

SONOMA SKYPARK NEWS DECEMBER 2016

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the crew at Skypark!

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The airport office will be <u>closed</u> Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th and New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1st 2017.

The Sonoma Skypark Airport <u>Christmas party</u> was well attended Friday night, December 2nd. I want to give a big thanks to the decorating crew Thursday evening. The place looked very festive Friday night, for the 120 guests! Everyone was able to sample great appetizers with adult beverages served at the bar. Lots of good salads and side dishes accompanied the turkey and ham. The attendees responsible for bringing desserts out-did themselves as we closed the evening with lots of sweets leftover for burger day on Saturday. <u>Curtis and Ben Presten</u> did another bang-up job orchestrating the white elephant gift exchange. They are a neat team of entertainers. Our accordionist filled the evening with holiday music and even inspired some dancing. Thank you to everyone that participated, let's plan on doing it again!

2016 is the 30th year that Sonoma Skypark, Inc. has existed as a pilot owned public airport. This year we lost another original shareholder, <u>Jack Strehl</u>, September 17th and long time Skypark mechanic <u>Doug Smith</u> flew west October 14th. As we remember those that have gone west we can, at the same time, be happy that people like Ron, Mark, Colin, Chris, Ed and others are joining the ranks of pilots at Skypark.

- The second Sunday of most months 15 to 20 eager, young people are introduced to flying by our EAA chapter 1268's, **Young Eagles** program at Skypark.
- Movie night will resume with vintage films, Friday, January 27th.

More good news: <u>Jack Caldwell</u> is feeling good, after his hospital visits in November. <u>Rich</u>

<u>Cooper</u> is reported to be home recuperating from his fall from a ladder. I don't think Rich will be doing a lot of ladder work in the future. I hope we see both of these guys at the <u>EAA Chapter 1268 meeting on</u>

<u>January 10th at 6pm!</u>

If Sunday, January 1st 2017, is a clear day – you will see me at Skypark giving rides to celebrate a New Year!

Tailwinds, Ron Price



