

MOJAVE TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM FOUNDATION

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After Action Report

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Plane Crazy Saturday



Great day at Mojave Air & Spaceport! The warm weather brought out many of our friends with unusual, classic aircraft for the March Plane Crazy Saturday!

Scott Liefeld brought his open cockpit Pietenpol to Plane Crazy. He has been flying N11MS since March 1972! Thanks for flying in Scott – it was good seeing you again!

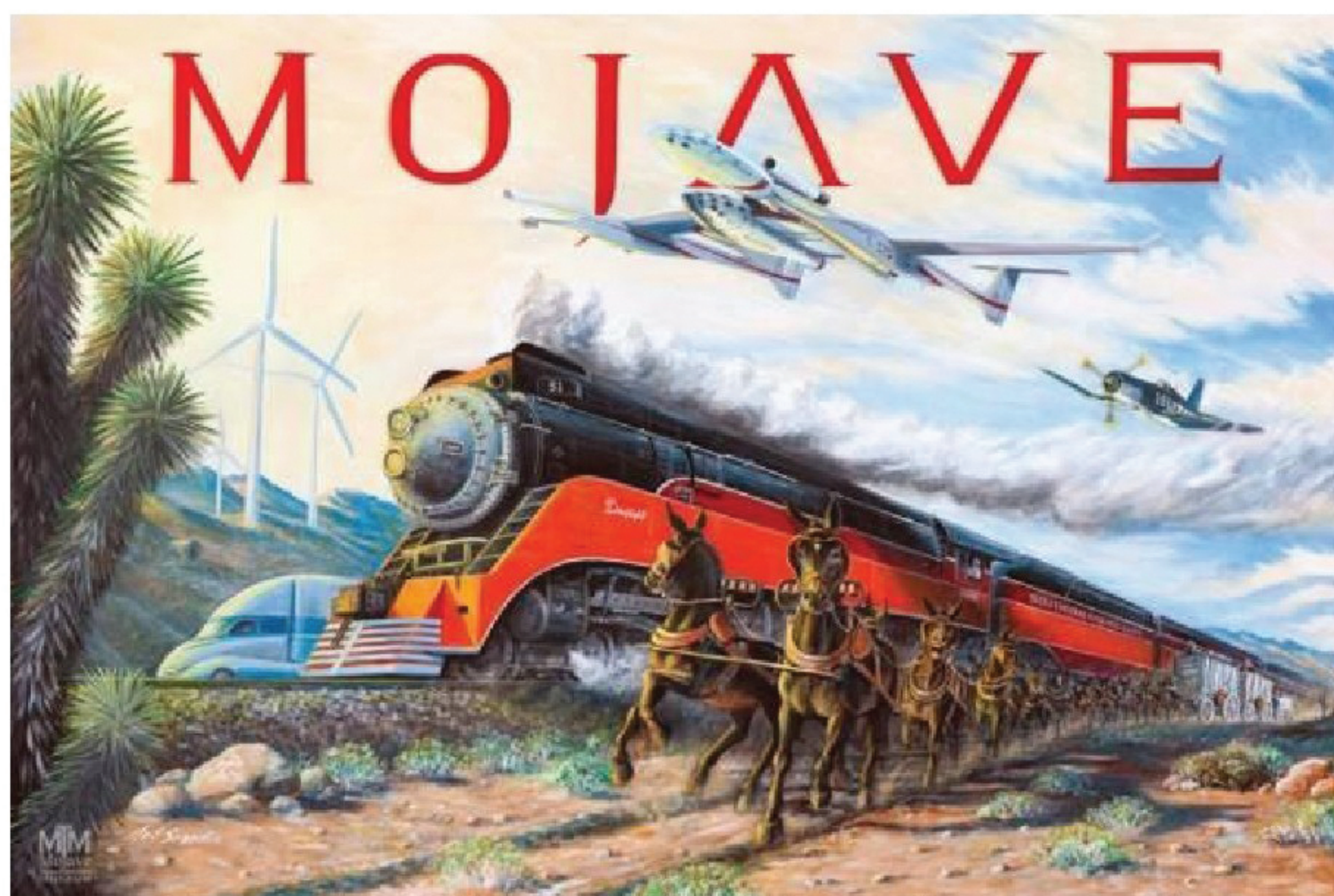
Thank you Ron Langford, MASP fueler, for all of your

help with tables and chairs, Kevin Wojtkiewicz, Airport Operations and Chris Spandorf, Security. We appreciate you so much!

Nice RV-6 visited from AZ! Always super to see friends fly in from other locals.

We were grateful to the weather Gods for smiling on us with light winds from the north and 80-degree sunshine on Saturday!

Bill Deaver and Midge Wright worked the MTM tables and talked with many visitors. Thank you to Tom Lapworth for becoming a



new member of the Mojave Transportation Museum Foundation! We appreciate everyone who pitches in to help us with this project to preserve the transportation history in and around Mojave.

The Mojave Mural tee-shirts, sweatshirts and posters seem to be a big hit. We saw many people wearing their new tee-shirts on Saturday! A picture truly is worth a thousand words. The Mojave Mural tells the transportation story of Mojave beginning with the Southern Pacific railroad

establishing the town in 1876. The Twenty Mule Team, which hauled giant wagons full of Borax from Death Valley to the Mojave railroad terminus in 1883 to 1889. The Wagons were constructed and maintained in Mojave, a fact that is celebrated today with a historic marker along Sierra Highway in Mojave.

The mural depicts the truck traffic through Mojave, a Chance-Vought F4U Corsair flies through the sky as a tribute to the U.S. Marine Corps pilots who trained at USMC Air Station Mojave during World War II and the beautiful White Knight one with SpaceShipOne soars over all.

“Mule Teams to Space Dreams” is what the Mojave Transportation Museum Foundation is all about!

This photo shows Doug Triplat wearing his „Mojave“ tee-shirt.

Thank you to Bill Deaver and Roy Gant for taking so many great photos!



The Civil Air Patrol Squadron 84 from Edwards Air Force Base were a great help parking aircraft and making sure the area was clear before pilots started their engines. The CAP do an excellent job with flightline safety! Thank you to Major Bauer and Lt. Finster for all of your great work!





Aviation Artist, Doug Castleman and Maggie Geimke of Usborne Children Books had displays that attracted many people. Also, Lydia V Mercurio of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Bakersfield National Cemetery set up a table and passed out brochures about the newest National Cemetery located in Arvin.

Thank you Wen Painter for signing in the pilots with historic aircraft! Wen always has some stories to tell and everyone enjoys his company.



Steve Cass flew his Volkswagon powered Sonex into Plane Crazy and bought fuel for the trip home!

There were so many airplanes on Saturday that some had to park east of the fuel trucks.





Tony Ginn brought his nifty little T-18 sporting a beautiful red, white and blue paint job! Thanks Tony – good to see you and your son at Plane Crazy!

Tony and his family reside at Rosamond SkyPark.

An RV-9 owned and piloted by Peter McCoy stopped in for display. Nice day for a flight from Laguna Niguel!



Dick Rutan was flying the Berkut and he had a lucky passenger! Roy Gant caught this photo right after takeoff when the gear was coming up.

Aviatrix and author Barbara H. Schultz gave an informative talk about the three books she has written, focusing on *"Flying Carpets, Flying Wings"* a biography about Moye W. Stephens, his friends, and his achievements in aviation.

Moye W. Stephens one of TWA's original pilots, and Richard Halliburton, a very successful writer of adventure books, embarked on one of the most fantastic, extended air journeys around the world that



has ever been recorded.

The journey began in Los Angeles in 1930 and continued around the world for 18 months. Following his return, Moye had several aviation jobs which included test pilot with Lockheed. In 1938, John K. Northrop formed Northrop Aviation, Inc., and Moye was among the founders. He was Secretary on the Board of Directors and Chief Test Pilot. His special contributions were with the experimental and innovative "Flying Wing" bomber series. These included: The twin-engine NIM, first flown in 1940; the 4 engine XB-35 in 1946; and the eight (jet) engine XB-49 in 1947.



Hope to see everyone on April 19th for the next Plane Crazy Saturday! The Mojave Experimental Fly-In will be held at Mojave Air & Spaceport! The ramp will be full of one of a kind experimental aircraft. You don't want to miss this one!!

