

SONOMA SKYPARK NEWS

MAY 2013

AIRPORT HAPPENINGS- The last few days of April gave us a real taste of the hot summer weather to come. The flight school is continually busy with one airplane until a replacement for the Citabria is found. John Carmichael has started a new student pilot, Craig Hickson, in **Peter and Kitt's Cessna-172**. He is visiting from New Zealand and intends to earn his Private Pilot's License in one month. That is kind of a motivational example for the rest of us. John & Kathy Carmichael take off for Flathead Valley, Montana, next month to do Float Plane training thru August.

Family Fun Day, the airport needs someone to step up and take a leadership role in organizing us to put on our big day in October. Kathy Carmichael and Jeanette Woods are willing to give directions to whoever will assume overall responsibility. A lot of us know our respective duties but need a chairman/chairwoman.

Movie night, "Keep 'Em Flying" starring Abbott and Costello and Martha Raye was released one week before Pearl Harbor. It was filmed at Cal-Aero Academy in Ontario (now Chino airport) California and it deals with the training of Air Corps pilots in a humorous way but shows the tremendous effort that went into building an Air Corps in a short period of time.

Vintage Movie Night always begins with an action packed serial chapter of "Sky King" complete with commercials and a cartoon or period newsreel. Admission and popcorn are always free, and Pizza and a beverage are a \$5 donation. We are pleased to have special guest and Skypark aviator Charlie Tsegeletos, Cline Cellars winemaker, bring some samples and share his insights on his award winning wines.

The fun begins at 6 PM in the bright blue Skypark clubhouse hangar on the taxiway just East of the airfield office. **Friday, May 31 at 6 PM.** Hope we see you there.

Kids to EAA Air Academy, Our EAA Chapter 1268 is sending four young people to EAA AirVenture Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin this summer. The Chapter, the Air Explorer Post, the hamburger fund and individual donations will hopefully provide these four fortunate aviation enthusiast with fully paid camp tuition and air fare to Wisconsin. We are very proud of these kids and I am proud of our little airport making it all happen.

The campers are; Benjamin Presten, Elijah Asaro, Daniel Shulte and Garrett Porter. They will be making a presentation at an EAA Chapter meeting in the fall to share their experiences.

Tetrahedron. People ask about our famous Bede wind tetrahedron and if it will return to its place. I am told by the flight school that very soon it will be repaired and ready to take its place in the wind again.

Commercial video filming, Very early Tuesday morning April 23 a large group of people converged on Skypark to film a video. EMC2 leased the airport for the day and they worked right up to sunset shooting a video commercial for their business. It can be seen on YouTube or Vimeo or Google "Data Crunchers".

<https://vimeo.com/65330631> or <http://bit.ly/1071khs>

Memorial Day Fly-over. We have again been asked be part of the Sonoma Valley Memorial Day Observance with our fly- over of the Sonoma Veterans Memorial Park at the conclusion of the program. **Memorial Day is Sunday, May 26, 2013.**

Please let me know if you think you will be able to fly Sunday morning, May 26th. I would like to ask all pilots to be at a briefing/planning session at 1100 in front of the airfield office with your plane ready. Take off should be at about 1135 depending on the number of participants.

May 11 & 12	Display days. Noon to 4: 00 pm
May 12	Young Eagle Flights. 9:00 am to noon.
May 14	EAA Chapter 1268 dinner meeting, 7:00 pm
May 26	Memorial Day Fly-over. 11:00 am

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