

**Plane Crazy Saturday
After Action Report
February 18, 2012**

Another great day at Mojave Air & Spaceport! A little cool and the wind couldn't decide which way to blow – first out the west, then northeast, east and back to west!

The Mojave Transportation Museum Foundation showcased Scott Glaser's Yakovlev YAK-52, a Soviet primary aerobatic trainer. Scott is a flight test engineer at The Spaceship Company and enjoys flying to work every day.

Photo by Bill Deaver.

Plane Crazy Saturday is a terrific family event and it's free! We had visitors fly in and drive in from all over



Southern California and some were here from other states.

The two future pilots in front of the Gil Lipaz's Chinese CJ-6A from Camarillo Airport, live at Edwards and their Dad flies B-52s in the U.S. Air Force!

Tom Dent flew in as Scott's wingman in a Scottish Aviation Bulldog. I overheard someone on the ramp say, "There is one of everything here!"



Wen Painter greeted all of the aircraft owners who were displaying their historic aircraft at the designated Mojave Airport Display Day. He signs all of the forms for pilots and enjoys telling stories of his days at NASA Dryden!



Doug Pitzer flew in from Corona in his homebuilt Cozy Mark IV and Dick Rutan made a grand entrance flying overhead in his Berkut with the fancy red, white and blue paint job.

A pair of Globe Swifts came from John Wayne Airport in Orange County as a flight of two and look gorgeous on the ramp. They made a nice pass at the end of the day and Bill Deaver captured the flight.

Photo by Bill Deaver



Alan Radecki was home with the flu and wasn't available to drive the tram, so Al Hansen made a couple of trips before he had to leave. Get well soon Alan! We missed you!

A 1956 Globe Swift graced the ramp at Plane Crazy Saturday!

Photo by Roy Gant



Thank you to Bill Deaver, Chris Martin and Heather Benes for working the MTM booth! Due to the cold temperatures and gusty winds, all booths were inside this month. Douglas Castleman had a new painting of two North American B-25s bombing over Rhone Valley, Italy. Go to: <http://www.dougnart.com/> for more information about his stunning and accurate paintings.



Maggie Geimke of Usborne Books at Home has a good variety of educational books for children. She had some new ones about flying airplanes and helicopters this month!



Ron and Paula Alldredge brought their Beechcraft T-34 to Plane Crazy and won the drawing for the MTM duffel bag!



At eleven o'clock, Scott Glaser gave an informative briefing on the history of the YAK-52 in the East Kern Airport District Board Room and explained how he stays active with the Red Star Pilots Association.

Glaser said, "The design was developed from an aerobatic aircraft, the single-seat Yak-50. The -52 is aerobatic, and is also a super airplane for formation flying."

Members of the Red Star Pilots Association own and fly the variety of former Soviet airplanes available in the U.S. (including several other designs either based at Mojave and California City or frequent visitors, like L-39s).

Again my thanks to EKAD staff, Ron Langford and Ray Hatfield for their help with tables and chairs. Al Hansen, Doug Burdick and Sean Cooper were always there to help with all of the extras.

Thank you to Rebecca Amber for help with the computer during Scott's talk.

Special thanks to everyone who came to Plane Crazy and had breakfast or lunch at the Voyager Restaurant. Michelle was busy all day!



So glad the SpaceShip Company had a table set up handing out flyers with job openings. If you are an aerospace engineer, be sure to go to their webpage for a career!

<http://www.thespaceshipcompany.com/careers> Photo by Bill Deaver