



# THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter  
of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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NIGEL HITCHMAN'S BEAUTIFUL AIR TO AIR PHOTO OF SEVEN  
MODEL A POWERED PIETENPOLS OVER BROADHEAD

Sorry I missed it this year. Next year for sure.

## **CHAPTER OFFICERS**

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## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

The August meeting is this **Tuesday, August 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, and is \$8.00 per person.  
Our chef for the month will be me again, since  
we didn't get any volunteers since the last

meeting. I'll pick up several pizzas and a salad at Mary's. Let me know if someone can bring a dessert.

Our speaker/program will be Michael Knight, owner and operator of Skydive Golden Gate, Novato.

Paul Seibert has also arranged for Mr. Rick Beach, the Cirrus safety guy, to speak about Cirrus Aircraft after dinner and before the general meeting.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT/AIR EXPLORERS**

#### **Air Explorers**

All the Explorers are out and about enjoying summer - and Oshkosh. Avery Cruz and Mack Liss just got back last Tuesday. All reports indicate that they had a great time - expect a full report at our October meeting when we make dinner.

I finally will be around for the Young Eagles and following Air Explorer meeting next Sunday. I look forward to seeing everyone there and will pass on updates in next month's. Seems like everyone has their driver's license now and are many inches taller than the last time I saw them.

#### **Speakers**

Thanks to Marc Ashton, I've had some success recruiting guest speakers for the upcoming months. Here's the list:

August: Michael Knight - Skydive Golden Gate, Novato

September: David Alexander - Survivor of the Tenerife Accident (Tentative - if he can't make September, he will come in February or March of next year.)

October: Air Explorer recap of Air Venture

November: Jerry Jackson, author of "Four Minutes" crash in an experimental airplane

December: Santa

January: Katie Greenwood, Truckee Airport Outreach Coordinator

#### **Dinner**

What I have NOT been successful at is recruiting folks to do dinner. The regulars are getting a bit burned out I think! If you come to the meetings regularly and haven't provided dinner (joint ventures are welcome, by the way), please consider volunteering - you will have ample help if you would like it. If you haven't been to a meeting lately, check out our speaker list and come and bring dinner also.

Thanks!

#### **Miscellaneous**

I have very been busy going nowhere, sitting around in Detroit on reserve waiting to fly - and then not. In between times I have had a few really fun scenic flights on the DC-3. You may have heard us overhead the airport a few times - you can thank Bob Berwick and Richard Martin for the pretty view!

Delta has finally informed me that my B-777 training will officially start in early October. I am very happy about this - I can enjoy the rest of the summer and have time to fully prepare for the event. Life is good!

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

**August 2017**

**Treasurer Report** – Activity in our checking account was slower than normal – probably due to the heat or possibly because a lot of our members migrated temporarily to Wisconsin to participate in the activities at AirVenture. The only activity was one deposit in July for \$182 which consisted of a donation to the Air Academy Fund, a couple dues renewals and July dinner receipts. Our checking account balance is still inflated due to an outstanding check for \$1664 to the Air Explorers that hadn't been cashed as of the July 31 statement

date and \$1000 in donations that are being held in our checking account. Subtract this \$2664 for our statement balance of \$12,482.30 and our actual balance is \$9818.30.

That's it for now; see you at the meeting,

Bill Wheadon, EAA 1268 Membership  
Chairman and Treasurer

### YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles day is Sunday, August 13. 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.

### MOVIE NIGHT AT SONOMA SKYPARK

Movie night is scheduled for **Saturday, August 26 at 6pm. The movie will be another of Rafe's aviation classic selections.**

**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, August 26** 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	
AUG	Pizza and salad party!

SEP	Your name here
OCT	Air Explorers
NOV	Your name here
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		
AUG	Michael Knight &/or Rick Beach	
SEP		
OCT		
NOV		
DEC	Curtis and Ben	Elephants (white)

### 2017 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
8/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/13	Young Eagles 9 am
8/26	Nut Tree display/pancakes-8 to 11
8/26	Skypark Movie Night
9/10	Young Eagles 9 am
9/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/23	Nut Tree display/pancakes-8 to 11
9/23	Skypark Movie Night
10/8	Young Eagles 9 am
10/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/28	Nut Tree display/pancakes-8 to 11
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 July 11, 2017

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

Absent: Secretary Nelleke Cooper and Director Darrel Jones

6:25 – meeting called to order. Items discussed:

Director Seibert inquired of the Treasurer the methodology for soliciting donations for our chapter educational activities and how the donors receive recognition. The treasurer replied that a cash contribution or check made out to EAA 1268 is the preferred method with, in the case of a check, an entry in the memo field denoting the preferred activity to receive the donation. This could be the Air Academy Fund, Air Explorers, or our general fund. In the case of a cash donation, a verbal request to one of the groups would be sufficient. Recognition of the donation would be in the form of a thank you letter written by the treasurer. Included in the letter is a statement indicating that EAA 1268 is recognized by the IRS as a 501c3 organization and that donations are deductible by the IRC. Director Seibert suggested that this be publicized in the newsletter by possibly having a permanent entry such as a text box with the above information.

The Treasurer gave a verbal report on the chapter finances: during the month a deposit of \$215 was made - \$100 in donations to the Air Academy and Air Explorers, \$45 in dues renewal, and \$70 in dinner receipts. One check was written to the Air Explorers for \$1714 (not yet cleared) which was held in the chapter checking account from donations and Family Fun Day receipts. The chapter checking account effective balance is \$10586.50  
Vice president Booker gave his account of getting medically certified under the new Basic

Med provisions. He's anxious to get in the air again and is considering buying a Cherokee 235.

Air Explorer Advisor Robin Tatman reported not much activity with the Air Explorers. She's on a semi-sabbatical while preparing for her transition from flying the 747 to the 777. Recruiting a dinner chef/s for August was discussed.

Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 6:55.

### EAA 1268 General Membership Meeting Minutes, July 11, 2017 7:40 pm

President Robin Tatman opened the meeting with a thanks to Darrel Jones for displaying his barbecuing skills by providing a meal featuring a medley of grilled tri-tips, chicken breasts & thighs and sausage. Accompanied with potato salad this made an ideal summer meal. Robin Tatman brought some homemade peach cobbler – combined with vanilla ice cream and coffee (provided by Howard Hall), it was a perfect dessert.

Guests were introduced – Margaret Bourne, a friend of Robin Tatman, and Ernie Ganas, a friend and neighbor of both Howard Hall and John Knebel. Ernie was so impressed by our organization that he signed up as a member on the spot.

A call for announcements produced a request from Jan Wheadon for more people to volunteer to be our dinner chefs. She also passed out a list of suggested dinners that were simple and easy to prepare.

Andrew Daigle, one of the Air Academy attendees that our chapter sponsored, gave thanks to our chapter and also a brief synopsis of his experience at the Air Academy. His father, Rane, also expressed his appreciation for the chapter support and gave a history of how he and Andrew became members of our chapter.

Our speaker of the evening was Richard Martin who gave an entertaining account of his recent interest in aviation and his acquisition of a C-41 aircraft which is a variant of the DC-3. Richard bought the aircraft and had it completely restored to the point of removing the wings and correcting any corrosion or discrepancies found. The engines were also removed and overhauled. His near goal is to have it available for local excursion rides. He also is planning on doing an around-the-world flight with his wife and a few friends. EAA 1268 member Bob Berwick is his pilot. Richard is also planning on getting his pilot license but the question of doing it in the C41 is doubtful – he thought starting out in a smaller airplane would be more prudent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

Minutes submitted by Bill Wheadon

### **NICE LETTER FROM ANDREW DAIGLE**

Good morning Darrel,

I would like to start off by expressing my gratitude for being sent to such an amazing camp. At the Air Academy, we wrote letters thanking our sponsors where I may go into more detail regarding other aspects of camp.

During the 2017 EAA Air Academy Basic Camp, we had the opportunity to make lunar landers, like last year, but this time we made rockets and learned all about forces applying to rockets, i.e. what apogees and perigees are, the point of max stress, etc. I have learned that each year we do similar activities but learn more that applies to building them, making the activities more successful and fun. We also utilized metalworking tools that are necessary to build an aircraft, or at least a metal one, and we built a metal clock. In the workshop, we also made wooden wing ribs, the wing ribs of an Acro-Sport. Since we made metal objects and wood objects we only have on real material left, composite, so we made composite airfoils. All of these creations will be brought to display at a meeting. Julien had also taken some wonderful photos which we will be making a slideshow on. In regards to Julien, we bunked together, and saw old friends and made new ones. And as always, the food was great.

Thank you very much,  
Andrew Daigle

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



Kim Stickers' nice air to air over Brodhead's Pietenpol fly-in this year. Hopefully the lead Pietenpol has a smoke system.

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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 AUGUST MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 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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