very nice bunch. If anyone has trouble talking with ATC I would recommend you go see them for a visit. It is great to meet the voices behind the microphones.

We got to "plug in" to many of their sectors from Northern California to Fiji, and listen in to what was going on. There is a lot of training happening as well, and it was fun to get to see what they go through. Trust me, they can be just as intimidated by talking to us as we are talking to them.

With advancements in technology it was very helpful to see what they have at their fingertips to help us if we get into trouble. We just have to ask for it! The center covers an impressive amount of real estate, and it was worth the visit. Contact me if you would like their contact information.

We also had an official premier of For The Love of Flight at the Sebastiani Theatre. There were nearly 200 people who attended - thank you to everyone who came! It was great to see the movie on the big screen, and Daniel fielded questions after the film like a pro. Once Daniel has finished his instrument and Commercial training we'll talk about the next step getting the film "out there", probably mid August. The people at Air Venture seem to be interested in

having the film at the event, but I have not received confirmation yet one way or another.

The DVDs that several of you ordered will be ready shortly and I will be contacting you individually to get them to you. Once again, thank you for all of your support!

**EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN  
AND TREASURER REPORT**  
**June 2017**

**Membership Report** – This month I’ll continue with my occasional “Member Profile” column which gives a closer look at one of our members. This month features Jack Caldwell and was written by EAA 1268 fellow member Kristen Gregory in August 2010 for the Napa Airport Pilots Association newsletter, The Ragwing.

Jack Caldwell

*Written by: Kristen Hannum Gregory*

When I asked Jack if he would be willing to be interviewed for the Napa Pilot’s Association Ragwing publication he asked me: “Now, why would anybody want to interview me?” But he did agree to the interview, and we met at Jonesy’s for iced tea. Jack was surprised that the interview was about airplanes and flying, he said most people were interested in him because of the winery. As most everyone knows, Jack and his son John own and operate the Caldwell Winery, just east of Napa and up the hill. They make premium wines, from vines whose root stock comes originally from France. Jack admits the wine is a bit expensive (\$50 to \$150 a bottle), and it must be good as most of the varietal collection listed on their website is sold out.

Jack is 89 years old and has always loved to fly. His first ride as a youngster in the 1930’s was in a Travel Air. I did some research on this plane: it has a welded steel tube fuselage and tail assembly with wood wing spars and ribs. It is fabric covered and has two open cockpits, one for the pilot and another for two

passengers. Travel Air was a company founded by three men whom we all recognize: Walter Beech, Lloyd Stearman, and Clyde Cessna. Jack loved that first flying experience, and in his own words, he has been “bumming” rides in airplanes ever since. He has had some excellent adventures.

In 1941 Jack went to work for Rohr aircraft. Rohr developed the engines, while a company called Consolidated built the airframes for B24’s and the Liberator which were needed for the war in large quantities. Jack had shown an aptitude for molding airplane parts in the foundry, so he was accelerated into the position of molder. It was a good venue for Jack, he enjoyed the work of producing aircraft parts for the war, and he enjoyed learning about how airplanes were put together in those days. Jack would travel to San Diego, where Consolidated was located, to see the completed B24’s and Liberators before they were sent off to service.

After his work with Rohr, Jack did a spell in the Navy. He joined the service in 1942 and was assigned as a submarine tender in Western Australia. He tended submarines at sea in 1943. The basic objective for his group was to experiment, develop, and test out different techniques for servicing a submarine at sea. This developmental work was done offshore at a station called “Pot Shot” located off the coast of Australia, at Exmouth. Submarines would leave Perth, Australia, and they would stop by “Pot Shot” for servicing, and then they would proceed on from there to do their patrols of Japan, and among the islands in the Pacific.

Jack’s interest in aircraft remained strong. When he finally had enough money to take lessons and buy an airplane it was in the 1970’s. The plane was an Ercoupe, and his lessons were at Shellville. He flew in that Ercoupe, at 90 kts, to OshKosh. He has flown in a Piper Cherokee to Mexico, in a 182 to Texas, Over SLC and along the Canadian Border. He found Mexico to be a pretty friendly place. Where he stayed in Baja you brought the food and the locals would prepare

it for you. One day they saw a turtle under a tree, and that night they had turtle for dinner.

Jack's most stressful flight was in the mid 1950's. He was a passenger, the pilot was the uncle of his wife, Alma, and they were flying a new Tripacer -- there were only 67 hours on the plane at the time. They were landing at a gravel airstrip near Gualala at around 6:00 PM. If you have ever flown into an airport in the Gualala area, you know that it can be a bit tricky, given its location in the coastal mountains of Mendocino County, with tree tops, mountain turbulence and gusts, -- all these features together can give one an odd sense of perspective on approach. On this particular approach they came in too low and too slow. The airplane's "mushed" into the edge of the runway itself, and the plane flipped onto its back. The two men walked away from this mishap, and were not deterred from future flying adventures.

Jack's most interesting experience with weather was in the Ercoupe. It was in Montana, there was a large thunderstorm that they saw and thought they could outrun. However, they could not, and the wind almost turned the plane over. They found an airport and they set the Ercoupe down there. Soon, about 15 other airplanes also landed at that airport. There was a large hangar onsite, which they opened up, and they were able to park all 15 planes inside while they waited out the storm. Someone had a car out front, and went out for pizza. "We were just lucky to find that airport," says Jack.

Jack's current airplane is a Luscombe. He found the Luscombe to be the most interesting to fly. While flying the Luscombe he carefully picked his days, and his weather. A careful pilot, however his medical got in his way while progressing towards his private pilot's license. Now Jack is an enthusiastic passenger. Always ready for a flying opportunity, Jack recently flew right seat with Richard Craig in a "missing man" formation over the Tulocay Cemetery in honor of Don Dorman, who recently passed away.

Jay Caldwell, Jack's son, is now flying the Luscombe. Jay recently completed his private pilot's license, and flew to Nancy's for our Pilot Association's dinner flight in July. This Luscombe has one of my favorite modifications, that being that the doors have "windows" in the lower portion of the door, allowing you to see what is under you.

Jack is a very thoughtful man, choosing his words carefully, and is frustrated when he cannot remember the exact date for an event. A bit of a perfectionist, it seems, but then, most pilots are. He also carefully avoids talking outside of his area of expertise. For example, his wife Alma has a garden. But when I asked Jack about the garden, he said "That is Alma's, if you want to know about the garden, you need to ask Alma. I might not describe it accurately enough for her." Perhaps there is more than one perfectionist in the family, but I speculate.

At the time of this interview Jack was looking forward to his next plane trip. This is a fishing trip to Alaska, which he has done before, in a Pilatus, with his son John. The aircraft seats 12 but they only have 6-7 in their group. The group leaves around 10AM and after a fuel stop in Washington State, they arrive in Craig, Alaska at around 5PM. There they fish for 3-5 days, catching mostly silver salmon and halibut. They stay in a beautiful house with a hot tub in the room, and a view of the ocean. The fish they catch are frozen immediately on board the fishing craft, and then packaged separately for each participant. Jack is looking forward to this adventure, but will soon be back in Napa, likely bumming more airplane rides from friends.

**Treasurer Report** – Our checking account balance (\$12,085.30) is somewhat inflated this month due to \$2664 being held in the account that will be dispersed to other organizations later. We're holding \$1109 in Family Fun Day receipts, \$555 in donations for the Air Explorers and \$1000 in contributions for the Jack Strehl Memorial. We also received

donations totaling \$450 for our Air Academy fund and \$75 in dues renewal.

Disbursements included a check of \$1030 for this year's Air Academy tuition and a check of \$196 for May dinner reimbursement (we received \$175 cash in dinner receipts).

That's all for now- If you have any questions shoot me an email or ask me at the meeting,

Bill Wheadon, EAA 1268 Membership  
Chairman and Treasurer

### **YOUNG EAGLES**

Young Eagles day was June 11. It was busy with nearly twenty Young Eagles and only three two-place airplanes. Please plan on flying Young Eagles on the second Sunday of the month.

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.

This article was in the Sonoma County Gazette:

### **Young Eagles Airplane Rides at Sonoma Skypark - Second Sundays**

Second Sundays, 9 - 11:30a. Rides offered on a first come, first served basis as space allows.

EAA Chapter 1268 gives free Young Eagles rides every month (except December) on the second Sunday from 9 to 11:30a, weather permitting. Young Eagle candidates should come to Sonoma Skypark accompanied by a parent or adult who can authorize the ride. Call the Sonoma Skypark office for information and updates on local rides and visit [Young Eagles](#) to learn more about this wonderful program.

While most Young Eagles free flight programs are offered once or maybe twice per year, Sonoma Skypark EAA Chapter 1268 offers flights throughout the year.

The EAA Young Eagles program was launched in 1992 to give interested young people, ages 8 – 17, an opportunity to go flying in a general aviation airplane. These flights are offered free of charge and are made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers. Since 1992, more than 1.9 million Young Eagles have enjoyed a flight through the program. Young Eagles have been registered in more than 90 different countries and have been flown by more than 42,000 volunteer pilots.

### **MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK**

Movie night selection for Saturday, June 24 at 6pm, and the movie is a good one (Rafe hasn't sent me the info yet).

**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, June 24** 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](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	Cooks/Meal
2017 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JUN	Don Booker
JUL	Darrel Jones
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](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

Month	Speaker/Member	Subject
2017 SPEAKER SCHEDULE		
JUN	Jeremy Kornreich	ADS-B
JUL		
AUG		
SEP		
OCT		
NOV		
DEC	Sanity Claus	Pilots? Nuts!

## 2017 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
6/11	Young Eagles 9 am
6/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/24	Skypark Movie Night
7/9	Young Eagles 9 am
7/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/22	Skypark Movie Night
8/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/12	Boonville Fly-in
8/13	Young Eagles 9 am
8/26	Skypark Movie Night
9/10	Young Eagles 9 am
9/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/23	Skypark Movie Night
10/8	Young Eagles 9 am
10/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
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 <sup>st</sup> 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  
May 9, 2017

The Board Meeting was called to order by Vice President Don Booker at 6:15 pm. Present were; Vice President Don Booker, Treasurer Bill Wheadon, Secretary Nelleke Cooper, Board Members Darrel Jones and Paul Siebert, guest Richard Craig.

Members absent: President Robin Tatman, Board members BK White and Jeanette Woods

Treasurer report: a check was issued to the Air Academy in the amount of \$1030 for tuition for room and board. Treasurer informed us he filed the required annual form to the IRS to maintain our 501c3 status known as 990N ePostcard.

Don Booker and Wayne Schake intend to be our cooks for the June 13 meeting. The Air Explorers usually provide dinner in October.

Saturday, May 13 - Sonoma Skypark Family Fun Day

Organizers: Kathy Carmichael and Robin Tatman

Friday night set up at 4:00.

Events and discussions:

Officials invited. We'll have 2 hay rides this year, on the Model T and on the Tractor; art projects for kids; the Mentoring Alliance and the Air Explorers will participate and try to recruit new members. Schellvista Fire truck will be on display; Valley of the Moon Amateur radio will be operating a station; Ben Preston will demonstrate radio control airplanes. Paper Airplane Contest from the Balcony; Coastal air Tours will sell rides; face painting by Kirstin Dahm; Raffle tickets sold for \$5 each or 3 for \$10. 3 Prizes - DC 3 ride, Travel Air tour by Bob Berwick and a flight in a Cessna 206, donated by Chris Towt and Ellie Price to the Montgomery Ranch, where wild horses roam, near Stonyford, including lunch. Darrell arranged for CHP/Sheriff and will be

the announcer. Free BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs are served to all attending.

Report by Richard Craig on how to set up a Flying Club, which would operate separate from our EAA Chapter. Richard provided us with a list of the issues he had been researching, which included insurance rate, best liability protection, lowest annual expenses and should all pilots (students) be shareholders in the entity? The Flying Club has to be a separate organization. AOPA and EAA to be contacted on the 3 c requirements; charitable, educational and social. Insurance is big issue. Avemco's insurance covers 5 pilots, but pricing varies and naming the pilots on the policy has a lower rate. If based on the 1955 Tripacer, with a liability insurance of \$1,000,000 the cost would be \$1300. Annual costs for a subchapter C corporation is \$1,000 for the state of CA, which would not apply for a 501c3 organization.

Many other questions came up and more research needs to be done.

Nelleke Cooper and Bill Wheadon reported the receipt of \$455 (with an additional \$100 on Fam Fun Day) in donations to the air Explorers as the result of an email sent to her friends and neighbors with the intention to substitute for funds lost by not having the Auction this year.

Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes General Membership Meeting, May 9, 7:30 pm.

Guests, John Bell and speaker Wayne Mehl.

A delicious dinner was served by Marsi Fahraji, Ruth Bogart and Les Goldman, including Chicken Italiano, Roasted veggies, salad, and baked fennel. Howard Hall brought special brew coffee, and George Thomson brought the wine.

Treasurer and Minutes from last meeting approved.

Reminders of Friday setup for Saturday Family Fun Day and Sunday, Mother's Day is also Young Eagles Day.

Jan Wheadon hoping to expand our volunteer cooks list brought a list of suggestions for super-easy meals and donated a beautiful Sonoma Skypark shirt to a volunteer for Family Fun Day.

The speaker for the evening was introduced by Wayne Schake. Speaker Wayne Mehl served for 4 years on a Navy Submarine, starting in 1960, during the Cold War. Wayne is a graduate from Stanford University. Fun fact is that he was assigned to Navy Pilot training, but instead opted for submarines. Had he gone into Navy flight training he would have been in the same class as Richard Cooper. Wayne was assigned to the Growler, a Diesel operated submarine, sister ship Grayback. He showed us a picture of the huge bay which contained 4 missiles and they had to surface to launch them. Timing on that was critical as the Soviets had an excellent detection system. They were based off the coast of Russia adjacent to the city of Vladivostok. There were many tense moments, including the assassination of President Kennedy, the Cuban Missile Crisis. Wayne was happy they never had to use their missiles as it would take at least 15 min. to launch one in which time they surely would have been detected. Several of our members had served on submarines, including Darren Stevenson, Les Lucas, and Jack Caldwell. Members were fascinated by the story and asked many questions. Many of the stories in *Blind Men's Bluff* triggered memories of Wayne's experiences in the Navy.

The general meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. Respectfully submitted, Nelleke Cooper, Secretary.

**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 JUNE MEETING OF SONOMA SKYRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, JUNE 13 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.**

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EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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