

# SONOMA SKYPARK NEWS

## NOVEMBER 2013

**SKYPARK CHRISTMAS PARTY-** The date is **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** for Skypark's annual Christmas Party. We will be holding it at the airport. The festivities begin at **6 pm**, with appetizers and beverages. Dinner will be served at **7 pm**.

Please bring a dish to share. If your name begins with:

A	thru	E	Green salad/pasta salad
F	thru	N	Hot dishes
O	thru	Z	Appetizers/dessert

Some special wine has been offered by our airport winery friends to supplement our beverage selections. Skypark will provide Holiday turkey and ham to complement all of your great offerings. ENJOY!

Skypark's party organizer, **Kathy Carmichael** and I met recently and we decided to re-institute the White Elephant gift exchange which was fun in the past. We want to limit the number of gifts to **one per couple or family** in the interest of time. You have plenty of time to come up with a unique gift to wrap and pass on.

If you feel inclined to bring an un-wrapped child's gift we will have a large gift box available that will be passed along to the Shell Vista Fire Department Toy Collection program. I hope you can come and enjoy good food and holiday cheer with airport friends and families.

Set-up will be Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in Hangar A-3 on the East end of the airport. This has been an enjoyable late afternoon project. Refreshments are served to the volunteers and anyone is welcome. Clean-up will be Saturday morning at 9 am.

**AIRPORT HAPPENINGS-** John **Thomason** became a new grandfather recently when **Scott and Jessica Thomason** welcomed **Ella Elizabeth** into their lives Oct. 18th. The young family is living in Napa and Scott is flying the same corporate jet that **Kyle Cooper** is flying out of the East Bay. To us old timers it seems like just a few years ago that these new dads were learning to fly at our airport. Yesterday, **Kyle Cooper** and his two year old son **Wyatt Cooper** were at Skypark visiting **Rich and Nelleke Cooper**. I believe I heard that Wyatt is going to have a sister about January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The airport seems much quieter without our flight school activity although flight instruction is still going on. Since **John Carmichael** has returned from Montana it seems

like he has been flying non-stop giving instruction here and at the seaplane base in Sausalito. Today John's student, Joe Greenwood took off for his Instrument Rating check ride. He passed! That is a big one. Last weekend I accompanied Jay Caldwell in his 1946 Luscombe on a nice flight down to southern California for a brief visit with his son (a freshman) at Pitzer College, part of the Claremont Consortium. They have beautiful campuses and high academic standards. We landed at Cable airport in Upland after 4:20 flying time. We experienced really nice flying conditions both Friday and Sunday until we arrived back over the reserve fleet in Suisun Bay. 4:30 for the return trip. Young Eagles on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> was well attended by eager riders but most of our usual pilots were absent. Frank Russo stayed busy giving single rides until Rich Cooper & Trevor Meeks arrived to take some of the pressure off. A few kids were turned away but 16 rides were given. The last Young Eagle event is November 10<sup>th</sup>. Last Friday night's movie was well received with 26 or 28 movie goers in attendance. Don't forget our Burger's & Dog's BBQ each Saturday from noon to one thirty pm.

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**CALENDAR**

- November 9 & 10** Display days from noon to 4:00 pm for aircraft of historical significance.
- November 10** Young Eagle airplane rides from 9:00am to noon for young people age 8 to 17.
- November 13** EAA Chapter 1268 dinner meeting at 7:00pm with a speaker following dinner. Everyone is welcome.
- November 22** Movie night at the airport clubhouse. Free popcorn and drinks at 6:00 pm, pizza and drinks at 7:00 pm for \$5.00, followed by the feature film. The film "Lafayette Escadrille" starring Tab Hunter. Note; this is one week early, so no conflict with Thanksgiving.
- December 6** Annual Sonoma Skypark Christmas party.

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