

# Sonoma Skypark News

March 2019

**Airport Happenings** – February left us with soggy shoes, flooded roads and prayers for some sunshine. Come by the airport when it dries up, Skypark looks really pretty this time of year. You may have noticed some work being done on the south side of the runway recently. Skypark shareholder **Earl Broderick** and his company *Broderick Engineering* have been doing lots of work for the airport over the last month. They fixed a drainage pipe that runs under the runway and patched a crack in the runway itself. We are happy to report the airport is not under water. More work to be done in the summer, stay tuned.

We would like to extend our condolences to **Jeanette woods** for the recent passing of her brother.

**Ron** and **Rafe** Just went on a few days trip down to Tucson, AZ. for the American Aviation Historical Society annual meeting. They stopped at various museums along the way and visited the Airplane Boneyard, the final resting home of Jumbo Jets, ww2 airplanes and many others. The Boneyard serves as a friendly reminder to keep your hangar queen flying. Seriously, you should fly them.....

**Michael Knight**, Skypark tenant and owner of *Skydive Golden Gate* just recently purchased a Cessna 207. He is going to convert the 207 into a skydive plane! Currently skydivers are jumping out of a Cessna 182. Michael jumps almost daily from Gness field. If you are interested in skydiving, check out their website [www.Skydivegoldengate.com](http://www.Skydivegoldengate.com) and don't forget to see them jump during our annual Family Fun Day (Date TBA).

**Hangar Doors** – As a reminder from last month's newsletter we suggest that hangar owners have their hangar door inspected. Check the pulleys for movement; check the openers for gear/chain alignment and the cables for fraying. You can contact Steve Lanning Construction (707)-938-1232 for single Port-A-Port doors or Bill Schmidt (530)383-3891 for Bi-Fold doors.

**Hot Air Balloon's Splash Landing** –Skypark was on the news again! Pilot **Jeff Spear** of *Sonoma Ballooning Adventures* took off from their base at Skypark early Sunday Feb, 17<sup>th</sup>, the winds were from the north and the Balloon landed in the

sloughs of Skaggs Island. Far from any access roads Jeff had to call in a helicopter to rescue the passengers and a boat to pick up the balloon. It was a normal landing but got some attention from the media due to the landing location. No one was hurt and Jeff said the passengers had a great time. News reporters mobbed the airport parking lot like flies on honey; searching for any information. Some of the camera angles made Skypark look quite flattering ;).

**Sonoma Wings** –Last Sunday, February 24<sup>th,0</sup> the clubhouse was a busy scene, where Hang glider pilots repacked their reserve chutes.

**Movie Night** –**Rafe** had a full house at movie night this last month. He and **Richard Craig** just installed a new projector Screen in the clubhouse for a more theater like experience. Come out Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> for this month's movie night. RSVP to Rafe (707)-227-9910.

Well that's all for this month's newsletter. Keep the shiny side up and the greasy side down.

#### Calendar

March 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Display Day
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Young Eagles
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	PAPA Meeting
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Movie Night

Blue Skies,

Colin Traynor

