

Sonoma Skypark News

July 2019

Airport Happenings - Summer has officially arrived! The weather at Skypark has been absolutely fabulous these last few weeks, sunny and 80 degrees. Perfect for flying! We have a freshly minted Private pilot popping around the skies this month. Congratulations to **Ken Thornton** for recently passing the private pilot Check ride in his Piper Clipper. Ken bought his clipper last year and received dual instruction from **Richard Craig**. Needless to say Ken will be well prepared for any flying endeavor after learning how to fly here. Skypark shareholder **Tim Steers** has been working on his Rv-12 project. Tim is no stranger to building RV's. A few years ago Tim and some other Skyparkians built an RV-10. Tim plans to fly his RV-12 after completion. Keep up the good work! **Craig Macdonald** is working on his champ again. Last year Craig bought **Leon Scarborough's** Champ and has been working on an engine overhaul. Craig took a little break after having shoulder surgery but is back at it! When the Champ is finished it will be a very Cherry airplane. **Rafe** had his monthly movie night; it was well attended as usual. Last month's movie was "THE FINAL COUNT DOWN" (Queue the 1986 cult glam metal classic 🎵). Rafe will not have a movie night this month as he will be away at Oshkosh. **Robin Tatman, Richard Craig & Darrel Jones** are working on the final aspects of the flying club. Richard says the T-craft will be flying again soon. We will have a new Skypark resident at the beginning of next month. Local Sonoma painter, **Will Ackerly** will be renting the mobile home from us. Will frequents Burger Saturday and is friends with some shareholders. Welcome to Skypark Will!

Fourth of July – The airport office will be closed this Thursday for Independence Day.

Brodhead & Oshkosh – Well it's that time of year again. The Skypark entourage will be on their way to Brodhead and then Oshkosh later this month. Each year the boys go to Brodhead for the annual Pietenpol/Hatz Fly-In. **Ron Price** is eager to fly his newly restored *Luscombe Ninety, Model 4*. Ron will fly around Brodhead, enjoying the ever-so green Midwest grass then he plans to fly it to Oshkosh. Once at Oshkosh, all of the Skyparkians camp together at "Sally's Ally". This year **Eric Presten** is driving out to Brodhead and Oshkosh with **Curtis**. Eric plans to tow his *Bleriot* back home this year. EAA 1268 is sponsoring a young woman this year for Air Academy. This is made possible by donations made from our weekly BBQ. Thanks to all of our burger regulars! If you have never been to Oshkosh, you are seriously missing out. I went for the first time last year and it was fantastic!

Young Eagles – Young eagles is next Sunday, July 14th. Last month we gave rides to 27 kids. Thank you to all of the volunteer pilots and ground crew!

Hangar Space – Do you have any space in your hangar? Many bay area airplane owners are looking for hangar space in wine country. Space for a small taildragger? , Cessna 172? ,Expiermental? Let the airport office know and we will help find you a tenant! (707)996-2100.

Well that's it for this month; stay tuned for a detailed report of Oshkosh (brought to you by our guest writer Ron Price) next month.

Calendar

July 4th Office closed 

July 13th Display Day

July 14th Young Eagles/ Display Day

July 18th – 21st Pietenpol- Hatz Fly-in (Brodhead WI)

July 22nd – 28th EAA Airventure (Oshkosh WI)

Blue skies,

Colin Traynor