



THE FLYING TIMES

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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

Sonoma Skypark Airport

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IT'S SAFE TO FLY ALASKA AIRLINES AND BOEING AGAIN
(As long as the duct tape supply holds out)

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January meeting is this **Tuesday, April 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 \$10.00 per person.

Our chefs for the month will be Marsi Allard and Mark and Catherine Shackford.

Our program will be a presentation by Phil Danskin of scans of some old WAC charts that some of our members flew with and some of our younger members will marvel at.

We will send out a Zoom link for those members who can't attend in person.

We have a new Treasurer, Ray Gallarate, and a new mailing address, EAA 1268, PO Box 234, Vineburg, CA 95487-0234. Please send your \$20 dues renewal checks to EAA 1268, PO Box 234, Vineburg, CA 95487-0234.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings! Two weeks ago, Darrel and I had the pleasure of attending my first EAA Leadership Bootcamp. I wasn't sure what to expect, especially since we had to be at the Livermore Airport at 7am. Not my favorite

time of day to be functional. However, that is the best experience yet that I have had with EAA National.

The Workshop was cosponsored by the Livermore EAA Chapter 663. I finally got to meet Christ Gauger, who is a Chapter Field Rep, but more importantly the Manager of the Ray Scholar program. John Eagan, Manager of the Chapter Office also came along. It was great to put names and faces together. For the next nine hours they gave us an in-depth breakdown of the EAA structure, resources, programs, and a host of ways to make our Chapter better than it is already. Darrel and I will be sharing a lot of that with all of you in the upcoming months.

Here are some interesting facts and figures:

There are 37,000 Chapter Members.

The average Chapter has 41 members.

There are 144,000 dues paying members that do not belong to a Chapter.

Air Venture was attended in 2023 by 677,000 people (and yes some of those were repeats).

There were 10,000 aircraft, 5500 volunteers, 1400 Forums, 848 exhibitors, and 5500

volunteers. The event raised \$170 million dollars for all kinds of programs. The event was also followed by 18.3 million people on social media. Wow!

Those numbers are all very impressive, but the one that caught everyone's attention in the room is that there are 144,000 people that are not members of a specific chapter - but could be.

We have been talking about growing our membership for a long time, and they gave us some great ideas how to make that happen.

There are a lot of pilots in our area that could be potential Chapter members. I'll talk more about that on the meeting on Tuesday.

Hope to see you there!

Robin

WOMEN IN AIRPLANES



This is still one of our favorite shots of WASP Shirley Slade Teer taken in April of 1944. During her time in service Shirley was stationed at three different bases (Love Field, Dallas, Texas; Dodge City AAF, Kansas; and Harlingen AAF, Texas) and primarily flew Bell P-39 Airacobras and Martin B-26 Marauders. Both the P-39 and B-26 were notoriously difficult aircraft to fly.

FROM THE CAF RISE ABOVE WASP
FACEBOOK PAGE

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Robin and I went to an EAA Leadership Training workshop in Livermore and came back enthused with lots of great ideas for revitalizing the Chapter.

Everything from expanding the Chapter's social media presence to effective marketing in our local community. EAA has chapter roster management online, a photo directory and extensive resources for growing our Chapter.

Just like the U.S. Army, we are looking for a few good men and women to take charge of our

recruitment and expansion drive. Got a way with words? We need you to write articles, profiles and press releases for the local media. Are you a type A person? We want you to take charge of outreach and to work with other chapter members who want to bask in the warm glow of success.

Robin and I came back with more great ideas than we can implement ourselves. We need your creativity and shared enthusiasm for sharing what we know as "the joy of flight". We don't want to be an exclusive, insular club. The general aviation we've know will die out without bringing new people and talent into our shared passion.

We would like your input and ideas. Please contact Robin and me to let us know you would like to part of the team. We cans tart by talking at Saturday hamburgers and see where this effort takes us.

It's an exciting time to be involved in aviation!

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT

April 2024

Here's the March Treasurers report...

Checking	\$6765.10
Savings	\$18,466.86
CD	\$15,547.94

Deposits:

March BBQ \$800.00

March Meeting Dinner proceeds were donated to the club by Grace Warden and her parents.

Thank you to the Wardens!

\$255.00

Membership Dues (Thank you to Ligia and Don Booker for getting the word out to the membership about dues!)

\$40.00

Donations \$40.00

Expenses:

Finley Skaggs airfare to 2024 Air Academy

Misc. Club expenses \$1025.20
\$338.07

Regards-
Ray Gallarate, Treasurer
650-421-3781 cell

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles Day for January is Sunday, April 14. As is usual, we are looking for volunteer pilots, ground crew and registration helpers for our monthly Young Eagles events. Let us know you will be joining us and helping out by sending an email to Gretchen at gretchen.mcdougall@gmail.com or me at wd6bor@vom.com.

This month will be especially critical for having enough pilots because two of our regular Young Eagles pilots won't be able to fly. We're inviting Young Eagles pilots from any of our neighboring EAA Chapters to join us to help out and to also build their own Young Eagles flight numbers. Please contact me at wwd6bor@vom.com or 707-799-6382 and let me know if you can help out.

EAA 1268 has flown a total of 4,032 Young Eagles since 1992. That's a lotta kids!

NEW AVIATION MEDICAL EXAMINER IN SONOMA

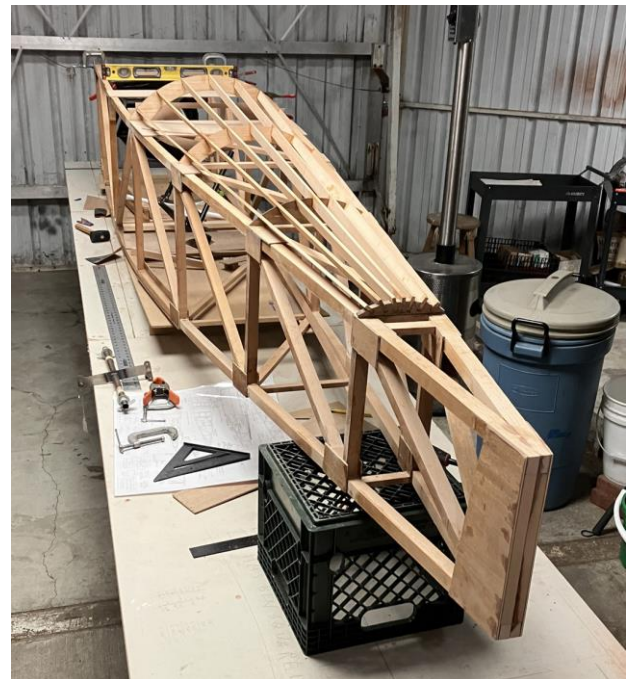
I had the pleasure of meeting the new Aviation Medical Examiner in Sonoma, Dr. Sonja Schluter, MD MPH. She is currently doing second and thirs class exams. I had been getting my exams from Dr. John Schafer for many years, but he has since retired and is no longer giving flight medical exams. Dr. Amm Kottler is also winding down her practice.

I was delighted to meet Dr. Schluter and appreciated her thouroughness and enthusiasm. She is an ophthamologist and told me she always enjoyed meeting and dealing with pilots inher practice.

She has been in practice here in Sonoma for seventeen years after moving here from Sebastopol.

Her contact information is:
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CHAPTER PIET BUILDING PROJECT



Turtledeck CAD designed by James Kurniawan, one of Chapter 1268's Air Academy scholarship recipients last year.

Michael and the build team have decided to use the original straight axel design on the Pietenpol. Scott DeBel donated a pair of hubs for spoked wheels, so we have a good start.

Michael got a quote for the landing gear fittings and will get them ordered so the project can keep progressing.

The build team meets every Saturday before the Chapter barbecue in the shop hangar next to the clubhouse, so stop in after 9 and take a look at the progress.

This has been an incredible project for our Young Eagles, letting them learn and experience the many skills needed in building an airplane.

The build team welcomes volunteers who would like to participate in this enjoyable and satisfying project. Contact Yayoi or Michael and let them know you would like to be part of the Chapter 1268 build.

We are still asking for donations to offset the ongoing costs of construction. We've had donations of materials worth nearly \$7,000, but will need another \$10,000 to complete the project. Send your checks to EAA 1268, P.O. Box 234, Vineburg, CA 95487, and note that your donation is intended for the build project.

EAA 1268 FLIGHT ADVISOR

This month we are introducing a regular column on flight safety from Chapter 1268's new Flight Advisor, Steve Silver.

Steve is a former Air Force U-2, fixed wing and helicopter pilot and career officer, who now flies as a captain with United Airlines. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Sonoma Skypark.

Here is Steve's first contribution to Chapter 1268 in the interest of promoting a safer flying environment at Sonoma Skypark.

The saying, "There are old pilots, and there are bold pilots, but there are no old, bold pilots." has been around since at least the 1930's, and attributed to numerous people. Regardless of the source, the saying is as appropriate today as it was in the 1930's, and provides a mindset that will allow all of us to fly for many years and become old pilots.

I feel fortunate to have had a relatively long aviation career from my start flying for pleasure in high school, to flying in the military, and now as a commercial airline pilot. The commonality between all these flight organizations is an emphasis on safety and how

to address threats to aviation, risk management and mitigation strategies.

Flying has inherent risks. Whether we fly for pleasure, or as a profession, safety must be at the forefront of our planning and execution. We must methodically address safety every time we fly. Finally, since we cannot make all the errors ourselves, we need learn from the mistakes of others.

In the coming months, we will discuss safety topics, and learn from each other. The ground rules for our discussions, is there can be no judgement of errors committed and shared by your fellow pilots. Only a learning opportunity for all of us.

There are many excellent safety resources available on the web. I would encourage you to search through some of the links attached and glean lessons learned to make yourself a better pilot. Please see attached safety links for your review and consideration. Send thoughts and ideas for future safety discussions in this forum to: SkyparkSteven@gmail.com.

FAA Online Training

[https://www.faasafety.gov/gslac/alc/course_cat
alog.aspx](https://www.faasafety.gov/gslac/alc/course_catalog.aspx)

ARSR:

<https://asrs.arc.nasa.gov/>

AOPA air safety institute

[https://aopa.org/training-and-safety/air-safety-
institute](https://aopa.org/training-and-safety/air-safety-institute)

AVWeb

<https://www.avweb.com/>

JDA Journal

<https://jdasolutions.aero/blog/>

SATURDAY BARBECUE

Marilyn and Marsi have the regular Saturday barbecue going every Saturday from noon to about 1:30. Regular burgers and hot dogs are

\$10 and include chips, a drink and cookie, with a double burger going for \$13.

This is Chapter 1268's major fundraiser for scholarships for sending our local Young Eagles to the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh each summer and also to contribute to our part of the Ray Scholarship matching funds private pilot training for youth.

Marilyn is taking care of the logistics as well as running the barbecues with Marsi. She told me that she would like to have another volunteer to alternate doing the actual barbecue with Marsi while she concentrates of the logistical portion of the barbecue. Please give he a call at 707-479-5712 to let her know you can help out with this enjoyable and important Chapter activity.

Thanks again to Marilyn and Marsi for their very valuable, and enjoyable, contribution to the Chapter.

GROUND SCHOOLS

Yayoi is starting ground school at Sonoma Skypark in the clubhouse on Monday evenings starting March 11. Call or text her at Yayoi West, 707-364-9257 for information on the classes, and to let her know you will be attending.

Students and pilots attending will need to buy a copy of the Jeppsen Private Pilot textbook, 2018 edition, from Sporty's, Jeppsen.com or another pilot supplier.

The classes will be every Monday from 6 to 8 pm. The classes are for everyone from students working on their private pilot license to any pilots wanting a refresher course.

If you have any flight planning gear, such as a plotter, E6B, old sectional charts or anything usable for ground school classes, please bring them to the meeting or drop them off at the clubhouse.

Mike Smith Aviation at Napa Airport is also holding free ground school classes on Saturday mornings.

Contact Kimberly Sanders Smith at 916-607-4023 for more information.

The classes are held at the flight school at 2000 Airport Road, Napa 94558, 200 yards north of terminal building.

This free ground school coaching session for the Private Pilot Knowledge test is for student pilots, rusty pilots, anyone interested in learning to fly. Everyone is welcome! You'll need to purchase a book, available on site: Gleim Private Pilot Test Prep, \$22.95.

2024 DINNER SCHEDULE

We have some of our celebrity chefs for 2024 but let us know if you want to take an unfilled month. Hot dogs, chili or pizza are perfectly fine. Our meal coordinator is Sindy Mikkelsen at sindymikkelsen@att.net. Let her know you can provide the meal for a meeting and she will put you on the schedule. Copy me at wd6bor@vom.com so I can include you in the newsletter dinner schedule.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cooks/Meal
2024 DINNER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Robin T.- spaghetti
FEB	Nelleke C., Will C- barbecue and trimmings
MAR	Grace Warden – corned beef and cabbage
APR	Marsi A., Mark and Catherine S. -
MAY	Stan Russell- baked potato night
JUN	Wayne, Celia, Don and Ligia
JUL	Darrel- barbecue
AUG	Gene Marcinkowski/Smith
SEP	
OCT	
NOV	
DEC	XMAS PARTY
Standby	?

SPEAKERS

We are always, continually, everlastingly looking for speakers for our monthly programs.

Contact President Robin Tatman at 707-553-2747 or send an email to me at wd6bor@vom.com so we can get your program or speaker information into the newsletter.

We're still looking for a permanent speaker coordinator, so let us know if you can help out by taking on this important job. We can give you contact information for other local Chapters so you can find speakers they have had.

Month	Speaker/Member/Subject
2024 SPEAKER SCHEDULE	
JAN	Steve Silver- flying the U-2
FEB	Robin Tatman- Chapter 1268 plans and projects for 2024
MAR	Marc Ashton- flight training
APR	Phil Danskin- How those WAC charts have changed!
MAY	Rick Beach- Cirrus accident update
JUN	Steve Lehmann- Sonoma County WWII military aviation history
JUL	
AUG	
SEP	
OCT	
NOV	
DEC	XMAS PARTY

2024 EAA 1268 CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT
4/9-14	Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL
4/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
4/13-14	Sonoma Skypark Historical Aircraft Display Day – 12 to 4 pm
4/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am
4/28	Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show- Half Moon Bay, CA
5/11	Estrella Warbirds Wings & Wheels- Paso Robles, CA

5/11-12	Sonoma Skypark Historical Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm
5/12	Young Eagles 9:30 am
5/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm
5/18-19	Oregon Int'l Air Show- Hillsboro, OR
5/?	Skypark Family Fun Day!
6/8-9	Sonoma Skypark Historical Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm
6/9	Young Eagles 9:30 am
6/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm
6/22	Truckee Tahoe Airshow, Truckee
7/13-14	California Capital Air Show- Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA
7/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm
7/13-14	Sonoma Skypark Historical Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm
7/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am
7/18-21	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in
7/22-28	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh
8/10-11	Sonoma Skypark Historical Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm
8/11	Young Eagles 9:30 am
8/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm
8/17-18	Wings Over Camarillo Airshow
9/7-8	Sonoma Skypark Historical Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm
9/8	Young Eagles 9:30 am
9/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm
9/27-29	MCAS Miramar Air Show- San Diego, CA
9/28-29	California Int'l Airshow- Salinas, CA
9/?	Wings Over Wine Country
10/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/11-13	Central Coast AirFest- Santa Maria, CA
10/12-13	San Francisco Fleet Week- San Francisco, CA
10/12-13	Sonoma Skypark Historical Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm
10/13	Young Eagles 9:30 am
10/?	Benton Air Fair- Redding, CA

10/?	Planes of Fame Air Show- China, CA
11/9-10	Sonoma Skypark Historical Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm
11/10	Young Eagles 9:30 am
11/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm
12/?	Skypark Xmas Party
12/7-8	Sonoma Skypark Historical Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm
1/1/25	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
March 12, 2024

Board meeting called to order at 6:15 pm. Present were President Robin Tatman, Vice President Darrel Jones and Treasurer Ray Gallarate.

Ray reported that he sent a check to Finley Skaggs mother Anne-Marie to reimburse her for the cost of airfare to the Air Academy this summer.

Darrel asked for a motion to approve Elio Eeo to the Air Academy and Grace Warden for a Ray scholarship for 2024. The motion was made, seconded and passed.

Robin reported that Darren Stevenson is experiencing health issues. The Board asked Robin to extent Chapter 1268's best wishes for a quick recovery.

Darrel reported that the Chapter needs to recruit more Young Eagles pilots to continue having enough for our monthly Youn Eagles rallies. We had five pilots flying sixteen Young Eagles during the rally and four Eagle rides after Young Eagles was done.

Board Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Dinner was provided by Grace Warden and her father, and consisted of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and dessert. Grace and her family donated the cost of the food to the Chapter.

General meeting called to order at 7:40 pm

Robin and the officers gave their reports to the members.

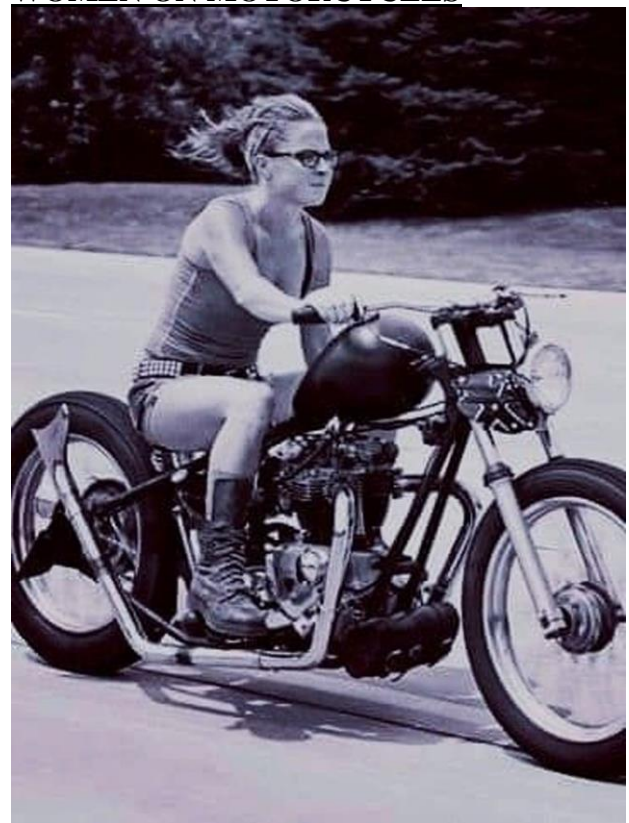
General Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

The program for the evening was a talk by Marc Ashton from the Petaluma Pilot Training Center on the challenges facing private pilot students today.

OTHER NEWS

I'll be receiving newsletters from other EAA Chapters near us and will include news from them in upcoming editions of our newsletter.

WOMEN ON MOTORCYCLES



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 TWENTY BUCKS, SO BRING SOME CASH FOR DINNER AND A BIT MORE TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2024! SEE YOU AT THE MEETING! MAIL YOUR CHECK TO: EAA 1268, PO BOX 234, VINEBURG, CA 95487-0234 IF YOU WON'T BE AT THE MEETING.

**REMEMBER! THE APRIL MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 9 AT 7 P.M., AT THE SKYCRAFTERS' CLUBHOUSE HANGAR B-5 AT SONOMA SKYPARK AIRPORT.
DINNER STARTS AT 7 PM, SO DON'T BE LATE!**

THE 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:** _____

AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: _____

Your check should be made payable to: **EAA 1268**

Please mail your dues to:
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