

## THE FLYING TIMES

The Official Newsletter of the Sonoma Sky Crafters EAA Chapter 1268

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# AMERICAN AIRLINES FLEET NOW PROVIDING REGULAR SERVICE OUT OF KNOXVILLE DOWNTOWN ISLAND AIRPORT

Although our own Jim Roberts has retired from American Airlines, he just couldn't resist putting his Swift back into the fleet. With Captain and First Officer up front, passengers have to ride in the baggage compartment. Jim's not making much money yet.

## **CHAPTER OFFICERS**

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## FIRST THINGS FIRST

The August meeting will be this Tuesday, August 10, with dinner starting at 7 p.m.

Todd Walker and Larry Nelson will be bringing the big mobile barbecue out for this

month's meeting. There will be tri-tip and the trimmings, so be sure to join us.

Since Oshkosh has just wrapped up for the year, we will have fresh adventure stories to hear at the August meeting. Probably the best stories will be our adventurers' recounting the means they employed to keep from drowning during the downpours that prevented many aircraft from arriving and parking during the first few days.

The weather reports from the east coast have all been about the scorching heat they have experienced. Our own west coast weather brings to mind the Mark Twain quote about the coldest winter he ever spent was one summer in San Francisco. It all seemed to meet in the Midwest where they had several inches of rain in a few hours, not days.

The field at Oshkosh was wet enough that parking was only possible on paved surfaces during the first days.

Jeanette Woods had always wanted to fly to Oshkosh and camp at Sally's Alley. This years she flew with Andy and Vina Smith in her 172. I'm looking forward to hearing all their "adventures, as well as Ron's, Pauls', and the rest of the gang.

Be there or be square!

## **YOUNG EAGLES**

Young Eagles is this Sunday, August 8 (tomorrow as I write this!)

BK will again have the donuts and Ron will brew up a pot of coffee, so Chapter 1268 members are once again cordially invited to come out and lend a hand.

As always, registration needs a rotating crew of three or four people to greet the incoming Young Eagles and their families, explain the relatively simple registrations process, get the kids singed onto the list, and then assign them to pilots as morning progresses.

If you haven't helped with registration yet, please come out and learn as you do. We have excellent registration helpers who make the process painless and fun. Jasmine has become the premier Registermeister and is greatly appreciated. You can learn from no one better.

Once we have a core group of eight or ten people who can do registration, our Young Eagles chairman can coordinate staffing so each person only needs to come out once every couple of months or so.

It's always a kick to see the kids delight and excitement at having the chance to do something as wondrous as go flying in an airplane and seeing their home and all of Sonoma Valley from the air.

Give BK a call at 707-996-1335 or email him at <a href="mailto:bkeagle1@vom.com">bkeagle1@vom.com</a> to let him know you will be flying and helping.

## **DINNER SCHEDULE**

The schedule for next year so far is:

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|---------------|---------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Month         | Cook 1  | Cook 2 |  |  |  |  |
| August '10    | Larry N | Todd W |  |  |  |  |
| September '10 | Walt    | ?      |  |  |  |  |
| October '10   | Ron P   | ?      |  |  |  |  |
| November '10  | ?       | ?      |  |  |  |  |
| December '10  | XMAS    | PARTY! |  |  |  |  |

We still need someone for November, so send me an email or let Roy know if you want to be our star chef. Roy can be found at <a href="mailto:Flyboyroy@aol.com">Flyboyroy@aol.com</a> or by phone at 415-897-2983

## **SPEAKERS**

I'm still looking for speakers, so send me an email at <a href="wd6bor@vom.com">wd6bor@vom.com</a> and let me know what subject you would like to talk about.

| Month | Speaker     | Subject   |  |
|-------|-------------|-----------|--|
| Aug   | Various     | Oshkosh   |  |
| Sep   | ?           | ?         |  |
| Oct   | ?           | ?         |  |
| Nov   | ?           | ?         |  |
| Dec   | Sandy Claws | FAA lists |  |

## COMBINATION TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT EAA 1268 August 6, 2010

Membership Report- We currently have 65 paid members in our Chapter. News of member's activity has been sparse but hopefully we'll be hearing of exciting events that transpired at AirVenture from those who made the trip.

Treasurer's Report- Our balance is down from the last report only because we returned the \$1500 that we were holding for the directors of the Hal Woods Memorial Fund. An abbreviated accounting since the last report follows, a more detailed accounting was sent to Darrel Jones and the Board of Directors

Previous balance -\$9845.93 May, June, July net meal receipts -+\$83.00 Return of Hal Woods Fund -\$1500.00 Balance as of 8/6/2010 \$8428.93

## EAA Chapter 1268 Board Meeting Minutes, July 13, 2010

Location: Chapter Clubhouse at Sonoma Skypark Airport

Board Members present: Chairman Darrel Jones, Paul Seibert, B.K. White, Gardner Bride, Bill Wheadon Board Members absent: Marsi Fahraji, Walt Lewis Meeting called to order by Darrel Jones at 6:32pm.

#### Items discussed:

- Young Eagles event on the previous Sunday, July 11. 29 Young eagles were flown which followed 42 at the June Y.E. Day. Because of the increasing popularity of this activity and the resulting need for increased organization, a method for signing up the YE and calling them for flights was given a trial run. This method used a master sign in sheet that assigned a number to the YE based on when they signed in. This number along with their name was put on a paste-on nametag that the YE wore prior to and during the flight. The YE was called up for flight using both their number and name based on the order of their sign-in number.
- Also discussed was giving out rain checks with higher priority for following months in the event a YE candidate wasn't able to fly due to a lack of airplanes/pilots.
- Y.E. coordinator B.K. White reported on a new program for Young Eagles where the EAA will pay for the first instructional flight if the YE completes the free online ground school offered by Sporty's Pilot Shop for Young Eagles.
- The Membership and Treasurer reports were delinquent and would be forwarded to the president after the meeting.
- The Chairman requested the board members to give thought to possible candidates for officer positions in the following year. Also volunteers for a nominating committee were solicited.
- Newsletter publisher Darrel Jones requested material for the chapter newsletter. Darrel said he will vacate

the President's position next year but will remain on as Newsletter Editor. Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm Minutes submitted by Bill Wheadon

## EAA Chapter 1268 General Meeting Minutes, July 13, 2010

Happenings at the July meeting:

- Dinner Coordinator Ray Myers made an appearance after an absence and prepared a delicious barbecued chicken with corn on the cob and trimmings.
- After dinner President Darrel Jones reported on the Board of Director's meeting and items discussed at that meeting. (see minutes of the BOD meeting).
- Darrel informed the group that Jasmine, Ron Price's assistant, will be going away to college this fall and Ron might be in need of a replacement for her.
- Several fly-out events were announced for July – Prospect State, Colusa, and Wings and Wheels at Petaluma.
- An appeal for cooks for the month of August was made (It must have worked because I understand that Todd Walker and Larry Nelson will be doing a barbecue).
- Darrel announced a nominating committee for the following year's officers will be formed.
- Darrel will vacate the President's position next year but will remain as newsletter editor. He would like to have material submitted to him, especially pictures (digital format please)
- B.K. gave a Young Eagle's report naming the pilots and volunteers who helped to make it a success. He also discussed problems associated with the increasing success of this

- program and possible solutions (see BOD minutes)
- Bill Wheadon gave a brief Treasurer's report consisting of the Sonoma Sky Crafter's bank balance of \$8368.93.
- From the floor Craig Macdonald, who is mentoring aspiring aircraft mechanic Martin Dolcini announced that Martin would like to go to AirVenture at Oshkosh this year and asked if someone who is going there and has an empty seat to let Martin ride along.
- Darrel introduced our program speaker Gardner Bride who gave a very entertaining account of his brief career as a crop duster in Texas.
- Guests present Tom Ryan, a friend of Howard Hall was present and volunteered to help with the kitchen clean-up. Thanks Tom!
- It was requested that better tools for clean-up be provided. Jan Wheadon has purchased a pack of scotch-brite sponges.

Submitted by Bill Wheadon

## 2010 CALENDAR

Wings Over Wine Country, Santa Rosa, CA: Aug. 27-28 Watsonville Fly-In and Airshow, Watsonville, CA: Sep. 3-5 Booneville, CA Annual Fly-in, Booneville, CA Aug 14, Fly-in and dinner

Start sending me your information on your favorite fly-ins and air shows for next year.

## OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST

You should be seeing me at the meeting. That's interesting, isn't it?

Darrel

## Sonoma Skycrafters

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DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE!

WE HAVE A FEW OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE GIVE BILL WHEADON YOUR \$15 AND ANY CHANGES OF INFORMATION SO WE CAN BRING THE ROSTER CURRENT!

REMEMBER! THE <u>AUGUST</u> MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS <u>TUESDAY</u>, <u>AUGUST</u>, <u>AT 7 P.M.</u>, AT THE SKYCRAFTER'S CLUBHOUSE HANGAR G-1 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. |      |      |  |  |
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