

SONOMA SKYPARK NEWS

JUNE & JULY 2018

AIRPORT HAPPENINGS It has been awhile since I've written a Newsletter even though the airport has been active. **Family Fun Day** happened on May 19th in clear blue skies but a little too much wind for the last two hours. With many Skypark people helping the event earned \$1,700 plus, for our Air Explorer Post 1268. The post adult sponsors are making plans to form a flying club on the airport that will make flying lessons within reach of young budgets. They will have more information about the club after returning from EAA AirVenture at Oshkosh, WI. **Memorial Day** - Skypark pilots were once again asked to participate in the Sonoma Veterans Memorial Day services, at the Veteran's cemetery in Sonoma. Pilots Trevor Meeks in his Cessna 170, Eric and Ben Presten in their Piper Clipper, Richard Craig in John Thomason's Piper Tri-pacer, Dave Casella in his DH-Chipmunk and our airport president David Meeks in his Interstate Cadet all represented us in the closing Fly-Over. The Fly-Over is much appreciated by the organizers and attendees. Thanks guys. **Sonoma Balloon Adventures** moved into the upstairs office June first, to set up their office and coordinate local advertising. Their flights started July first. The balloons are beautiful in the morning sunlight. Get up early to see them or better yet buy a ride and experience balloon flight yourself.

New Pilots - Father and son, Mark Shackford & Marcus Shackford recently earned their Private Pilots License's in mid-June. On July 2nd, Kevin Horn earned his private pilot's license in John Thomason's Tri-Pacer. I believe each of these gentlemen was instructed by Skypark's Richard Craig. Jonathan Clark has also been flying his Cirrus with CFI Richard Craig, Jonathan Soloed in his Cirrus last week.

Airplanes and Hangar Space - Craig MacDonald sold his Piper Pacer to a pilot in Lincoln, CA last week. He is currently looking for a new airplane. He's caught between buying a Stinson 108 or a Piper Clipper. If Craig buys a Clipper, Sonoma

Skypark will be home to 6 out of the 10 Piper Clippers in California. I know of three airplane owners looking for hangar space. If you can make room, they are eager to help you pay the rent.

SKYWATCH – The Skypark Clubhouse hosted a semi-monthly MUFON meeting Saturday, July 14th. MUFON stands for: Mutual UFO Network, an international organization founded in 1969. Approximately 55 individuals attended. An interesting program was presented. Let us know about your UFO sightings at Sonoma Skypark!

Young Eagles –At the July 8th Young Eagles Day event, “The Press Democrat” News reporter, Dianne Heart and photographer Beth Schlanker attended. They did a story on our Young Eagles program for a future Sunday feature story. I was pleasantly surprised to learn that yesterday’s Sunday paper carried their very nice article. We have a copy of the story in the airport office if you missed it Sunday.

ENJOY THE WONDEFUL FLYING WEATHER. I’LL REPORTNEXT MONTH ON AIRVENTURE AT OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN. Thomas Weaver and Rafe Tomsett will be manning the Skypark office. Tailwinds,

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