

SONOMA SKYPARK NEWS

DECEMBER 2017

SKYPARK CHRISTMAS PARTY- This last Friday night a little over 100 Skyparkian's celebrated the beginning of the Christmas season with warm greetings, beverages, good food, music, and a gift exchange. **Darrel Jones** and **Kathy Carmichael** organized lots of volunteers. Many of us decorated hangar, A-3, Thursday afternoon. I want to especially thank **Marilyn & Bob Avrit** for the outstanding table decorations. The airport supplied drinks and the roasted turkey and ham. **Richard Craig & Sandra Hoke** carved and served the turkey & ham. **Marci Fahraji** supervised the kitchen volunteers and generally filled in where ever she was needed. Thanks to all the attendees who brought appetizers, main dishes, salads and desserts. The party goers were very generous with their contributions to the Toys-for-Tots gift boxes, filling them to overflow!! I wish you all a Happy Holiday Season.

AIRPORT HAPPENINGS

Long time Skypark pilot and hangar owner **Herman Bauer** sold his Mooney last year and last month he sold hangar M-1 to **Eric Presten**. **Eric** sold his hangar L-2 to Skypark pilot **Michel Oltramare**. Skypark is welcoming new hangar owners **Jonathan Clark & Lee Schaller** to the airport. Jonathan bought my hangar A-3 for his Cirrus and will continue renting some space. Lee bought **Jack Strehl's** hangar M-3 and will continue renting to the pilots presently in the hangar.

Ken Thornton purchased a Piper Clipper recently and is learning to fly in it with **Richard Craig** as his instructor. This last Tuesday Ken received some unplanned cross-wind instruction when he and Richard returned

to Skypark just after the big wind started. Those of us on the ground witnessed Richard's superior airmanship along with KEN. Good show guys!! **Jorge Oros** phoned this morning and I'm happy to report that he is being intensely tested for his Certified Flight Instructor rating in Arizona. He is scheduled to take his final check ride on the 12th. **John Thomason & Richard Craig** have teamed up to really make flight training for young people affordable. Currently there are four young men taking advantage of this opportunity, no young women so far. My hat is off to both of these guys for creating this opportunity. This coming August Skypark will be the scene for Tom Palmer and Sarah Memmer's wedding. That should be a fun weekend in Sonoma.

The Napa Pilots Association & the Napa EAA Chapter have invited Skypark pilots to join in their Christmas Party at the RUNWAY RESTAURANT in the terminal at Napa airport (Joneses Restaurant site). For details and reservations check; www.eventbrite.com/e/napa-eea-annual-holiday-party-tickets-3980060051 .

MOVIE NIGHT- Rafe says free popcorn and movies will resume January 26, 2018 at 6: 00 pm. Feature film TBA.

Tailwinds,

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