

SONOMA SKYPARK NEWS

OCTOBER 2013

AIRPORT HAPPENINGS- Yesterdays rain showers cleared the skies for a beautiful sunny October first. **Tom Palmer** is the first takeoff this morning in the **Palmer's** J-3 Cub. **Jasmine VillaSenor** has returned to Skypark working in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday and we are happy to have her back. **Jorge Oros** is still working for the airport, but working around his Santa Rosa Jr. College schedule. He and **Curtis Presten** have taken over the cooking duties in the clubhouse on Saturday's at noon.

Travis Morton closed his flight school, Carneros Aviation as of September 30th. We will miss not having Travis and Zorah here at the office and seeing the pilots and students flying N530ER and N8564V. Travis says he wants to fly Young Eagles and do a little instructing after a short break, mean while he has begun working for Brad Buchanan. Last Sunday morning, **Colin Carr**, who had just turned 16 on September 21st, demonstrated three perfect landings in front of his dad and his instructor Travis Morton. Way to go Colin, good job, now you just have to wait for your 17th birthday and the Private Pilot License check ride.

Last Saturday morning Skypark was visited by **Alex Trebek** of "Jeopardy" fame and bestselling author, **Dr. Uben Alexander**. They were at the airport for airplane rides with Skypark pilot, **Jay Caldwell**. While they were flying with Jay, their wives took a ride with **Bob Berwick** in his Coastal Air Tours, 1926 Travel Air biplane. **Kirsten Cooper Dahm** and her young daughter **Kaley** were visiting Skypark Saturday also. Grandpa Cooper was giving Champ rides and reacquainting Kirsten with the Champ. Kirsten said she has been recalled back to United Airlines, effective December 3, 2013. Saturday, really was a busy day, **Trevor Meeks** was celebrating his tenth year as a pilot and his 27th birthday. Wish you were twenty seven?!?

Debbie & Eric and son Ben Presten were in Riverside, California at the Flabob Airport Fly-In last weekend and reported that it was another good event with lots of flying of vintage airplanes. Conditions were so right (no wind) that Eric got to fly their wing warping 1911 Bleriot for the crowd. Eric sold a bunch of books too.

John Thomason will soon have the hours flown off his RV-9A. I got a ride with John's son **Scott Thomason** last week and that plane really covers the ground quickly. Soon John can go more than 25 miles in a straight line from the airport and take advantage of the efficiency of his RV. **John & Kathy Carmichael** are planning to rejoin the Skypark family on October 15th after three months flying float planes in Whitefish, Montana. Maybe they can be a program for an EAA meeting soon.

The **Beede Jet** has been repaired and installed as our Wind Tetrahedron once again. **Peter Gauthier & Travis** did the repairs and **Mathew Hubner** gave it the new glossy paint job. Last Sunday, as we watched Colin Carr solo, Mathew and I re-installed it. Remember to land in the same direction as the Beede is pointing.

FAMILY FUN DAY- Our Board of Directors decided to postpone this event until the spring of 2014. The directors were having scheduling problems and a plan to have the event in the spring seemed to allow for more planning time and more personnel to carry the load. Please put your thinking hats on for ideas to make our open-house more fun. Write your ideas down for Silent Auction items and raffle gifts.

MOVIE NIGHT- Last Friday night "Murphy's War" was the featured movie and was well attended. The movie and **Walt Lewis's** popcorn are free. You are asked for a \$5.00 donation for the Pizza and Drinks. Watch for the posters of the coming attraction that are posted in the Airport Office and the Clubhouse. The next movie night is, October 25th, 2013...

Tailwinds, Ron Price



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| October | 8 th | EAA Chapter 1268 dinner meeting, 7pm in the clubhouse. |
| October | 9 th | Petaluma Area Pilots Assoc. meeting, 6pm Petaluma clubhouse. |
| October | 12 th & 13 th | Display days. Noon to 4pm. |
| October | 13 th | Skypark Young Eagle flights. 9am to noon. |
| October | 25 th | Movie night at Skypark clubhouse. 6pm, feature film 7pm. |

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