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of the Sonoma Sky Crafters

EAA Chapter 1268

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The note online said it was taken over Walt Bowe's Ala Doble airstrip

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

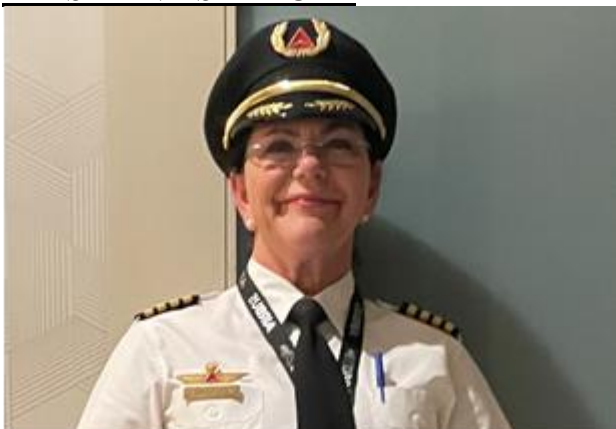
The November meeting is this **Tuesday, November 12**. The Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. after the Board of Directors' meeting, and is \$10.00 per person. Our chefs for the month were going to be Sindy Mikkelsen and Tim Bloodgood, down from Washington state. Sindy just texted that they are unable to come down. Robin is stepping up to furnish dinner for November, so give her a call if you want to help with a salad, side dish or dessert.

Our program will be a presentation by Kristen Hannum Gregory and her Air Explorer post based out of Napa airport. Her post members have been coming to Sonoma Skypark for Young Eagles, many for many years. They are a very aviation-oriented group, so be sure to be at the meeting to hear them talk about their interest and planned careers in aviation.

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



Hi everybody!

It looks like fall is finally here bringing us some beautiful flying weather. We will be having our final meeting of the year on

Tuesday. It's hard to believe that the holiday season is starting, Black Friday sales are on, and Christmas decorations are in at Costco!

Unfortunately, Sindy and Tim won't be able to make it down from Seattle, and I'll miss seeing them.

I am really looking forward to our speakers this month. Kristin Gregory is bringing her current Air Explorer class participants. Normally an Explorer Post has dedicated weekly meetings and activities all year round which can be difficult for students with a lot of school activities to keep up with. Instead, she offers 6-week sessions that students apply for. There are only a limited number of slots that cover different aviation activities that will prepare them to transition to private pilot training. She started with only a summer session, and has now expanded to 3 sessions per year.

In order to get to fly, participants must complete requirements like wearing a uniform and completing assignments. It takes a lot of work to oversee the program, and Kristin has some dedicated volunteers that work with her in Napa to help out.

Recently the Explorers have been coming to Young Eagles to help us out. You may have seen them at Hamburgers as well. Many of her students heard about the program through our Young Eagles events. Either way it is a win-win for us.

The Airport/EAA's annual Christmas party will be on December 7. Darrel is posting the information and sign-up list below and we hope to see you there!

Darrel and company will have the clubhouse bathroom remodel completed and open for business before Thanksgiving. It will be done on schedule along with no disruption to our normal events at the club house. Great work Darrel! I'll be working on final decorating touches in December. Thank you to those

who have already donated to the project! I know everyone will appreciate the clean and updated restrooms! If you haven't yet donated, please consider doing so. We depend on your support!

I'll see you Tuesday!

Robin



Robin is thinking of ordering some EAA 2025 calendars, but needs a minimum order of ten calendars. Let her know by text, call or email if you want one so she can have them by the first of the year.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My report about Chapter 1268 is pretty much focused on the restroom remodel. I had optimistically estimated that it would take six to eight weeks, but was planning on the work stretching to about here months.

I'm happy to report that the project is on schedule and under budget, and the restrooms should be usable in another two weeks. My goal was to have them finished before the holidays.

Ray Gallarate and Calvin Wojciechowski have been my main helpers, with both of them

concentrating on the painting as we get closer to the finish line.

I have the floor tile subcontractor coming in next week and will have another general contractor help me for a day putting up the wainscoting on the following Monday.

After that, it will be a matter of installing the fixtures and trim. If I can send the porta-potty back before the 23rd, we'll save about \$400.

The old restroom had deteriorated to a pretty deplorable state. I want to thank the Chapter 1268 Board for advancing the funds from the club treasury to get the project started while we worked on the fundraising.

That's where you can help. We've had contributions of about \$4700 towards our goal of \$30,000. I want to finish the kitchen ceiling with some of those funds if we meet our goal, as well as have some money in reserve for repairs and maintenance.

We already have several silver and gold level contributors giving \$500 and \$1,000, as well as bronze donors of \$100 and up.

Please send your check for whatever level you can help with to EAA Chapter 1268, P.O. Box 234, Vineburg, CA 95487.

We all appreciate your support.

Darrel

EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT **November 2024**

Here's the Treasurers report for October...

Checking	\$6325.45
Savings	\$28,086.94
CD	\$16,007.51

Deposits:
EAA Ray Scholarship (Grace Warden)
\$2475.00

October Mtg. Dinner \$140.00
Membership Dues \$240.00
Donations \$3100.00

Expenses:

Donation to Advocates for Aviation Safety
Foundation \$500.00

Pietenpol Project:

Michael Wray \$186.49

Yayoi West \$396.17

Patton Fabrication (Rudder Pedal Welding)
\$125.00

Going forward I will be summarizing the accounting for the Clubhouse Restroom Renovation. First, I would like to give a big THANKS to Darrel Jones for overseeing and performing the work on the renovation. And, thank you to all the volunteers that have helped financially and with labor on this project. We still need donations of time and money to complete the renovation. Please contact Darrel or myself if you would like to help. Currently we are under budget!

Total Donations as of 11/6/24: \$4700.00
Total Expenses as of 11/6/24: \$13,052.59
Total Cost to Club 11/6/24: \$8352.59

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

YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles Day for November was today, Sunday, November 10. We flew twenty-seven Young Eagles flights and four Eagles flights. I want to thank our volunteer pilots today, George Bachich, Ken Callander, Paul Hollinworth, Ken Kopilevich and a new Young Eagles pilot for Chapter 1268, George Belden in his Cessna 170. I also flew my 182, so we were finished flying Young Eagles by noon.

George Bachich took Marsi up in the Cub and Paul took Gretchen for a windy ride in his gyrocopter after the kids left.

Gretchen had everything well organized and was helped with registration by Marsi Allard and Ligia Booker.

Mark Shackford, Don Booker and Calvin Wojciechowski took care of monitoring the flight line.

It was a beautiful winter day, with cold, dense, still air for the flights, with just a little haze foreshadowing the incoming weather system with promised rain tonight. This was our last Young Eagles rally for the year. We'll start up again on January 12, weather permitting.

As is usual, we are always 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

The Chapter 1268 Pietenpol building project is looking for new young people to work on the project and learn about aircraft construction and general aviation since the former participants have gone off to college.

Michael also is looking for adults who can commit to regularly attending the Saturday morning building sessions to give some consistency to the progress.

Contact Michael at mdwray33@gmail.com if you would like to get involved.

SATURDAY BARBECUE

The Saturday barbecue has changed times for food service. Service will now be from noon until 1 p.m.

Rony Kurniawan has stepped up to be the other on-site coordinator on Saturdays, alternating with Marsi. Marilyn will continue as barbecue chairperson, arranging supplies and coordinating the volunteers.

If you can help out, please go to the online signup sheet and type your name in at: [EAA 1268 SATURDAY HAMBURGER VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP](#) or call Marilyn at 707-479-5712.

Regular burgers and hot dogs are \$10 and include chips, a drink and cookie, with a double burger going for \$13.

WOMEN IN AIRPLANES

I pretty sure I ran the photo and bio of Tammy Jo Shults in a previous edition of the Flying Times, but I don't think I had this photo of Tammy, Kimberly and Mike Smith in an earlier newsletter. If I did, it bears repeating. Women in aviation, and the guys who support their passion.



SKYPARK CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the date:

Skypark Christmas Party Dec. 7, 2024

Whether you are a shareholder, tenant, employee, volunteer, EAA 1268 member, or a

friend of Skypark, you are a member of the Skypark community and you are invited.

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, December 7 at 6:00 pm, in George Bachich's Hangar N3, near the west end of the airport.

Skypark will provide turkey, ham, and beverages. You bring your favorite dish in accordance with the following: If your last name begins with:

A thru G	Dessert
H thru L	Appetizers
M thru R	Green salad or pasta salad
S thru Z	Hot dish

December 7 at hangar N3.

6:00 pm appetizers and beverages.

7:00 pm dinner.

There will also be a bin for any new, unwrapped toys you might want to donate to Toys for Tots.

RSVP with Marsi Allard

text or phone: (415) 686-5254

email: marsiangelina@gmail.com

George Bachich

GROUND SCHOOLS

Yayoi is pausing the Chapter 1268 free ground school at Sonoma Skypark for the time being because she has had only two regular participants. She will restart the private ground school as soon as she has enough new people interested. Call or text her at Yayoi West, 707-364-9257 for information on the classes, and to let her know you are interested in attending.

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 holding free ground school classes on Saturday mornings.

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

EAA 1268 FLIGHT ADVISOR



In our continued discussion of identifying risk factors, and mitigating risk, we will look briefly at a more subtle risk that is difficult to recognize, but identified as a risk factor in numerous aircraft incidents and accidents.

Our brief discussion today will discuss personality types and how that impacts crew dynamics, crew interaction, and ultimately decision making.

By understanding our own personality type, and awareness of other pilot's personality types, we can gain an awareness that while there is no right or wrong personality type, these personality differences do impact our perceptions and appropriate crew interactions for the conduct of a safe flight. This recognition allows us to tailor our briefings to our flight-specific crew.

There are many personality tests available. One of the popular tests right now is the DiSC assessment. (Dominance, Influence, Steadiness, and Compliance). See the link below for one of the available DISC assessments. Hopefully the DiSC assessment will help you gain self-awareness, improve communication, and teamwork skills. The goal here is to recognize our differences and open a dialogue about how that may impact our interactions throughout the flight.

<https://www.truity.com/test/disc-personality-test>

2024 DINNER SCHEDULE

We have all of our celebrity chefs for 2024 but let us know if you are ready to claim a month for 2025. 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/M 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	Marsi Allard and Mark and Catherine Shackford
OCT	Marilyn and Bob Avrit
NOV	Robin Tatman, again!
DEC	XMAS PARTY Dec. 7
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	Yayoi West
AUG	Charlie Taylor- PCAM- Tales of a Cat Officer
SEP	Ann Kottler, AME
OCT	Bob Blackwood, aerobatics
NOV	Napa Air Explorers.
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
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 <u>Saturday Noon to 1:00 pm</u> Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!	

EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES

EAA 1268 Board of Directors Meeting
October 8, 2024

The Board Meeting was called to order by Vice President Darrel Jones at 6:05 pm.

Present were: Vice President Darrel Jones, Treasurer Ray Gallarate, Secretary Nelleke Cooper, Membership Chair Don Booker,

Pietenpol Project Build Team Leaders, Michael Ray and Yayoi West
Absent: President Robin Tatman

First order of business.

Discussion on the Pietenpol Project: Michael Wray, Yayoi, Ray and Darrel considered whether moving the project to the Napa High School would be in accordance with our Chapter's original intention for the project, which was to educate young people and get them involved in aviation. Representatives of the Napa HS, including the instructor from the Tech Education Dept, Wally Wareth and a VP representative have shown lots of interest. Also, two members of the Napa Air Explorers, Roger and Alberto Flores, came to our meeting. In order for the project to go ahead at Napa HS a person with a/c building experience would be needed to supervise and make sure regulations on building an experimental aircraft would be followed.

Michael mentioned it would be great to find someone like James Kurniawan who took on the CAD design, which had been very valuable. At one point there also has been contact with SVH to take on the project, but there was no further information on whether that may be a possibility to pursue. Yayoi mentioned that as the group of students who were involved have graduated and moved on, there currently are no young participants. A decision on the best way to proceed with the project is being investigated and will be further discussed.

Ray Gallarate mentioned that they are looking for volunteers for the Open House at Schellville airport on October 20. He will be involved in parking cars. Don and Ligia Booker will set up the EAA table.

Darrel reported on the bathroom infrastructure project. Details are in the October newsletter.

Board Meeting adjourned 6:55 pm

Dinner was served by Marilyn and Don Avrit. On the menu was: Hungarian Goulash, mixed salad, garlic bread, ice cream and a variety of homemade cookies.

General Meeting called to order by VP Darrel Jones at 7:45 pm

Darrel thanked Marilyn and Bob for the delicious dinner.

Guests for the evening were: Bailey Caldwell, Ann and Tim Whitlock, American Airline friends of the Avrits and Bob Blackwood, and Ron Hodge.

Darrel gave a brief report on the business discussed at the Board Meeting. He updated the members on the progress of the bathroom remodel and thanked the "Wrecking Crew,"; Calvin Wojciechowski, Ray Gallarate and George Bachich for all their help. He especially thanked George B for single handedly making the huge dump run with all the sheetrock etc. from the old bathrooms. The Chapter is looking for donations to complete the project.

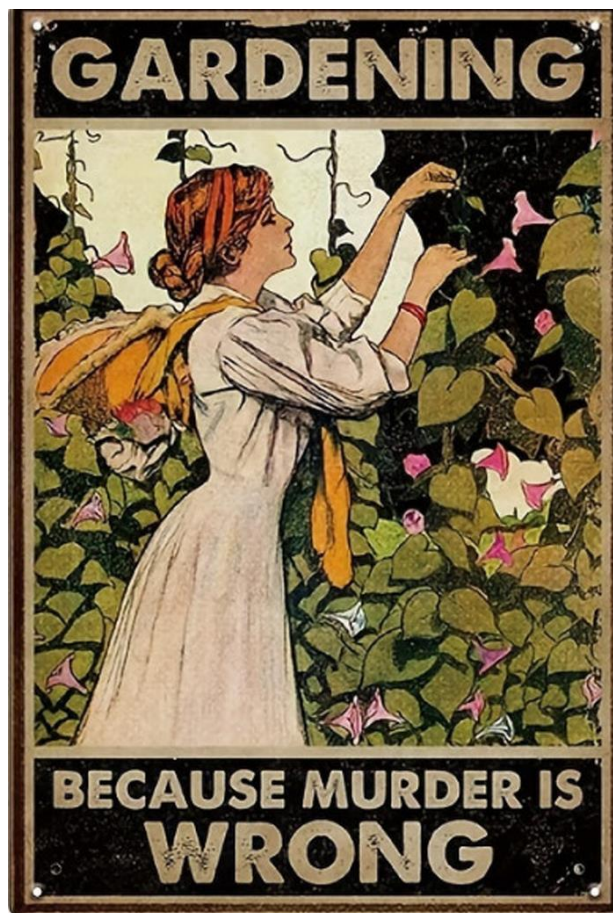
Darrel introduced the speaker, Airforce Pilot, American Airlines Captain, aerobatic performer and racer, Bob Blackwood. Bob gave a talk about aerobatic flying and the aerobatic boxes in Sonoma and Petaluma valleys that the pilots used for practice in the past.

Submitted by Nelleke Cooper, Secretary

OTHER NEWS



Remember to put your flag out November 11, and thank a vet.



Just a little public service announcement from Catherine, my wife. She's taking the garden down for the winter. I'm getting just a little nervous.



How are you doing with the time change?

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 2025!** 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 NOVEMBER MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 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: **\$20 per year.**
Student membership: **FREE**

Name: _____ EMAIL: _____

Address: _____ APT: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone number, home: _____ work: _____

EAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

AIRCRAFT OWNED OR BUILDING: _____

Your \$20 check should be made payable to: **EAA Chapter 1268**

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