

SONOMA SKYPARK NEWS

AUGUST 2015

OSHKOSH WAS GREAT- Fifteen or more folks from Skypark were in attendance for a few days or the whole week. The weather was the best I have ever experienced, warm and a few hot mid-west days but cool nights for sleeping in a sleeping bag. **Peter Gauthier's Pitts** replica was prominently displayed in the International Aerobatic Club's building as part of the 70th anniversary recognition of Pitts Aerobatic Aircraft. Two Skypark Airport couples actually flew their airplanes to Oshkosh. **Walt & Carlene Bowe** flew their Beechcraft D-18 in and **Arlen & Shirley Manning** flew their Luscombe in after a thirteen year absence. The rest of us used aluminum tubes for transportation, except for Peter in a truck both ways.

NOTICE

Today, the 4th some small paving is being done on some taxiways. Next **Monday** the 10th crack sealing in all of the taxiways between our hangars will be done. **This procedure will only restrict access to your hangar for a few hours that day.** On **July 12, Wednesday**, access to all of the hangars will be blocked as the **Seal Coating will be applied and no traffic can take place.** (If you need your aircraft for Wednesday, I suggest you park it in the transient parking Tuesday night.) **Thursday morning the 13th** the striping will be repainted. This should not cause any aircraft movement problems as the paint dries very fast.

Our airport should look real good after this work. Thank you for your patience!!

AIRPORT HAPPENINGS There are going to be changes of personnel in the airport office real soon. **Dominic Gardella** has been working for the airport on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the last 16 months. He will be starting his junior year at San Francisco State University late this month and moving to Daley City. We wish Dominic much success in his studies and the future. **Colin Traynor**, a recent Sonoma Valley High School graduate and Sonoma Skypark trained Private Pilot

will be replacing Dominic on August 19th. Colin is taking a GAP YEAR to work and complete his Instrument rating training before starting college. Colin's goal is to work as a pilot, preferably as a corporate pilot. Please say goodbye to Dominic and hello to Colin.

This Sunday is our regular Young Eagle ride day starting at 9:00 am. We always have eager young people ready for a ride up the valley and an introduction to flying. You can help with this event in many ways besides flying your airplane, like working with the paper work, helping with crowd control, keeping the coffee and juice available and watching the donuts and bagels disappear or just greeting our guests while they are here. We try to end the program by noon.

- August 9th Young Eagle rides, from 9 AM to Noon.
- August 8th & 9th- Display Days from Noon to 4 PM.
- August 11th EAA Chapter 1268's monthly dinner meeting at 7:00 PM.
- August 12th Airport taxiways closed for Seal Coating.
- August 12th Petaluma Area Pilots Assoc. dinner meeting at 6 PM in their clubhouse along the Southeast taxiway. Very good !!

Tailwinds, Ron Price 

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