

SONOMA SKYPARK NEWS

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AIRPORT HAPPENINGS – The first two weeks of January were sort of typical winter weather with clouds and sun with a little rain but then it got cold. Then last week brought back Spring weather and the flying got started again. Fifty seven folks showed up for burgers and dogs last Saturday. In the 70's now and probably the same in Abu Dhabi where **Yoshi Muroya** with crew **Ben Freelove & Peter Gauthier** just finished up qualifying for the first Red Bull air race of the 2018 season. On Feb 3rd Yoshi finished second. Locals watched the race on TV.

On Jan 18th **Jorge Oros Carranza** earned his CFI (certified flight instructor) license at Cochise College in Douglas, Arizona. On Jan. 29th I learned that he scored 96% on the CFI Instrument written. Our Skypark Young Eagle is really on his way in aviation. Many of you can remember Jorge at the airport ten years ago, always ready for a ride in an airplane.

New couch- Thanks to the **Coopers** the pilot lounge has a new leather couch.

Sarah Memmer, Horizon Airlines pilot and **Tom Palmer's** fiancé soloed Stanley the Stearman on January 10th at Skypark. The Memmer/Palmer wedding is coming up this August. Congratulations Sarah.

Eric & Ben Presten just arrived back at Skypark this Sunday afternoon pulling a trailer. They drove 1500 miles to Washington to pick up a Salmson powered 1931, Hayden-Clark-O'Day W-6 "Time Builder", NC10613. The project is very complete with three engines. A neat plane for Ben to fly around Skypark.

Eagle Scouts- On Sat. the 10th a group of Eagle Scout candidates and leaders will meet at Skypark to work on Aviation Merit Badges and join the burger crowd for lunch. Please welcome them.

February 7th Petaluma Area Pilots Association (PAPA) dinner meeting in their club house at 5:30 PM. BYOB

February 10 & 11th Display day for aircraft of historical significance.

February 11th Young Eagle fights for youth ages 8 to 18 from 9:00 am to noon. Come and join our guests.

February 13th Skypark EAA Chapter 1268 dinner meeting and speaker at 7:00 pm

February 24th Rafe's famous Movie Night. Six pm for free popcorn with the monthly serial and cartoons. Pizza and drinks at seven pm for a \$5.00 donation before the feature film.

Tailwinds,

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