

SONOMA SKYPARK NEWS

APRIL-MAY 2014

AIRPORT HAPPENINGS- Paul and Jenny Whitaker and their 22 month old son Cal have returned to Skypark with their very nicely restored Cessna L-19 (Bird Dog) plane. Marriage and jobs took them down the Peninsula for a few years but now they are looking to buy a home in Marin County and fly out of Skypark. Cal is an experienced pilot already. Kathy and John Carmichael sold their hangar in L-N row to Philip Cabaud in April. The Presten boys, Eric, Curtis & Ben took their 1911 Bleriot down to the Half Moon Bay airport for the Dream Machine Event, Sunday, April 27. They said it was another successful show for them and all the attendees. I am proud to announce that Skypark's Hamburger Chef, Curtis Presten has been chosen by Hanna Boys School to be their representative at Boys State in Sacramento this summer. Congratulations to Curtis !!! Captain Jeff Skiles presentation on March 31st was well attended. Skiles presented an informative program of leading aviation issues and what EAA is doing to inspire the next generation of aviators. His Power Point presentation included beautiful Oshkosh photography and concluded with a first person account of his Hudson River Airbus water landing with Sully Sullenberger. Skypark's EAA Chapter 1268 is sending three young men to the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin this summer. The Saturday Burger Event is paying for round trip air fares to Wisconsin. Our little airport should feel real good for providing these life experiences to three young people.

Family Fun Day, Saturday, June 14th

Mark the date on your calendar to be at the airport helping with this event and meeting and greeting our neighbors and friends. Randy and Shelagh Peterson's daughter Maeve Peterson created this year's Family Fun Day Poster. I think Maeve captured the spirit of our event with bright colors and a clear message. Now it is up to Skypark supporters to seek out the donations for the raffle prizes and silent auction items and take on a job for a few hours on the 14th. We need set-up help on Friday the 13th, cooks for burgers and hot dogs, food runners from the kitchen, airplane & automobile marshalls, and help with clean-up after 3:00 PM. Call the airport office (707-996-2100) to volunteer or make suggestions.

New Employee- Recently Skypark welcomed Dominic Gardella to the airport staff. Dominic is attending Santa Rosa Jr. College and working at Skypark each Saturday and Sunday. Please say hi to Dominic when you see him here on weekends. Jorge Oros is trying out the restaurant /hospitality business at EK restaurant on the square while he continues to build flying time.

New Flight School- Philip Cabaud has re-opened the flight school under the name, **Air Sonoma Aviation**. **Philip** is a life time resident of Sonoma Valley and is developing the school as a semi-retirement project. **Air Sonoma Aviation** is doing a soft opening, offering flight instruction in their Cessna 150, Cessna 172 and Cessna 182. **Philip's son John P. Cabaud, Jr.** is the primary flight instructor with assistance from **John Carmichael, Travis Morton & Mike Harris**. **John** has a couple of new students flying right now and former students are coming back.

Young Eagles- On March 14 **Rich Cooper, Frank Russo, Ron Price, Bill Wheaton & Jeanette Woods** gave 21 young people a ride around Sonoma Valley. These kids are between the age of 8 and 18. For some of them it is their first experience in the air and very satisfying for us adults too. I would urge more Skypark people to come to the airport Sunday morning and lend a hand. We always have juice, coffee, donuts, bagels and fruit out. See you here!

Saturday night Movie- Note that the date has changed from Friday nite to **Saturday nite**. The feature film this month will be: **"Ace Eli & Roger of the Skies"** starring Cliff Robertson and a 1918 Jenny plane. Free popcorn and the movies are at 6:00 PM, pizza and drinks are \$5.00. The feature film starts at 7:00 PM.

May	10 & 11	Display days for historical aircraft from noon to 4 pm.
May	11	Young Eagle flights for youth age 8 to 17. Flights start at 9 pm and continue until noon.
May	13	EAA Chapter 1268 meeting at 7 pm. Dinner & drinks are \$6.00. Everyone is welcome.
May	23	Movie night. Movies & popcorn free. Pizza & drink \$5. Tailwinds, Ron Price <i>Ron</i>

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