

# SONOMA SKYPARK NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2021

**AIRPORT HAPPENINGS** The great news is that enough people have been vaccinated that the state is planning on lifting COVID-19 restrictions June 15. Finally! This means that we can get back to normal activities at Sonoma Skypark this month. Rafe will have his first movie and pizza night in over a year on Saturday, June 26. EAA Chapter 1268 will resume Young Eagles rides and in-person dinner meetings on July 11 and 13. We will start Saturday Hamburgers at Skypark as soon as we can line up a coordinator and crew.

Free at last!

We bid goodbye for now to Colin Traynor who is moving on to new adventures and opportunities in Los Angeles. Colin started as a part-time airport attendant five years ago, worked his way up to Assistant Manager and then Airport Manager. All this after coming to Sonoma Skypark for Young Eagles rides and eventually earning his private and instrument certificates.

**The Board hired a new Airport Office Manager**, Tina Masquelier. Tina originated in Napa Valley, earned a degree in electronic technology there, and went on to work in the wine and aviation technology industries. She also has her own historical home renovation business, cuvee' 59.

Tina has moved into the airport mobile home on the east end of the hangars and is painting and sprucing it up for what we hope is a long stay. She starts this week and the Board members will be working with her to familiarize her with airport operations. We owe Colin a big thank you for putting together a comprehensive airport operation manual to help with the transition.

Stop by the office and introduce yourself and get to know the newest member of the Sonoma Skypark team.

Richard and Dennis will continue working as **Skypark Airport Attendants**, with Mark Shackford's son, Marcus, filling out the week. Marcus is completing an aviation degree at Pacific Union College in Anguin. He has earned his certificates through multi-engine and is set to graduate this month with a bachelor's degree in aviation. He and Mark will be hosting a graduation celebration on Sunday June 13 from 3 to 6 pm in their hangar F-1.

**Movie and pizza nights are back!** Rafe will open the doors to the Sonoma Skypark clubhouse on Saturday, June 26, at 5:30 and the evening's entertainment will begin at 6. If you're not on the movie contact list, contact Rafe at [strafe55@icloud.com](mailto:strafe55@icloud.com) to get more details.

**Saturday hamburgers at Skypark needs a coordinator and crew!** Since Ron retired and is spending more time travelling and just enjoying his retirement, Sonoma Skypark doesn't have someone to organize the Saturday barbecue. The coordinator's job is to simply contact the volunteers who will cook and serve each week and figure out what supplies are needed.

Ron had everything down to a science, so it won't be necessary to reinvent the wheel. We will need a cast of characters to volunteer to do the cooking, take the orders and serve, with three people each Saturday between 11 am and 2 pm on a rotating basis. Please contact me at [wd6bor@vom.com](mailto:wd6bor@vom.com) or 707-799-6382, if you can help out. We used the profits to pay for airfare for our EAA Air Academy participants each year and we also gave pilots a great excuse and location to fly out for that \$100 hamburger.

We would like to get the barbecue up and running by July 3.

EAA Chapter 1268 will start holding in-person dinner meetings again on July 13 if the State of California lifts the COVID-19 restrictions. We will also start flying Young Eagles rides on Sunday, July 11. If you are a Sonoma Skypark pilot, we would love to have you join us at the meeting and join the Chapter. Dues is only \$15 per year and the company is terrific!

**Airport maintenance and upgrades.** Board member Peter Gauthier has been working with a paving company on the airport runway, ramp and taxiway needs. The Board is talking about doing the necessary repairs and maintenance over a two-year period to spread out the cost and limit the disruption to regular airport activities. Peter is on his way back from the east coast, so we will have more information for you next month.

As Ron always said, "We run an asphalt farm."

We are progressing with the planning and permitting for the airport office remodel. The office building was built in 1967 and there haven't been any major repairs or upgrades other than a bathroom upgrade and some repairs to the deck. Ron and David Meeks started working with FIGO Construction Drawings over three years ago on plans to upgrade the restrooms to meet ADA requirements, and to repair the deteriorated parts of the building. We will let you know how the project is progressing as it develops.

Come out to Sonoma Skypark and join the fun!

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