

# SONOMA SKYPARK NEWS

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**AIRPORT HAPPENINGS-** This newsletter is going to be short and sweet to get it out quick before the big rain storm this weekend. Actually Rafe Tomset, Frank Russo and I are off to Flabob Airport in Riverside, CA early tomorrow morning to attend the weekend annual meeting of the American Aviation Historical Society. Flabob hangars always have interesting projects in them and the West Coast Stinson Club is hosting a Fly-in on the same weekend. Weather in the 70's down there and rain anticipated here so we won't be missed at Burgers or Young Eagles.

Early in January, Tom Palmer purchased, original shareholder Bill Smith's Stearman biplane, and then purchased another long time Skypark owner, Harry "Andy" Andrews hangar (D-2). Tom is a second generation Skypark owner. He and his sister Kristin learned to fly here in their families Piper J-3 Cub. Rumor has it that a young couple will be buying the Smith's hangar (L-1) soon to have a hangar to restore a Piper Vagabond in. Bill says he will still be around the airport handing out advice on any subject! He will be the guy buying everyone a burger on Saturday!!

We are lucky to have John Miles in our airport family now. John is a long time Taylorcraft owner and pilot. Twenty years ago John flew in our awesome light plane trip to Alaska. He has flown all around the country spreading good cheer. John is working in the Skypark office on Wednesday & Thursday. If you have not met John stop in the office and get acquainted.

Movie night was overflowing with attendees on 24<sup>th</sup>. I don't know what the featured film will be on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Check the Skypark web site, [Sonomaskypark.com](http://Sonomaskypark.com) or the bulletin boards next week.

Craig MacDonald has returned to his maintenance business for a limited amount of time each day. Craig is doing lots of physical therapy after a serious dirt bike accident at the end of last year. It is good to have you back at Skypark, Craig. I'm sure Sue and Ruben are happy that you are mobile too.

Paul Seibert's Fleet biplane is nearing completion in Brian Muiser's shop and it looks spectacular. I can visualize it in the air early this summer. John Thomason's Super Cub has all of its cover on now with the doping in progress. "Team Thomason" seems to be at work in the hangar on a daily basis.

Stay dry and don't forget Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Tailwinds, Ron Price