

After Action Report – Plane Crazy Saturday, April 17, 2010

What a great day Saturday was! JoAnn Painter's 1949 Cessna 140A was a big hit! Several folks came up and told me about their memories of the C-140 they used to own or their first airplane ride that was in a Cessna 140! Thanks so much JoAnn for all of the work you and Wen put into Plane Crazy Saturday! Wen signs all of the 'tax exempt' forms. (Bill Deaver signed few this month too, when Wen had to leave for a while.)



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Every month is different, but always fun! It was a Mojave Chamber of Commerce day on Saturday! Very warm, with a light breeze from the East, in the morning, and switching mid-day to the West. Lots of out of town and out of state visitors and lots of adorable little kids!

Mike Patlin, motion picture Aerial Coordinator and Tony Bill, *'Flyboys'* Director flew their beautiful red, white & blue Marchetti SF-260 in for display.



Ron Applegate of Rosamond Skypark (Cessna 140 owner) brought the *'Flyboys'* poster he won at AirVenture in Oshkosh last year for Tony Bill to autograph!

Tony Bill loves Mojave Air & Spaceport and was so warm and cordial with everyone. Guess you can say the feeling was mutual! We love him too!

Thank you Tony for coming out to Mojave Airport. Please fly in anytime!

Tony, Mike and Mike's son, Danny, enjoyed a tour of XCOR Aerospace with Aleta Jackson.





Kelly Hall was at Plane Crazy with a new booth and new product for Voyager commander Dick Rutan. Canopy Clean, an eco-friendly plastic window/canopy cleaner and preservative. Rob Laughlin of AVGAS (Antelope Valley General Aviation Services) is seen here purchasing a bottle from Kelly, as Dick explains why he thinks this product is the best. He taxied his Berkut in after a few passes down

runway 08 and parked right next to JoAnn's Cessna 140!

Everyone was surprised to hear the sound of jet engines at Plane Crazy and saw an all grey flying machine taxi in and shut down.

A dear friend to Mojave Airport stopped by for lunch and didn't know Plane Crazy was going on – none other than world famous pilot Clay Lacy in Joe Clark's Lear 24! Clark is the inventor of the blended winglet that



saved the airline industry money and fuel. They winglets make the wing more efficient by reducing the drag near the wing tip. This means the airplane can burn less fuel as well as climb faster, reducing the noise to those on the ground. Clark says the main motivation for the airlines is

probably the cost savings, but the environmental impact is something he also touts.

Jim Balentine had the opportunity to talk to Clay about the air race days at Mojave Airport.





Art Siordia painting nose art on the GT-400 owned by Ralph Wise.

Lots of kids enjoyed the APC (Armored



Personnel Carrier) that Al Hansen had on display!



Our tram drivers, Alan Radecki and John Paul Olah had to work on Saturday, so we enlisted our friends from Ridgecrest (aircraft based at Trona (L72) – Gordon & Jackie Steffek and Lee & Donna Phillips. Thanks for flying over from Trona and thanks for driving our tram!



Grant & Marlene Stephens from Palmer, AK had a good visit with Dick Rutan and Al Hansen.

Thank you to Rheta Scott for working the MTM booth!! It was good to see Barbara Schultz with the Plane Mercantile booth and our aviation artist friend, Doug Castleman! Welcome to Canopy Clean. Hope to see everyone next month – May 15th!

Look at the spring flowers in Legacy Park!!



Next Plane Crazy on Saturday, May 15th!