

# SONOMA SKYPARK NEWS

## MARCH 2015

**AIRPORT HAPPENINGS** - Mike Harris's wife, Dawne Harris, flew West February 17. Dawne and Mike were very active at both Sonoma Valley airports until poor health kept Dawne at home in recent years. She was tenderly cared for by Mike, Judith their daughter and dear friends. Friends gathered at a Memorial Mass on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. RIP Dawne.

Skypark pilot Dave Casella recently purchased a DH Chipmunk in Hayward and brought it back to Skypark. Fifteen years ago John Thomason owned this very same Chipmunk and it is good to see it back. Dave is getting checked out in his new friend with Eric Presten.

It looks like Dean & Leslie Thomas have sold their hangar (N-4). They are doing the paper work now and should conclude the deal this month. I'll have more on the new owners next month and their aircraft.

We are continually being asked for aircraft hangar space. If any of you hangar owners have room for an aircraft let us know in the office or put a note on the bulletin board with your contact information.

The EAA's Ford Tri-motor airplane will be hosted by the Napa County Airport EAA Chapter at the Napa County Airport, May 20 thru May 25<sup>th</sup>. The Ford Tri-motor was one of the first practical commercial airliners operating from about 1925 to the early 30's introducing passenger and mail service. Tri-motor plane rides will be offered each day; I believe they take 8 or 9 passengers each flight. Later this month we should have the cost and schedule for the rides.

The former "Jonese's" restaurant at Napa County Airport is operating again as "The Runway by Patrick"; open Monday 11 to 2 pm, Tuesday thru Saturday 11 to 8 pm. Let me know what you think of the new menu.

**MOVIE NIGHT-** Boy, last Saturday night Rafe had a standing room only audience for the movie "Men with Wings". Popcorn by "Walt", good wine by Cline Vineyards and pizza by Rafe with a little help from Papa Murphy and it's a real night at the movies... This month the featured film is "Twelve O'clock High". Movies start at 6:00 pm with a serial and pizza before the feature film at 7:00 pm. Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> this month.

**YOUNG EAGLES-** In January we were fogged in and February it rained, so March 8<sup>th</sup> will be our first YE Day for the kids this year. We meet just before 9:00 am and can always use volunteers

for greeting, registration, safety and piloting each month. We definitely need to recruit some young pilots for our eager young passengers... If you can help, please come out to the airport Sunday morning.

Tailwinds, Ron Price