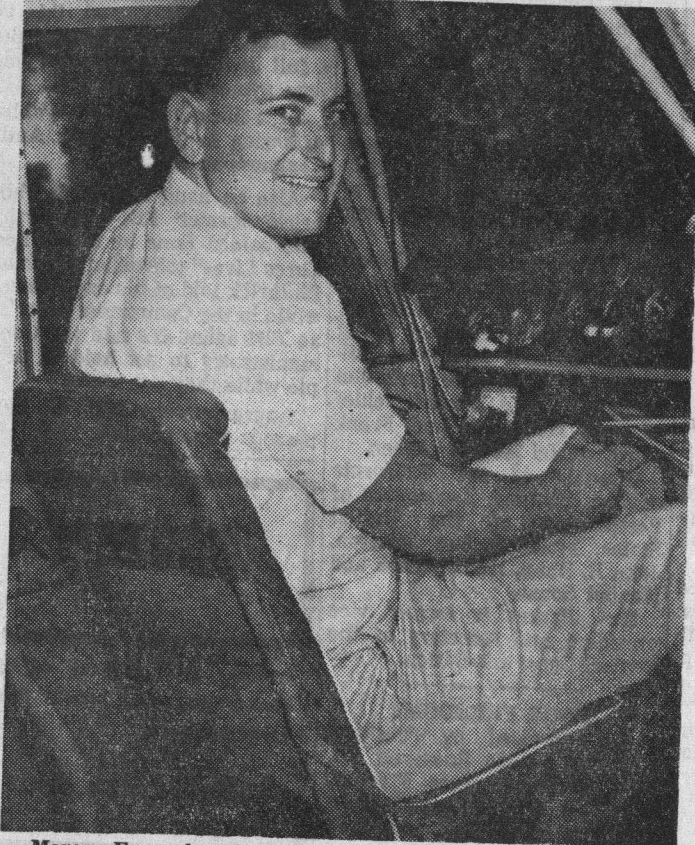


# Accent On Youth As Sky Park Maintains Its Busy Pace



Marcus Fearnough at the controls of his Aeronca Champion is one of several college-age flight students to earn his private pilot's rating at Sky Park Airport. He received his

license in late summer fulfilling an ambition inspired as a youngster when he flew with his father, the late James Fearnough of Santa Cruz.

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Bradley Bogard celebrated his 17th birthday September 22 as few teenagers do, by successfully passing the FAA flight check for his private pilot rating. He took the test at Hayward airport in the Bogard Bonanza.

Marcus Fearnough, student at Cabrillo college and co-owner of an Aeronca Champion, earned his private pilot certificate in late August. His first passengers were his sister, Cathie, Pam King and Bill Scally.

Ken Rogers, building designer and draftsman, joined with Norris Houk, civil engineer, in the purchase of a 172 Cessna. Rogers achieved his pilot rating in August while Houk, who has not flown for 20 years, surprised himself by soloing after two hours of instruction. He is making rapid progress toward his license. He served in World War II as a glider pilot.

Earlier summer graduates of the Sky Park Aero flight school directed by Harry Ewing were Gene Pauly, John McCroskey and Walt Schmidtman, all receiving their private pilot ratings.

Leona Dickey, fourth grade teacher at Westlake school, is in the final phase of the student course, flying a club-owned Piper Tri Pacer.

Advanced flight graduates included Myron B. Benham, who earned his commercial and instrument ratings. He is now a full-fledged pilot with TWA. Vince Bowman of San Jose earned his instructor's rating. Mike Williams achieved his commercial ticket and is completing the instructor's course. John Nickerson passed his commercial pilot's test on September 26. "Soloes" practicing regularly for their flight tests include Dr. Richard Muir, Dick Alderson, Fred Davis, Guy Van Doren, Charles Leider, James D. Chapman Jr., Barry Stephenson, Jay Martin and Dick Nickerson. Latest to solo is Frank Ochipanti.

Aircraft newly purchased and based at Sky Park include a six-passenger Cessna Skywagon of the Brown Bulb Ranch used for flights to their ranch in Baja California. Their previously owned 172 Cessna is now the property of Don Chapman who

took his family on a three weeks vacation in their Bonanza. They enjoyed a week in Nassau on the Bahamas, flying there from West Palm Beach. Here they had their first taste of underwater exploration. They returned as enthusiastic skin divers making flights later to Baja California and Catalina Island for more scuba fun.

Hyampom on the south fork of the Trinity river was a trout fishing "find" of Ernest Swinn and children, Ernie Jr. and Roberta, with Dick Petznick and son, Kenneth. They camped under the plane on the air strip alongside the river. Swinn's airplane is a 170 Cessna.

To Manhattan, Kansas, traveled the Leroy Meikkila family in their 182 Cessna for a visit with Mrs. Heikkila's sister and family, the Dr. R. E. Seltzers. They learned about Kansas summer storms when hailstones as large as tennis balls and severe winds ripped through the area one afternoon doing great damage to crops, buildings, planes and cars.

Beatrice and Wymore, Nebraska, former homes of Charles and Irene Rickard of Scotts Valley were the mecca for the Rickard family on a ten-day vacation flight in their Stinson.

Later this summer the Rickards, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Schumacher of Felton, flew to Hopper, Montana, on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation to be special guests of the big chief, Joshua Wetsit at the annual "Oil Discovery" celebration. Over 5000 members of the Sioux and Assinboine tribes gathered from all over the United States to stage dance contests and tribal ceremonies dressed, of course, in full ceremonial regalia.

Dr. William Winchell with his son, Brion, and brother, Robert and his son, Chris of Hayward flew a Cherokee 180 to Worcester, Mass. to visit sisters in Wellesley and Worcester. They were joined by Mrs. William Winchell and daughters who traveled east by airline.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sundean made a midsummer trip to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in their twin Navion. They spent two

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Leona Dickey, Westlake school teacher, needs three large cushions in the seat and a block of wood at her feet to reach the controls of her Piper Tri Pacer. With this "build up" she can comfortably and easily fly the plane in which she is preparing for her pilot's license at Sky Park airport. She has the required hours of solo and dual and is now getting used to a new VHF radio recently installed in the Sky Pacers' club plane. "Ponchita," her "air conditioned" pet, keeps her company on all flights.

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California. Their previously owned 172 Cessna is now the property of Don Chapman who soloed in July.

The 172 Cessna of the Standard Lumber Mills was replaced with a 182 Cessna. Jack Malloch and Harry Ewing bought a 180 Cherokee for use in the flight school.

A. G. Brown, semi-retired rancher who resides at 890 West Cliff drive, purchased a new 140 Cherokee to commute between Santa Cruz and his west San Joaquin valley ranch.

A "yacht with wings" describes the Seabee acquired by the Keith Larkin family this summer. This four-passenger amphibian plane with reversible propeller and spacious cabin serves as power boat and camp trailer for weekly water sport expeditions. Basing the plane at Napa, the Larkins fly from Sky Park in their Bonanza, transfer their camp gear and bathing suits to the Seabee and a few minutes later are landing on Lake Berryessa.

Jerry Lynch, aircraft mechanic, has his Taylorcraft in the air again having just re-covered the plane. Reconstruction in proceeding on an antique "Appleby" purchased early this summer by Carl Owen, United Airlines pilot. Only 15 of this 1933 model were produced. Today's pilots have a guessing game trying to identify this low wing plywood plane with its radial engine.

The Clarence Olsens, owners of Edy's restaurant in Boulder Creek, base their Bellanca at Sky Park. George Bishop, a builder who recently moved here from Los Angeles, took delivery of a Navion this week.

Bob Carlton of Bonny Doon, who flies for UAL, purchased a share of the Aeronca Champion owned by Marc Fearnough, Jim Goodrich and Bob Lockwood.

Far away places with intriguing names were flying destinations for many local airmen this summer.

To Mule Shoe, Texas, flew Gene Scarborough of Scotts Valley in his Cessna 182 accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Ada Scarborough, and Bill Wormington.

To visit his parents who live in Palatka, Fla., Keith Larkin

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sundean made a midsummer trip to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in their twin Navion. They spent two weeks with their daughter and husband, the Dr. Raymond Nelsons in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, where Dr. Nelson is on the staff of the Bella Vista hospital.

Riverside, Ojai, and Reno are a few of the airports used by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watkins of Pasatiempo during summer flights. They made good use of their Navion as they transported their sons, Barry, a student at University of Nevada, to and from college and work in Reno, and Bill, age 13, who attended a USC camp at Idlewild near Mt. San Jacinto. Insurance conferences took them to Ojai and San Francisco.

To attend the funeral of her father, Mrs. Aaron Benson flew with her husband and children to Indianhead, near Regina, Saskatchewan, last week. Their plane is a 170 Cessna.

In July this same plane took Benson and Don Hoffman on a vacation trip to Calgary, Canada, to attend the Calgary Stampede and conclave of the Canadian Experimental Aircraft association. They also did some fishing at Canim Lake, B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson flew the Sky Pacer's Tri Pacer to Canim Lake for a week of fishing. Earlier, this plane carried the Paul Miller family to Bowling Green, Ohio, for a visit with relatives.

The Roland E. West family spent most of the summer at their Salem, Oregon, mushroom farm. Periodic flights to home base in Santa Cruz were made in their Aero Commander.

A most active plane at Sky Park is the Navion co-owned by Dent Snider, Joseph Davish and Don Stefani. Some one of the trio uses the plane for business trips at least once or twice weekly, and for recreational flying every week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Malloch accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stevens flew to Chester September 19 and 20. Also making this flight were Margery Morrison accompanied by Leona Dickey. The group flew in two Cherokees.

By Esther Rice  
Guest Writer