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OUR OWN LUIS AND JAMES, TAKING IT ALL IN AT OSHKOSH
You'll see more of them in this issue of The Flying Times

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The January (August) meeting is this **Tuesday, August 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 \$10.00 per person. Our chefs for the month will be Gene Marcinkowski and his gang, and will feature pork tenderloin, salad, Ge3ne's beans and dessert.

Our program will be a presentation by Charly Taylor, from the Pacific Coast Air Museum, on his experiences as a CAT (catapult) officer on aircraft carriers in the Navy.

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



Happy Mid-Summer!

Lots of things happening this month! In my mind Oshkosh on the Aviation front, and the Olympics in sports are at the top of the fun list.

In case you haven't heard, here are some remarkable statistics from Air Venture:

Attendance broke a new record of 686,000 people, beating last year's show by 9,000.

10,000 aircraft flew in for the event at the combined local airports during the show.

Aircraft operations at Wittman totaled 16,780, which averages out to about 113 takeoffs/landings per hour.

Around 6,000 volunteers working over 250,000 (including Darrel, Luis, James and a few others from 1268) donated their time.

Over 1600 forums took place and over 800 exhibitors attended.

Big congratulations are in order to Hayden Holbrook who passed his Private Pilot Checkride! We are hoping he will be at the meeting on Tuesday so that we can show our appreciation in person. Great job Hayden!



Hayden with his instructor, Rory Rogers.

I am hoping to hear a few stories from those of you who went to Broadhead and Air Venture. I had fun watching Darrel fly across the country on Flight Aware and looking at his blog! But additionally, our guest speaker on Tuesday will be Charlie Taylor. He will be talking about

flight operations on an aircraft carrier. I've always preferred having my runways stay still when I land, so it's somewhat awe inspiring to hear about carrier ops.

Additionally, Gene Marcinkowski and company will be our chef cooking. Bring your appetite: he is featuring Pork Tenderloin, salad, Gene's Beans (a hit last year!), and desert. Nobody is going to leave hungry!

For next month, please add Dr. Ann Kotler, AME, to your calendar for our September meeting. I have been after her for months to fit us in to her busy schedule. She just went to an AME conference in Chicago in May and has the latest from the FAA on medicals. She has also said she is hoping to bring some interesting guests, so I am looking forward to hearing what she has to say.

I did actually retire at the end of July and have been enjoying getting some regular sleep. I'll have a few details about that next month.

See you at the meeting.

Robin

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a long, strange trip it was. I went out to see old friends and look at a lot of airplanes and came back, for the second time in a row, with Covid. I'm not sure Catherine's going to forgive me, since I shared it with her.

The trip out was smokey and bumpy over Nevada, Utah and Wyoming, but the second day over the Mississippi basin was beautiful.

First stop was Brodhead, WI, for the Pietenpol fly-in. Michael asked me to take lots of detail photos of the Piets there to help with the Chapter 1268 project, so I obliged with almost 200 shots. Poor guy now has to wade through them.

Jim Boyer, a Pietenpol builder in Santa Rosa, had donated a lot of Pietenpol, Corvair and

miscellaneous airplane parts and books to Chapter 1268. They weren't doing the Chapter any good in my hangar, so I pulled the back seat out of the 182 and loaded it up.

I staked my claim on a table in the pavilion at Brodhead and spread the stiff out. I priced everything at a good discount under list price and had good luck selling a Piet Corvair engine mount, a new J-3 fuel tank, a spinner and back plate, books and parts. By Saturday afternoon, I had one small auto racing fuel tank and half a file box left to take to the Aeromart at Oshkosh.



The Chapter 1268 sale table at Brodhead.

I was able to sell all but the auto racing fuel tank and three books at Oshkosh, so came back with \$1500 cash for Ray to deposit and another "check-in-the-mail" from EAA for \$250, all to go toward the cost of the Pietenpol project.

Let me know if you need an auto racing fuel tank for your project.

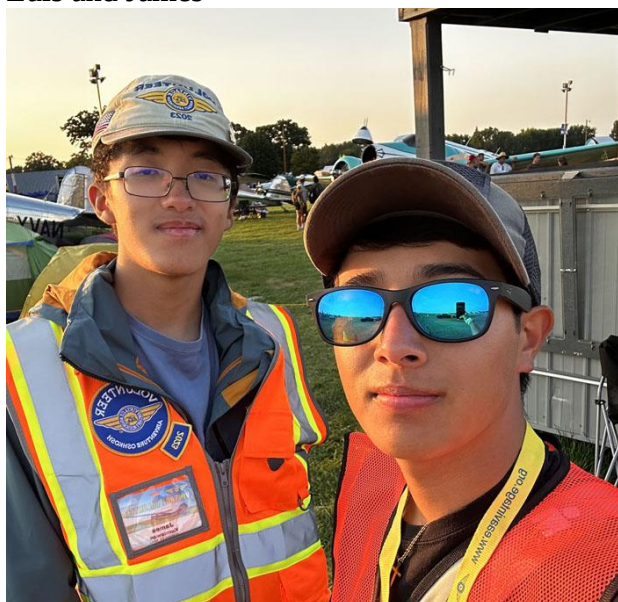
We still need more funding for the project, so if any of you can help out, we would very much appreciate the donations.

While signing up at the Vintage Volunteer booth, who should walk up but Luis Membrila, one of our Ray scholars and newly minted

private pilot, and James Kurniawan, at Oshkosh for his second-year volunteering after attending last year as one of our Air Academy scholars.



Luis and James



James and Luis

They both signed up again and spent the week volunteering on the Vintage flight line and exploring Oshkosh. I would see them in passing and they were always boogying one direction or the other.

I also made, with the help of my son-in-law Zac, a sign for the EAA Chapters Blue Barn. EAA encourages chapters to make up a sign or Adirondack chair to display at the Blue Barn during Oshkosh. I didn't want Chapter 1268 to be left out, so I got some straight-grained Doug fir, carved it up and did the base coat, then Zac put the lettering on and finished it to have it ready for my departure.



Chapter 1268 now has a presence at Oshkosh for all the world to see!



Zac, artist in residence for Chapter 1268

I couldn't leave the Brodhead part of my report without letting you know about the fabled Friday night white fish boil and the Saturday night pork chop grill. I know you're dying to know what you missed. Well, here's the reason I fly all that way whenever I can.



White fish boil, delicious!



Wisconsin pork chop, the size of two California ones. Also, delicious.

I met up with Tim Bloodgood and Sindy Mikkelsen at Oshkosh and had my first real salad of the trip. Tim and Sindy had driven thirty hours from upstate Washington to camp

in Camp Scholler. Sindy called and arranged for us to meet and go to a nice pub they had found downtown Oshkosh. We had a lovely visit and they told me they plan on coming out to visit in November and provide dinner for the November Chapter meeting. It will be wonderful to have them in Sonoma again to see all their old friends.



Tim and Sindy in Oshkosh

Sindy took a great photo of the Frece Tricolori Italian aerobatic demonstration team that she shared with me for the newsletter and blog.



Frece Tricolori over Oshkosh. The Snowbirds also flew during the airshow, but I didn't get a photo of them.

I also met up with Jim Roberts and his friends for dinner Thursday and Friday. Thursday was at Wentz's on the Lake for fried perch and Friday was at another pub downtown Oshkosh

for fried walleye. All washed down with a couple beers, of course.



Jim Roberts, barefoot boy in the grass.

Jim is a swiftie, not a Tom Swiftie, and has owned his Swift for many, many years before Taylor Swift was a gleam in her father's eye.

Jim Flew U-2s in the Air Force, then flew with American Airlines, ten years of which he lived in Sonoma and kept his beautiful Swift at Sonoma Skypark. He went back home to Knoxville, TN, and managed the McGee-Tyson

Airport until they finally convinced him to retire.

I met Jim when he was at Skypark and have always enjoyed his company and warped sense of humor, which I seem to share with him. He volunteered at the Tall Pines Café flipping pancakes until they promoted him as one of the photographers and writers for the daily Airventure newspaper at Oshkosh. If you picked up a copy, you'll find a photo of his smiling face in there somewhere.

I'm sure there's more Vice President's report that I should put in, but it will have to wait until next month. Gretchen posted my daily blog on the Chapter 1268/Sonoma Skypark website at <https://www.sonomaskypark.com> if you want to read more.

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT

August 2024

Here is the Treasurer's report for July 2024...

Checking	\$3419.43
Savings	\$27,885.83
CD	\$15,816.15

Deposits:

July Mtg. Dinner	\$65.71
Membership Dues	\$99.52
Sat. Burgers	\$610.00
EAA Ray Scholarship Reimbursement	
Last Distribution for Hayden Holbrook	\$1650.00
Donation to Pietenpol Build	\$1500.00

Debits:

Marsi Allard	
Clubhouse Supplies	\$257.59
Darrel Jones	
Clubhouse Fans	\$45.76
Sonoma Tuesday Farmer's Market	
EAA 1268 Promo Table at Tuesday Farmer's Market	\$45.00

Regards,
Ray Gallarate
650-421-3781 cell

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles Day for August is this Sunday, August 11. 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.

CHAPTER PIET BUILDING PROJECT

No update this month, other than to invite you down to the clubhouse any Saturday between 9:30 and 11:30 to take a look at the progress.

SATURDAY BARBECUE

The Saturday barbecue is from **noon until 1 p.m.** Regular burgers and hot dogs are \$10 and include chips, a drink and cookie, with a double burger going for \$13.

Marilyn is still looking for someone to be the on-site coordinator on Saturdays, alternating with Marsi. Marilyn will continue as barbecue chairperson, arranging supplies and coordinating the volunteers. Please give her a call at 707-479-5712 to let her know you can help out with this enjoyable and important Chapter activity.

EAA 1268 SATURDAY HAMBURGER VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

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.

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

GROUND SCHOOLS

Yayoi has started the Chapter 1268 free private pilot ground school again at Sonoma Skypark in the clubhouse on Monday evenings from 6 to

8 pm. 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 Jeppesen Private Pilot textbook, 2018 edition, from Sporty's, Jeppesen.com or another pilot supplier.

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.

EAA 1268 FLIGHT ADVISOR



When I first started flying, my instructor gave me pitch and power settings, airspeeds and altitudes as guidelines for different points in the

pattern. Since I had relatively little experience, these guidelines or targets were a great starting point to set me up for a good approach and landing.

I found that if I deviated much from those recommendations, I didn't have enough experience to fix those parameters, and many times the result was a go-around. As I gained more experience and skill, I relied less and less on the canned settings, speeds and altitudes. I was able to modify my approach to deal not only with changing environmental factors, but also deviations that I allowed to develop. I was able to make the necessary changes and complete the approach and landing in most cases.

What makes aviation so fun and challenging, is being able to take variations in external factors, and make the necessary adjustments for a safe approach and landing.

While each of us has different skill and experience levels, what we all should have in common is establishing acceptable speed and altitude deviations during the approach and landing. Professional pilots have established "gates" during the approach that must be met, or a go-around must be executed. It is easy to get complacent and think that we can salvage a bad approach and still land. That should not be our mindset. A go-around is not a failure. It is in fact a success that we recognized a deviation, executed a go-around, and made the necessary adjustments for the next approach. You always have enough gas for a go-around. There are no points or rewards for salvaging a bad approach.

As part of your preflight planning, think about your personal gates. How much altitude and/or airspeed deviation is acceptable? If you are by yourself, establish those gates, and execute a go-around if you deviate from your established criteria.. If you are flying with someone else, brief your gates to the other pilot so you are both aware of the defined deviation that will necessitate a go-around. Hold yourself accountable to those established standards

Remember, there is no shame in executing a go-around. Don't let your ego get in the way of conducting a missed approach when appropriate.

Steve

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 and Co.
SEP	Marsi Allard and Mark and Catherine Shackford
OCT	We need a chef!
NOV	Sindy Mikkelsen and Tim Bloodgood
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 used.

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	Yayoi West-NASA
AUG	Charlie Taylor- PCAM- Tales of a Cat Officer
SEP	Ann Kottler, AME
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
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

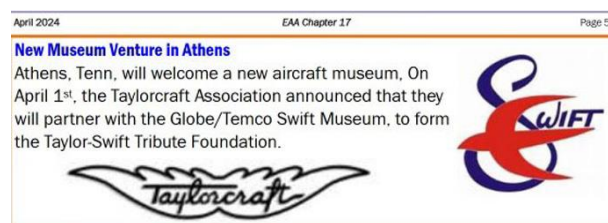
9/?	Wings Over Wine Country
10/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm
10/11-13	Central Coast AirFest- Santa Maria, CA
10/12-13	San Francisco Fleet Week- San Francisco, CA
10/12-13	Sonoma Skypark Historical Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm
10/13	Young Eagles 9:30 am
10/?	Benton Air Fair- Redding, CA
10/?	Planes of Fame 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 1:00 pm Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!	

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting
July 9, 2024

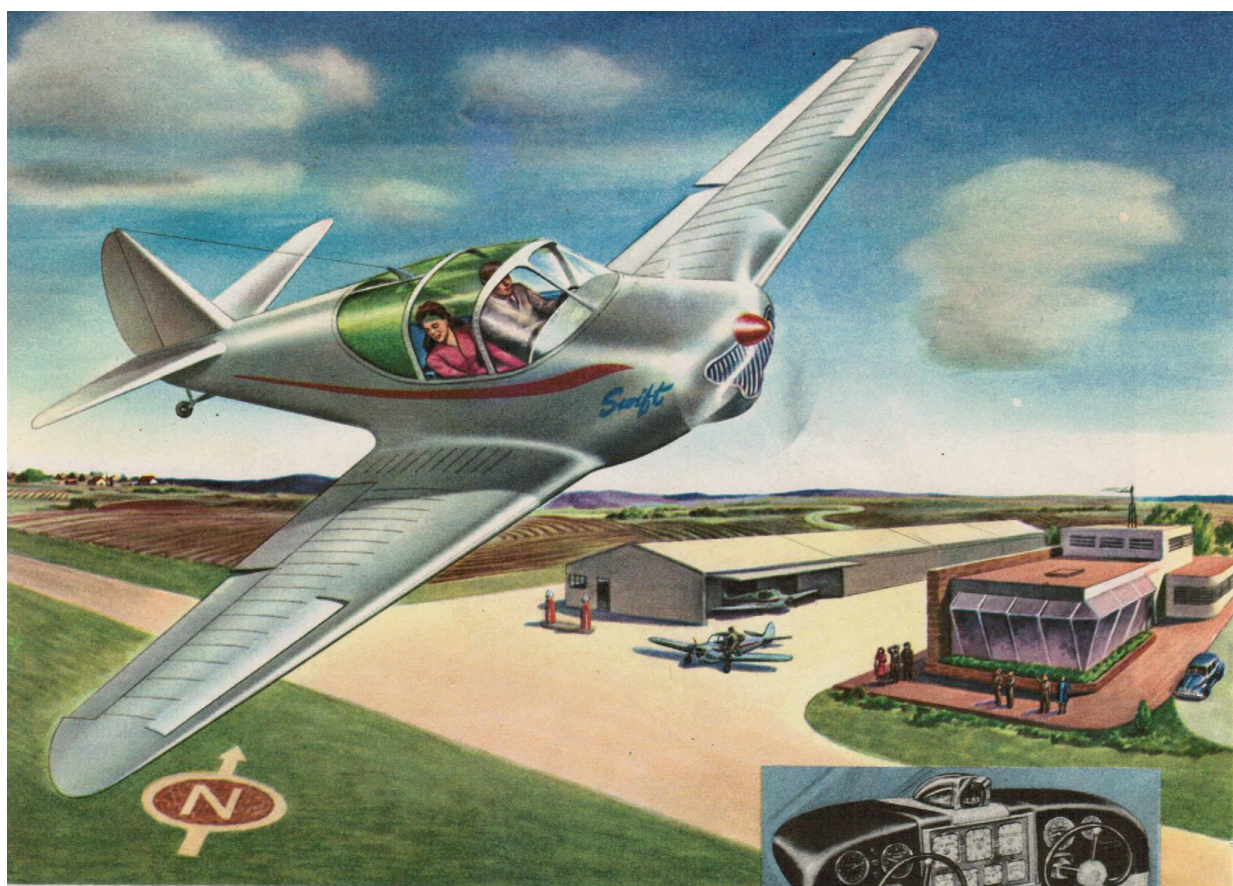
I was cooking, so didn't get the minutes down. I'll ask if any of the other officers took notes and include them next month.

OTHER NEWS



That's all, folks!

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A little something for Jim Roberts. Thanks to Gene Marcinkowski for the Flying magazine from December 1945.

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

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EAA CHAPTER 1268

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