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EAA Chapter 1268

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FLASH! PILOT GETS HEAD STUCK IN CABINET!!
Who knows why John would let that guy fly his airplane.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The February meeting is this **Tuesday, February 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 the incomparable Ernie Ganas, bless his pea pickin' heart. Rumor has it that he is preparing tri-tip. Come to the meeting and find out for yourself.

Our speaker will be Avery Cruz, one of our Air Academy participants from 2017. He was unable to give his report last October because of the fires. If time allows, we will show the EAA February Chapter video.

PRESIDENT'S/AIR EXPLORER REPORT

Air Explorers

Robin has finished her transition training to the Boeing 777 so she will have more time to spend with the Air Explorers. She does need help coming up with activities for the Air Explorers, as well as adults to help with the meetings and activities.

This is another of the great ways we can get young people involved in aviation. With an aging and declining general aviation population, the pressure to let the airlines take over the air traffic control system is increasing. The best way to boost our pilot population is to make it possible for more young people to get their pilot's license.

Robin has talked about getting a flying club started and putting together more instructors to make flight training more affordable for young people starting out. We have the information resources from EAA and AOPA for establishing a flying club. We now need the human resources to make that happen.

A flying club at Sonoma Skypark won't be formally associated with Chapter 1268 but EAA members can also belong to a flying club.

We'll talk more about this at the meeting and in future meetings. It would be nice to get this going by summer.

Darrel (subbing for Robin this month).

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT **February 2018**

Membership Report Once again annual dues season is upon us. For those of you who have already paid – thank you. For those who haven't paid yet, only \$15 will get you back in the good graces of the Board of Directors. For those not sure if they've paid, check the color of your name badge in the clubhouse. If it's blue, you're current and if it's white you're not. So far the white badges slightly outnumber the blue badges with 42 members current and 45 members not current yet. Renewal time is also a good time to update any changes to your personal status – email address, telephone #, airplanes you own or fly, etc. To update the roster, please fill out a membership form that's in an envelope located in the clubhouse (in the basket under the name badge board). The forms are also on the last page of the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report Where does my dues money go? That's the question that many of you have probably wondered. One of our biggest expenses (excluding our sponsorship of our Air Academy cadets) is the fee we pay to EAA national to be under their umbrella. This year it totaled \$570 and was rendered in a check we wrote in December. Not only does this give us insurance coverage in our sanctioned chapter activities but we do get a lot of assistance from the various advisors back at EAA headquarters. Our effective checking account balance (not counting funds held in the Jack Strehl Memorial Fund) now stands at \$9539.53.

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

YOUNG EAGLES

BK will have his formal report at the meeting, but Chapter 1268 had six pilots and something over twenty Young Eagles today. The morning started out OK, got cold and a bit windy and bumpy, but stayed reasonable until we were finished.

John Thomason handled registration on his own, and is getting pretty good at it. We may need to actually start paying him a stipend for all his hard work. We had bananas left over after the kids mowed through the donuts. Maybe we can offer them to John as a down payment on that stipend.

All kidding aside, John has done a lot to get people in the air and started on their lessons. He got his Tri-Pacer going with an overhauled engine and is letting people use it for just the cost of the gas they burn. Richard Craig has turned into a very busy flight instructor and has student pilots up in the Tri-Pacer daily as weather allows.

John even let that guy who got his head stuck in the clubhouse cabinet use it for Young Eagles today. What a trusting soul.

Young Eagles day for March is Sunday, March 11. Put the date on you calendar. 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 for February is **Saturday, February 24 at 6pm in the Sonoma Skypark clubhouse.**

I talked to Rafe about showing “Wings” again. He has a Fokker D.VII model and I have a D.VII project in the hangar I hope to get to if I ever retire. There are several D.VIIs featured in the movie so I offered to say a few words about

the Fokker D.VII during intermission. After I get my pizza slices.

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, February 24** at 6 p.m.

DINNER SCHEDULE

You snooze, you looze. We have our cooks all lined up for 2018, but it’s never to early to get your bid in for 2019. I really want to thank all the members who volunteered to arrange dinner for our monthly meeting.

If you would like to help any of our cooks or want to schedule your own month for next 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
2018 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Roland Gangloff- lasangna
FEB	Ernie Ganas-Tri-tip
MAR	Rich & Nelleke Cooper- c. beef
APR	Ron Price & Frank Russo
MAY	Ron Willis & John Thomason- road kill
JUN	Don Booker & Wayne Schake
JUL	Darrel Jones- meat(s) and salad
AUG	Robin Tatman
SEP	Richard Craig & Les Lucas
OCT	Air Explorers
NOV	Marsi F., George T. & Howard H.
DEC	XMAS PARTY
Standby	Bill & Jan Wheadon

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
2018 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Katie Greenwood/ Dr. Howard Donner-Truckee Tahoe
FEB	Avery Cruz- Air Academy
MAR	
APR	
MAY	
JUN	
JUL	
AUG	
SEP	
OCT	Air Academy participants
NOV	
DEC	XMAS PARTY

2018 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
2/11	Young Eagles 9 am
2/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
2/24	Skypark Movie Night
3/11	Young Eagles 9 am
3/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
3/24	Skypark Movie Night
4/8	Young Eagles 9 am
4/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
4/28	Skypark Movie Night
5/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
5/13	Young Eagles 9 am
5/19	Skypark Family Fun Day
5/26	Skypark Movie Night
6/10	Young Eagles 9 am
6/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/23	Skypark Movie Night
7/8	Young Eagles 9 am
7/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm

7/19-22	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in
7/23-29	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
8/12	Young Eagles 9 am
8/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/25	Skypark Movie Night
9/9	Young Eagles 9 am
9/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/22	Skypark Movie Night
10/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/14	Young Eagles 9 am
10/27	Skypark Movie Night
11/11	Young Eagles 9 am
11/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
11/24	Skypark Movie Night
12/7	Skypark Xmas Party
1/1/18	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

Board of Directors Meeting
January 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 by President Robin Tatman. Present were Walt Eastland, Bill Wheadon, BK White, Jeanette Woods, Paul Seibert, Marsi Fahraji, and Darrel Jones.

Bill gave his annual treasurer's report with running balance, deposits, Air Academy scholarship, meal accounting and the Jack Strehl memorial fund.

BK reported on this year's Young Eagles schedule and noted that Young Eagles log books are available to each participating Young Eagle and include a link and code for free private pilot on-line ground school.

Marsi reported that the Napa EAA Chapter 167 is offering free ground school classes every Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the airport office. The class is offered by Greg Murray who will

also give a free introductory ride any day after 3:30 p.m. His phone number is 707-738-5310.

Marsi also reported that Greg is trying to put together a flying club with a Piper Cherokee with ten shares selling for \$2,000 each, and a projected cost of \$50.00 per month maintenance fee.

Darrel reported that he has received one application for the 2018 Air Academy so far.

Robin reported that Richard Martin's DC-3/C-41A is scheduled to fly to Oshkosh this summer. She is looking into whether it would work to transport at least some of our Air Academy participants to camp.

Robin also reported that Air Explorer Post 1268 would meet at 11:30 after Young Eagles.

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Dinner was provided by Roland Gangloff and consisted of lasagna, salad, garlic bread, pie and ice cream. Roland has offered to give a presentation at a future meeting about Alaskan bush pilot O. J. Smith.

The general membership meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Robin.

The officers gave their reports to the members present.

General Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

The program for the evening was a presentation on Truckee Tahoe Airport by Katie Greenwood and Dr. Howard Donner, rumored to be one of the survivors of the Donner party.

Katie is employed by Truckee Tahoe Airport as their outreach coordinator and official greeter. Howard teaches mountain flying and survival.

They gave an excellent Powerpoint presentation about how to safely fly into and out of Truckee Tahoe Airport and about the attractions available there.

At the end of the presentation Katie gave out some nice Truckee Tahoe hats for answering questions about the airport and invited everyone up for a visit. I think she said that she would buy lunch.

It was a very informative and enjoyable presentation. Katie laughed a lot and Howard smiled warmly. Robin thanked them and invited them back anytime they wished to visit again. Hopefully Howard can give a more detailed presentation on mountain flying at a future meeting.

A FEW LAST ITEMS

I wanted to thank Leon Scarbrough for recommending a great book, *Angels In The Sky*, by Robert Gandt. How a band of volunteer airman saved the new state of Israel. A very compelling read.

The update on Leon is that he is undergoing treatment for cancer. His wife Vicki passed away on Christmas Day while he was in the hospital. I stopped by to look at some electrical work he needs done and all I can say is Leon is someone I respect and admire. Even for a retired airline pilot. Maybe in spite of being a retired airline pilot.

(One of these days the retired airline pilots at Skypark are going to get tired of me razzing them and get together and beat the stuffing out of me. I can't say I blame them. They're so much fun to razz though).

Leon has a Champ at Skypark that he flew Young Eagles with. Currently, he is letting Colin Traynor use it. Colin was one of the pilots today for Young Eagles.

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 2018!** SEE YOU THERE!

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

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