

Sonoma Skypark News

June 2019

Airport Happenings – Summer is on its way! Get your convertibles gassed up, toupees glued on and come fly for never ending summer fun! May was off to a slow start due to the unseasonably rainy month; however the month is ending strong with lots of flying and late night Bon-Fires. Speaking of rain (I know I know it's been my favorite topic these last few newsletters... Last one I swear), Family Fun Day was scheduled for May 18th but due to the RAIN it was canceled. Thank you to all who enlisted to help, don't go too far we will need you next time. A new date will be announced soon. The higher powers are telling me sometime in September. **Rafe** had his monthly Movie night last week; it was well attended as usual. Movies are played every 4th Saturday of the month @6pm in the clubhouse. Free Admission and popcorn as promised. Dinner is 5 bucks. Call or email Rafe if you are interested. Strafe55@icloud.com or 707-227-9910

Memorial Day – Ron Price reports “The Skypark flyers were able to again conclude the Sonoma Memorial Day Celebration at the Veterans cemetery. Some of our faithful flyers were not able to participate this year but fortunately new planes and pilots stepped up. Thank you to the pilots **Scott Thomason, Dave Casella, Darrel Jones, Richard Craig & Ron Price**. Our appropriately dressed, faithful ground coordinator, **Rafe Tomsett** did another superb effort interfacing with the ceremony manager. Thank you everyone”.

Gray Eagles – Yesterday Captain **Bob Berwick** of Coastal Air Tours took some lucky people flying from the *Sunrise Villa* retirement home in Sonoma. Each month residents of *Sunrise Villa* go on “Bucket list” trips. This time it was for an airplane ride. All of the riders were happy to be outside enjoying the spring air. One of Bob's passengers was a navy pilot and is in his 98th year. We currently have one pilot on the field that is still flying at an advanced age. **Jack Viets** just turned 90 years old a few weeks ago. Once a week, Jack drives up to Sonoma from Mill Valley to fly his Aeronca Chief. Jack learned how to fly in the 70s and hasn't stopped since. Keep flying jack. Our noble airport manager Ron Price just had his 79th birthday on May 28th. Happy Birthday Ron!

Young Eagles- Young Eagles is the Second Sunday of every month! This month it is scheduled for the 9th. Come out and volunteer, teach ground school or just shoot the breeze. Last month we gave flights to 15 kids. There have been many kids returning for Young Eagles rides after their first flight. As a matter of fact our Burger day Crew all originated from Young Eagles! **Macklyn Liss**, our Saturday fry cook and Sunday airport attendant will graduate from Sonoma

Valley High School on June 7th. Macklyn plans to attend a Mechanical School in Colorado for an A&P certification. Good Luck Mack!

Wings of Freedom Tour – From June 3rd –June 6th the Collins Foundation will have their airplanes on display and some flying at KSTS (Santa Rosa airport). If you are interested in flying or touring a piece of aviation history, visit their website WWW.cfdn.org.

We have the gas; you have the plane come fly before you go insane!

Calendar

6/3-6/6 Collins Foundation

6/8 & 6/9 Display Day

6/9 Young Eagles

6/22 Movie Night

Blue Skies,

Colin Traynor