

# SONOMA SKYPARK NEWS

## June 2020

This newsletter was going to be my retirement farewell and I kept putting it off, but now I realize I don't have time to waste. Good bye, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Last evening my good friend and Skypark pillar, **John Thomason** flew West to constant blue skies. John learned to fly here in the North Bay fifty years ago and never lost the aviation bug.

John required Kidney Dialysis on Mon, Wed. and Fri., but the other four days he could be found in his hangar planning or organizing some aviation related project. John was always the optimist in a quiet way and loved to interject his salesman position along the way. He really never spoke of his physical conditions. In recent years the conversation was him probing you about a current airport subject or some reminiscence about past aviation adventures with a recent arrival to the airport family.

We will all miss **John Thomason** as a Sonoma Skypark founder, General aviation pilot and supporter, mentor for youth aviation and all-around good guy. As I write this, specific memorial plans are not in place. We will plan a safe event.

R.I.P Old Friend.

**RUNWAY CLOSURE** There is an event planned to take place at Sonoma Skypark Airport on, Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. THE AIRPORT WILL BE **CLOSED** TO ALL IN-BOUND and OUT-BOUND TRAFFIC from **4 pm to sunup** on both Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>. Please plan ahead if you are going to be using your plane either of these days.

**DRIVE-IN-MOVIE** The Sonoma International Film Festival will reconfigure Sonoma Skypark into a drive-in movie venue. The first night's movie will be Pixar's "UP" and the July 4<sup>th</sup> Film will be "The Quiet One" with a behind the scenes look at the life and career of Bill Wyman an original founder of the Rolling Stones. Both Movies are sold out, however we have a limited space for SSP Shareholders in Bring-Your- Own Lawn chair Viewing at *no charge*. Please call Rafe for more information 707-227-9910.

I hope everyone Stays healthy and comes out to fly once in a while.

Well I have to go; I am off to Fly my Luscombe and enjoy retirement.

Tailwinds,

Ron Price