



# THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport

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MARCH MOVIE AT SKYPARK: "WINGS"

Doesn't get any better than that.

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## FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, March 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 chefs for the month will be Nelleke and Rich Cooper doing up corned beef and cabbage for St. Paddy's Day.

Our speaker will be Dave Alexander, who was in the Tenerife disaster in the Canary Islands in 1977 when two 747s collided on the runway.

### **AIR ACADEMY REPORT**

This year we are sending three young people to the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh; Nick Griffin, Nathan Wilson and Eirwyn Rogers.

This will be Nick's first trip back but Nathan has been to the Basic camp before. All three participants will attend the Advanced camps, which bracket Airventure in July. All three will be able to experience Oshkosh as part of their camp.

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

#### **Membership Chairman and Treasurer Report March 2018**

**Membership Report** We added two new members in February – Wayne Herely and Gerald Hodnefield. Wayne has been a regular attendee at the Saturday burger fest and also at the Skypark monthly vintage aviation movie night. Gerald is new to the area and has an extensive background in aircraft homebuilding. I'm hoping to have more information about these two new members and will pass it along in a future "member profile".

We currently have 45 members current with their dues with a few more to go – I'll be contacting those with white badges (not current with their dues) to see if I can persuade them to convert to blue badges.

**Treasurer's Report** The financial health of the treasury is stable. For the month of February we had deposits of \$324 which was comprised of dues (\$165), Air Academy donations (\$50), and excess dinner receipts (\$109).

Disbursements totaled \$187.40 and paid for website hosting and a fee paid to the State of California for registering as a non-profit organization

Our effective checking account balance (not counting funds held in the Jack Strehl Memorial Fund) now stands at \$9361.04. That's all for now – see you at the meeting, Bill Wheadon  
EAA 1268 Membership Chairman and Treasurer

### **YOUNG EAGLES**

Young Eagles day is Sunday, March 11. 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 for March is **Saturday, March 24 at 6pm in the Sonoma Skypark clubhouse.**

The movie will be "Wings", William Wellman's 1927 World War One classic that has the distinction of winning the first Best Picture Oscar presented at the inaugural Academy Awards.

Starring Richard Arlen, Buddy Rogers and the "It Girl" Clara Bow, it follows two small town young men who have a romantic rivalry as then go to fight in the skies over France.

Not only were real World War I planes used in the aerial scenes, but the actors had to film themselves while actually flying the fighters in the battle shots.

Frank Clark was the leading stunt pilot in Hollywood at the time and plays the leader of the German squadron, Lt. Von Brun, flying his Fokker D.VII with a squadron of other D.VIIs as well as “Wichita Fokkers”, Travel Airs like the one Bob Berwick flies scenic rides with.

I am especially interested in “Wings” because I have a Fokker D.VII replica I hope to build after I retire.

Rafe will talk more about the movie and I will say a few words about the D.VII between the Sky King episode, the cartoon and the movie.

**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, March 24** at 6 p.m.

**DINNER SCHEDULE**

We just about have our celebrity chefs for 2018 so let us know if you would like to take care of August. 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                           |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>2018 DINNER SCHEDULE</b> |                                      |
| JAN                         | Roland Gangloff                      |
| 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                        |

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| 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](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

| Month                        | Speaker/Member/Subject                           |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>2018 SPEAKER SCHEDULE</b> |  |
| JAN                          | Katie Greenwood/ Dr. Howard Donner-Truckee Tahoe |
| FEB                          | Avery Cruz- Air Academy                          |
| MAR                          | Dave Alexander- Canary Is.                       |
| 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                            |
|------|----------------------------------|
| 1/9  | 1268 Meeting 7 pm                |
| 1/14 | Young Eagles 9 am                |
| 1/27 | Skypark Movie Night              |
| 1/31 | Air Academy application deadline |
| 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                |

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| 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 <sup>st</sup> Flight |
| Every Saturday Noon to 1:30 pm<br>Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse! |                                       |

**EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

Board of Directors Meeting  
February 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 by President Robin Tatman. Present were Bill Wheadon, Walt Eastland, BK White and Darrel Jones.

Darrel reported that we have three Air Academy applicants; Nick Griffin, Nathan Wilson and Eirwyn Rogers. Interviews will be scheduled for late February or early March.

Robin reported that the DC-3 flight to Oshkosh won't work with the schedule for the Air Academy participants.

Robin talked about speaking to local middle and high schools about aviation, Young Eagles and careers in aviation.

Robin reported that EAA is not interested in showing Daniel Shulte's film during Airventure.

Robin reported that the March speaker will be Dave Alexander who was involved in the Canary island collision between two airliners.

Bill reported that the Treasurer's report is in the newsletter.

Darrel talked about starting a flying club at Sonoma Skypark that would not be associated with EAA Chapter 1268 but will offer low cost flight instruction to Sonoma Valley youth.

Board Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Dinner was prepared and served by Ernie Ganas and consisted of tri-tip, potatoes, salad, cream puffs and drinks.

The General meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Robin announced that she was through her transition training for the 777 and will be able to be more active in the local Air Explorer post. She asked for volunteers to help with the Post activities and also to talk to students at local schools about careers in aviation. She talked about a flying club as part of the effort to give Sonoma Valley youth opportunities to learn to fly at low cost.

Yayoi talked about a free book mobile that could come to our Young Eagles rallies with books to loan to participants.

Larry Nelson announced that he took his beautifully restored P-19 to the Capitol Air Show in Sacramento and received the Hap Arnold trophy for best restored aircraft. The

trophy was presented to Larry by Hap Arnold's grandson.

General Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM

The presentation for the evening was by Avery Cruz, one of Chapter 1268's Air Academy participants. Avery talked about his experiences at Air Academy and showed the members his projects, including a wing rib, spark plug holder and fiberglass clipboard.

Avery was able to learn welding, met many other young people from around the country and had an airplane and helicopter ride with an instructor. He learned about weight and balance and is enthusiastic about continuing in aviation.

Avery finished the evening answering questions from the members.

**The following is from Paul Seibert**

**February 2018**

**This month's question:** *I have never understood why EAA chapters cannot own and fly aircraft as part of the whole chapter organization. Is this something that the EAA voted on at the meeting in Oshkosh?* — Carl Bogardus, EAA 114219, Chapter 555

**Answer:** In 2014, EAA explored the approach of allowing EAA chapters to own flying aircraft so that a chapter could form a flying club. This would provide a landing spot for chapter build projects and allow members to have affordable access to flying. There were two determining factors that led us to the rule that chapters cannot operate airworthy aircraft, and the recommendation that members form a flying club outside of the chapter.

Ultimately, the expense of the liability insurance required for a chapter-run club

proved to be very cost-prohibitive, defeating the purpose of a flying club. An EAA chapter-sponsored flying club would be required to carry the same hull and liability insurance as any other flying club, which roughly costs between \$3,000 and \$4,000. However, on top of that, chapters would be required to pay an additional \$8,000 of liability insurance to protect the chapter and EAA as a whole. At the end of the day, that number was too high to accept.

In addition to the financial burden, EAA realized there might be potential conflicts of interest within a chapter. In most chapters, many members already own and operate their own aircraft, which means that only a subset of the chapter members would benefit from a chapter-sponsored flying aircraft. Chapters would be spending financial resources, fundraising, and membership dues on a member benefit that only a fraction of the members would use. This could have led to disagreements within a chapter.

Since the process of forming a separate entity for a flying club can seem daunting, EAA is here to help! We can answer any questions you have on forming a nonprofit corporation, becoming tax exempt, and transferring a chapter build to a flying club, and we can also provide sample bylaws and operating guidelines.

In the near future, you will see a more extensive Flying Club Resource Center on our website at [www.EAA.org/FlyingClubs](http://www.EAA.org/FlyingClubs), which already includes *EAA's Flying Club Manual*. In the meantime, feel free to e-mail David Leiting at [dleiting@eaa.org](mailto:dleiting@eaa.org) with any questions not covered in the manual or on our current webpage.

**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 MARCH MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 13 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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