

# THE FLYING TIMES

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Sonoma Skypark Airport 21870 Eighth Street East Sonoma, CA 95476

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#### FIRST THINGS FIRST

This month's meeting is this **Tuesday**, **February 11.** 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 chef for the month will be Marsi Allard.

Our program will be a presentation by Yayoi West on breaking the sound barrier and the NASA Lockheed Martin supersonic X-59. First flight of the X-59 is scheduled for this year.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Captain Robin Tatman, Chapter 1268 President

Hi everybody -

Our speaker for January was Ken Wayne, former TV anchor, private pilot (out of Petaluma), and founder of Flying Tails, a group dedicated to using aviation to help move rescued, injured cats, dogs, wild animals and birds to safety or a new home. It was fun listening to his adventures and enthusiasm.

Helping them flying animals sounds fun so I went to their web site and signed up for volunteer flying (I haven't done any yet!). Anyone interested in volunteering can go to flyingtails.org and sign up. They are looking to expand their pilot base.

They had their first official fundraiser on Thursday night, and Sonoma Skypark Airport and EAA Chapter 1268 was well represented. Several of our board members were there (myself included). Also, I am happy to give a shout out to Chris Towt and Sonoma Balloons (Jeff Spiers) for donating auction items that raised much needed funds for their new venture.

We had a lot of fun being surrounded by some generous people willing to support animals, many of them pilots. It was great to hear more about their work and vision that they have for their non-profit. The little orange dog on their logo is Mango, a stray dog that attached herself to Ken and his wife on a trip in their 182 to Mexico. She came home with them. Ken started doing rescue flights several years ago and was able to document some of them and show them on KTVU and KRON when he was a news anchor. At the end of the evening, he announced a partnership with the local PBS station in Sacramento to do a pilot and then hopefully a series on rescue flights.

I'm not sure where I'll fit in, but I can already see this as a great opportunity to show our Young Eagles, and scholarship recipients one more great thing you can do with aviation. Speaking of scholarships, we will be doing interviews for this year's Ray Scholar and Air Academy candidates Sunday after Young Eagles.

On a more serious note, the airport had its sixth break-in and theft Thursday night at the airport. There are no leads who may be the culprit(s) yet. The thefts are occurring mostly if not all at night, often when there is lousy weather, and the airport is unattended. So far mostly Bose headsets and very expensive

Garmin G-1000 navigation units are being stolen.

So, if you see something or someone unusual, please say something! You can call the Airport Manager if they are on duty, or Darrel or myself if it's after hours. If you are over at Napa, Petaluma, Vacaville, or Gnoss airports, please get the word out as the thefts seem to be happening at other airports. Hangar owners/renters should consider beefing up their locks and security on their doors.

Yayoi West will be our speaker on Tuesday with another great program.

See you there!

Robin

#### **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I have a few things this month to tell you.

I'll start with Calvin Wojciechowski's information about the doctor he met with to get his Basic Med . Calvin said the cost was \$150 and that the doctor is willing to come to Sonoma Skypark and conduct exams at the clubhouse for any and all pilots who want to get their Basic Med. Let Calvin know at 707-721-6668 and he will start a list and schedule the doctor's visit up here at a time convenient for everyone.

George Bachich's wife, Linda, recently fell and broke her hip. After a successful hip replacement, she is now on the mend and able to get around the house without a walker.

Get well soon, Linda

Nelleke Cooper submitted the January minutes, then went down to San Francisco for a hip replacement. That's dedication! I can't tell you how much we appreciate the contributions Nelleke and Rich have made to Chapter 1268 over these many years. When someone like Nelleke makes her contribution without even

being reminded, it would be easy to take her efforts for granted. Not in this case.

Thank you Nelleke! Get well soon.

#### **Ray Scholars**

Robin and I interviewed two young people who have been helping around Skypark for several years now who both plan on pursuing aviation careers. Finley Skaggs and Alex Gosselin were at Skypark with their parents today after Young Eagles. Both are verry promising candidates. The Board will review and vote on their applications at the meeting Tuesday.

Kristen Hannum Gregory was also over with some of her Air Explorers from Napa. She has two candidates to consider for Ray scholarships as well.

EAA Chapter 1268 has been partnering with the Ray Foundation for several years now, awarding matching funds scholarships. The scholarship amounts this year are \$12,000, with \$9,000 of that coming from the Ray Foundation and \$3,000 from the Chapter.

Private pilot certificates are costing anywhere from \$15,000 to \$25,000 to earn, depending on the flight school. These scholarships make it possible for aspiring pilots to start their careers in aviation when they might not otherwise have the resources to do so.

Chapter 1268's generous donations have enables Chapter 1268 to award seven scholarships to date. This year, we are partnering with EAA Chapter 1232 at Gnoss Field in Novator to offer an additional two scholarships, for a total of four. The Air Explorers will provide the matching funds contributions for two of the scholars.

This has been an incredible way to leverage our scholarship funds to help train a new generation of pilots.

#### **IMC/VMC Club**

I recently completed the training for coordinator for a Chapter 1268 IMC/VMC club. The program by the national EAA organization is intended to offer pilots a scenario-based opportunity to discuss both VFR and IFR flight safety. The structure is a monthly meeting, beginning with a short video presenting a flight scenario and the chance to discuss how to respond. The scenarios are based on actual flights.

We need five people to start the club, and we can meet once a month, either before the Saturday barbecue or after Young Eagles. This is for new pilots, VFR or instrument rated, and rusty pilots wanting to sharpen their skills. The meetings would run about an hour.

Let me know if you're interested and I'll get us registered with the EAA so they can start sending the videos and resources for our use.

See you at the meeting. Darrel

# EAA 1268 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER REPORT February 2025

Treasurers report is as follows...
Checking \$3056.68
Savings \$26,033.30
CD \$16,195.86

Deposits:

Saturday Burgers \$600.00 Member Dues \$300.00 Meeting Dinner \$310.00 Donations \$1180.00 EAA Transfer \$110.00

No expenditures for the month of January. 2025 Member Dues are due! Please see me at the meeting or send your dues to the address below. Thanks!

EAA Chapter 1268 PO Box 234 Vineburg, CA. 95487

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

#### YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagles Day for this month was Sunday, February 9. We had a good turnout on a beautiful winter Sunday, with pilots George Bachich, Robin Tatman, George Belden, Rick Palumbo, Ken Callandar, Paul Hollingworth and Darrel Jones flying nineteen Young Eagles and two Eagles after the Young Eagles rally.

Gretchen McDougal was assisted by Ligia Booker and Julia Cheong at registration. Calvin Wojciechowski holding down the marshalling on the flight line.

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

Michael Wray, Ray Gallarate and Darrel Jones met on a Saturday morning recently to discuss the next phase of the Pietenpol building project. Michael is ready to mount the tail feathers and run the control cables. Darrel donated Nicopress fittings, thimbles, stainless cables for brace wiring and turnbuckles and loaned his crimper to the project. Ray will order the cabling and the fuselage will be turned around so the horizontal and vertical stabilizers can be mounted and the rudder and elevator fitted.

Michael is still looking for helpers who can commit to coming out Saturday mornings on regular basis to keep the project moving along. If you haven't had a chance to work on an airplane in a while, contact Michael and let him know you would like to be part of this enjoyable and satisfying project.

#### SATURDAY BARBECUE

Marilyn, Marsi and Rony and their enthusiastic crew of cooks and servers are continuing to serve lunch to the hungry pilots and Sonoma Skypark friends every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. The regular Saturday barbecue features a delicious hamburger or hot dog lunch, complete with chips, drinks and a cookie for \$10. The camaraderie is free!

This is Chapter 1268's major fundraiser for scholarships for sending our local Young Eagles to the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh each summer.

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

**EAA 1268 FLIGHT ADVISOR** 



Captain Steve Silver in the Boeing 777

Our December and January discussions looked at specific, preventable accidents that were the result of a failure of Crew Resource Management (CRM)

A common misperception is that most accidents are caused by mechanical failure, and there was nothing the pilot could have done to prevent the accident or incident. The stories and images of a wing detaching from an aircraft, or an engine on fire are quite dramatic, and destined for the front page of news feeds.

When we looked at the actual percentages of aviation accident causes in a previous newsletter, we saw that the NTSB data shows only 17% of accidents are caused by mechanical failure, compared with 70% of accidents attributed to pilot error. Unfortunately, the human-error accidents don't always have the glitz and flash of a mechanical failure news story. As evidenced by the Eastern Airlines 401 and United Airlines 173 accidents, the result of a human error, or CRM failure can be catastrophic.

While defining and calculating the compliance and execution of CRM principles is difficult to measure objectively like a heading or altitude deviation, they can be subjectively assessed. The mere acknowledgement and awareness of these principles will contribute to a safer flight.

I would like to challenge you to look at the principles of CRM below, and think about how you can make yourself more aware of these aspects, and how to incorporate them into your flight planning and execution. Unfortunately, application of these principles can be frustrating since they are difficult to define/measure and hard to apply to our everyday flights since they are so subjective. Please don't get frustrated. This is a long process that requires constant evaluation, selfawareness and constant trial and error of steps to improve our CRM compliance. Next month we will look at some of the tools and techniques we can use in our flight debriefs to ascertain the effectiveness of our CRM application, and how to improve for the next flight.

- Communication: How to communicate effectively with other crew members, air traffic controllers, and others
- Decision-making: How to use logical judgment to make effective decisions
- Situational awareness: How to be aware of the situation and anticipate potential issues
- Leadership: How to lead the crew and delegate resources

• Group dynamics: How to work well with others in the crew

#### **GROUND SCHOOLS**

Yayoi had paused ground school at Sonoma Skypark in the clubhouse on Monday evenings until she got more students. Several of her students were Chapter 1268's Ray scholars who have completed their private pilot flight training and taken their check rides. Calvin told me she has restarted the classes. Call or text her at Yayoi West, 707-364-9257 for information on the classes.

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.

#### **2025 DINNER SCHEDULE**

We have some of our celebrity chefs for 2025 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 <a href="mailto:sindymikkelsen@att.net">sindymikkelsen@att.net</a>. Let her know you can provide the meal for a meeting and she will put you on the schedule. Copy me at <a href="mailto:wd6bor@vom.com">wd6bor@vom.com</a> so I can include you in the newsletter dinner schedule.

The schedule for this year so far is:

Month	Cooks/Meal				
2025 DINNER SCHEDULE					
JAN	Sindy Mikkelsen- paella				
FEB	Marsi Allard				
MAR	?				
APR	?				
MAY	?				
JUN	?				
JUL	Darrel Jones				
AUG	?				
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 <a href="wd6bor@vom.com">wd6bor@vom.com</a> 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			
2025 SPEAKER SCHEDULE				
JAN	Ken Wayne- Flying Tales animal			
	rescue			
FEB	Yayoi West- X-59, First Flight			
	scheduled in 2025			
MAR	?			
APR	?			
MAY	?			
JUN	?			
JUL	?			
AUG	?			
SEP	?			
OCT	?			

NOV	?
DEC	XMAS PARTY

2025 EAA 1268 CALENDAR
Send me any exciting, thrilling, terrifying or just plain fun events you have for the calendar.

DATE	EVENT			
1/1/25	New Years' Day 1st Flight			
1/11-	Sonoma Skypark Historical			
12	Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm			
1/12	Young Eagles 9:30 am			
1/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm			
1/31	Air Academy application deadline			
2/8-9	Sonoma Skypark Historical			
	Aircraft Display Day – 12 to 4 pm			
2/9	Young Eagles 9:30 am			
2/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm			
3/8-9	Sonoma Skypark Historical			
	Aircraft Display Day – 12 to 4 pm			
3/9	Young Eagles 9:30 am			
3/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm			
	NAF El Centro Air Show			
2026	Wings Over Solano- Travis AFB,			
	Fairfield			
4/1-6	Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL			
4/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm			
4/12-	Sonoma Skypark Historical			
13	Aircraft Display Day – 12 to 4 pm			
4/13	Young Eagles 9:30 am			
4/25	Pacific Coast Dream Machines			
	Show- Half Moon Bay, CA			
11/8	Estrella Warbirds Wings &			
	Wheels- Paso Robles, CA			
5/10-	Sonoma Skypark Historical			
11	Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm			
5/11	Young Eagles 9:30 am			
5/13	1268 Meeting 7 pm			
9/26-	Oregon Int'l Air Show-			
28	McMinnville, OR			
5/?	Skypark Family Fun Day!			
6/7-8	Sonoma Skypark Historical			
	Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm			
6/8	Young Eagles 9:30 am			
6/10	1268 Meeting 7 pm			
2026	Truckee Tahoe Airshow, Truckee			

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3/22-	California Capital Air Show-				
23	Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA				
7/8	1268 Meeting 7 pm				
7/12-	Sonoma Skypark Historical				
13	Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm				
7/13	Young Eagles 9:30 am				
7/17-	Brodhead Pietenpol Fly-in				
20					
7/21-	EAA AIRVENTURE at Oshkosh				
27					
8/9-10	Sonoma Skypark Historical				
	Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm				
8/10	Young Eagles 9:30 am				
8/12	1268 Meeting 7 pm				
	Wings Over Camarillo Airshow				
9/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm				
9/13-	Sonoma Skypark Historical				
14	Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm				
9/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am				
TBD	MCAS Miramar Air Show- San				
	Diego, CA				
10/4-5	California Int'l Airshow- Salinas,				
	CA				
9/?	Wings Over Wine Country				
9/9	1268 Meeting 7 pm				
9/13-	Sonoma Skypark Historical				
14	Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm				
9/14	Young Eagles 9:30 am				
TBD	Central Coast AirFest- Santa				
	Maria, CA				
10/10-	San Francisco Fleet Week- San				
12	Francisco, CA				
10/11-	Sonoma Skypark Historical				
12	Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm				
10/12	Young Eagles 9:30 am				
10/14	1268 Meeting 7 pm				
	Benton Air Fair- Redding, CA				
TBD	Planes of Fame Air Show- China,				
	CA				
11/8-9	Sonoma Skypark Historical				
	Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm				
11/9	Young Eagles 9:30 am				
11/11	1268 Meeting 7 pm				
12/?	Skypark Xmas Party				
12/13-	Sonoma Skypark Historical				
14	Aircraft Display Day- 12 to 4 pm				
1/1/26	New Years' Day 1 <sup>st</sup> Flight				

Every Saturday Noon to 1:00 pm

Skypark Hamburgers and Hot Dogs in the clubhouse!

#### **EAA CHAPTER 1268 MINUTES**

EAA 1268 Board of Directors Meeting January 14, 2025

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Darrel Robin Tatman at 6:15 pm.

Present were: President Robin Tatman, Vice President Darrell Jones, Treasurer Ray Gallarate, Secretary Nelleke Cooper, Board of Director Members Marsi Allard, Don and Lee Booker, Pietenpol Project Team Leader Michael Ray and Chairperson Yayoi West, and guest Norma Gallarate.

President Robin Tatman called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm

First order of business

Darrel Jones reported that the bathroom project was complete. He expressed gratitude to everyone involved in the construction.

President Robin reported that Sonoma Skypark would contribute half of the expenses for the Clubhouse bathroom remodel. The next shareholder meeting is scheduled for January 16, during which Robin will present a report on the project. Ron Price commented that Robin would be able to collect a check for half the cost of the remodel from Skypark at the meeting.

Discussion regarding Ray Scholarships. Hayden Holbrook has funds remaining as he completed his program early. Ray Gallarate will investigate the total cost of the scholarship and provide a report. Hayden has earned his private License Certificate and is now attending San Diego State University. He plans to continue flying there.

Darrel was able to secure 8 slots for the Air Academy based on the credits we received for the total number of Young Eagles flown by the Chapter. With these credits there is potential for reimbursement for airfare for the 4 candidates our Chapter intents to sponsor. Our web editor Gretchen posted all the necessary application forms on our website. www.EAA1268.com and www.EAA1268.org. Applications are due by February 28, 2025.

It is currently unclear who officially owns the Sonoma Skypark Domain name. Further investigation is needed as it is important to have our permanent records posted for secure and centralized storage.

The current Ray Scholarship amount is \$12,000. Two applicants, Finley Skaggs and Alex Gosselin have applied. It was noted that our organization may be able to sponsor 2 additional candidates under a different Chapter.

Darrel reported that Steve Silver will officially serve as the Flight Safety Officer for our Chapter. This will benefit our Chapter with points.

Michael Wray provided an update on the Pietenpol construction project. Discussions have taken place with Napa High School; however, the airplane project will not be moved there due to space limitations. Michael will send the plans to their group and they committed to providing CAD designs. Michael will coordinate monthly meetings with them. Additionally, efforts will be made to promote interest in our Young Eagles and scholarships programs at Napa Valley HS. Robin mentioned that the EAA website has multiple resources available.

Michael stated that the next step is installing the flight control cables. Darrel has several parts available in his hangar that can be used. Michael also mentioned that once the wings are built the project will need to be relocated when it comes time to attach the wings. The current hangar is not large enough.

Board Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

General Meeting called to order by President Robin Tatman 7:40 pm

Robin thanked Sindy Mikkelsen, our dinner coordinator, who lives in Washington for provided us with an exceptional dinner. On her flight down, Sindy carried 2 paella pans on the airplane. Dinner consisted of an appetizer, Paella, salad, chocolate and vanilla cake, and wine to accompany this delicious meal.

Robin provided a summary of the Board meeting to the membership. Ray Gallarate referenced the Treasury Report included in the Newsletter.

Darrel shared an update on the Young Eagles flights of the previous Sunday. 30 Young Eagles were flown. The participating pilots were Robin Tatman, Darrel Jones, Ken Callandar, George Bachich, Calvin Wojciechowski and Luis Membrila. It was Luis's first flight as a Young Eagles pilot. Luis started at Skypark as a Young Eagle and due to his dedication and passion for flying he had become the recipient of one of our Ray scholarships.

Additional success stories of some of the young people who started their aviation careers at Sonoma Skypark were discussed. Among them, Jorge Oros, who is currently flying for a Dallas Ambulance service and Nathan Wilson, who is attending Cochise Aviation College, where Jorge had been the head Flight Instructor. Jorge also inspired his 2 sisters, who are now pursuing careers in aviation as well.

Presentation by Ken Wayne, anchor for KRON4 radio. A few years ago, Ken was asked to rescue and fly 2 little bear cubs in his Cessna 182 to a shelter in Ramona. This was only the beginning. Ken got very involved, originally with the help of KRON4. The many animals rescued are either injured, abandoned, from a disaster area or in a kill center.

Ken, now retired, started the non-profit organization called Flying Tails www.flyingtails.org. There will be a presentation and fundraiser held on February 6 at Hanna Boys Center.

Rescue centers reach out to Ken to ask for transport. The many animals Ken and his organization have rescued include dogs, cats, raccoons and even a bold eagle. Flying Tails now has 3 airplanes and 4 pilots.

Robin honored and distributed multiple Chapter Service Awards and bouquets of flowers to the many volunteers participating in EAA1268's events, projects and positions.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

Submitted by Nelleke Cooper, Secretary



#### **OTHER NEWS**

Robin talked about the break-ins at Skypark and her recommendation for shareholders and renters to consider getting some basic security for their hangar. George Bachich sent out the following email with information from Craig Watts:

Another burglary

This is getting ridiculous. Last night the Skypark burglar struck again. Apparently unable to cut the padlock, the thief cut the hasp off the door of Randy Peterson's Batto hangar and stole two Bose headsets out of his Cessna 310 and an inexpensive "boombox" radio. If Skypark has two different burglars, i.e., a meth head with a bolt cutter as well as a professional avionics thief, then this was apparently the former.

Be aware that even a sturdy hardened steel padlock may not protect you if what the padlock is connected to can be more easily cut.

No one really saw the burglar, but Craig Watts's video camera caught a dark colored suv entering the airport around 10:30 pm. Whether this was the thief is unknown.

Craig recently purchased an inexpensive security system for his hangar that he really likes. The "SimpliSafe" package, available on Amazon for \$140, includes an indoor video camera and recorder, three wireless door contacts, a wireless motion detector, a local alarm, a keypad for arming and disarming the system, and the control unit. Additional indoor cameras, exterior cameras, door contacts, and motion sensors can be added for additional cost. If you connect the system to wi-fi, it can be remotely controlled through your iPhone via the SimpliSafe app, including arming/disarming the system, turning the camera on/off, and the ability to speak through a speaker in the camera. The system can be centrally monitored on a month-to-month basis (no long-term contract) for \$30/month. Upon receiving an alarm, the monitoring system calls you. If unable to reach you it calls the police. The monitoring station can also activate the camera to see who has entered. If you choose not to pay for central monitoring, the system will send you an alert to your phone via wi-fi if you have it connected to wi-fi. The system contains a cellular SIM card (included in the \$30 monthly monitoring charge) and a 24-hour battery to allow the system to operate even if power has been turned off. Easy installation, no wiring required. That is a lot of capability and convenience for \$140. I plan to order one. George Bachich



Samuel C McIntosh August 4, 1936 - January 5, 2025 Samuel C. McIntosh was born on August 4, 1936, in Dallas, Texas. He graduated from MIT with a double major and went on to Stanford where he received his PhD in aeronautics specializing in structures and flutter. After working at a small private company, he started his own consulting business in aeronautical engineering primarily working with small private company jets, which he dearly loved. Besides piloting his small airplane, he loved wines, chocolates and classical music. He is survived by his wife Beatrice McIntosh, his daughter Carey McIntosh from his first marriage and his brother William "Tosh" McIntosh, also a pilot. He is also mourned by his son-in-law Eddie and his grandchildren Eirwyn and Marion. Donations would be appreciated to FISH (Friends in Sonoma Helping) and The Salvation Army. Services will be private.

Send me your news for **your** newsletter!

## Sonoma Skycrafters

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MEMBERSHIP <u>DUES ARE DUE</u> IN JANUARY, AND MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER. DUES ARE STILL A MODEST <u>TWENTY BUCKS</u>, SO BRING SOME CASH FOR DINNER AND A BIT MORE TO <u>PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2025!</u> 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 FEBRUARY MEETING OF SONOMA SKYCRAFTERS EAA CHAPTER 1268 IS THIS <u>TUESDAY</u>, <u>FEBRUARY 11 AT 7 P.M.</u>, 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:	Regular - <b>\$20</b> Student, throu		<u>EE</u>
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Address:				APT:
City:		State:	ZIP:	
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