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TRAIN CRAZY SATURDAY

After Action Report – June 20, 2015



The Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club had many trains on display from Z-Gauge, N-Gauge to O-Gauge, plus lots of information and promotional items for sale.

This little Z-Gauge ‘suitcase layout’ was built in 1986 by Bob Mazzi. A TLRC member acquired it in 2008. Fun to watch the little train go through ‘the loop!’

The next detailed scale model train on display was an N-Scale, complete with buildings, landscaping and people.

This railroad club attracts members from a wide area and the winner of the toy train set drawing was John Medvigy from Bakersfield!



Beautiful handmade refrigerator magnets with photographs of trains the traverse through Tehachapi were on display for sale at this table. TLRC came prepared with lots of sunshades and wonderful exhibits!

Marlan Woodside is always enthusiastic about activities involving trains!

Ingenious modular train layout was set up by members of TLRC in a matter of minutes. When packed up, it is so compact that it fits easily into the back of a pickup truck! Very impressive!

Thank you so much for coming and showing all of your great train layouts!



If you are interested in attending meetings or other events, please contact the club at TLRC, PO Box 876, Tehachapi, CA 93581 or email: contact@tlrc.club They are on Facebook too.

Some interesting aircraft flew in for this month, including the big, beautiful and noisy Beech 18 owned by Phil and Barbara Schultz

and piloted by their oldest son, Scott. He looks happy in the left seat!

Phil and Barb's Twin Beech was built in 1958 and has two Pratt & Whitney R-985AN-14B Wasp Junior 9-cyl. radial piston engines with 450 horsepower.



On January 15, 1937, the Beechcraft Model 18 made its first demonstration flight at the factory in Wichita, Kansas, and it continued in production for thirty-two years.

Justin Gillen's open cockpit FlyBaby 1-A, with the Franklin engine sat on the flightline for many visitors to see.

In 1957, the Experimental Aircraft Association invited its membership to design, build and submit designs for a low-cost, easy-to-build, and easy-to-fly folding wing airplane for judging in a competition in conjunction with the National Fly-in in 1959. For various reasons, the competition was postponed until 1962.

Pete Bowers, of Seattle, Washington met the specifications for a homebuilt airplane including requirements that, among other things, it could be built in a space 7'x8'x20', which was equivalent to an average home garage. The maximum gross weight is only 925 pounds.



Next to the FlyBaby sat Dave VanHoy's (and Howard Judd's) Giles G-202. The fully aerobatic aircraft is equipped with a 'Vowel Engine' – a Lycoming AEIO-360, (Normally aspirated engine with fuel injection and inverted oil system for aerobatic use).

Even though the temperature was in the triple digits, families turned out to look at trains and airplanes.



Al Hansen brought his aircraft and trains out for display. The small live steam locomotive runs on coal on a 7.5 track. It is a Shay type locomotive that was used in logging in the Pacific Northwest.



Thank you Roy Gant for many of the photos in this report! We always appreciate your expert photography!

Thank you Bill Deaver and Steve Rushford for your help in manning the MTM promotions table and thank you to Lt. Finster, of Edwards Sq. 84 CAP for being on hand at this month's event and helping park aircraft.



Aviation and Landscape artist Doug Castleman made the long trek from his home to Mojave to display his beautiful paintings. Speaker Bob Alvis enjoyed sharing some aviation experiences with Doug.

Bob Alvis received a Plane Crazy Saturday hat in appreciation for his presentation about the history of the train depots in Lancaster, Mojave, Tehachapi and Palmdale. He strongly believes in the spirit of preserving our railroad history, including collecting and saving the square nails that were used in the building of depots one hundred years ago. If those nails could talk, they would tell some great stories!



Thank you Jim Wilhelm, Newsletter Editor, Tehachapi Pilots Assn. for photo of Bob Alvis and Cathy Hansen. Mojave Air & Spaceport's Javier Ruiz was a big help and we appreciate him so much! Thanks Javier!

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Mark your calendar for July 18, 2015 – HONOR FLIGHT KERN COUNTY with Lori Crown, Logistics Coordinator and the Veterans who have traveled with Honor Flight Kern County! See you next month!