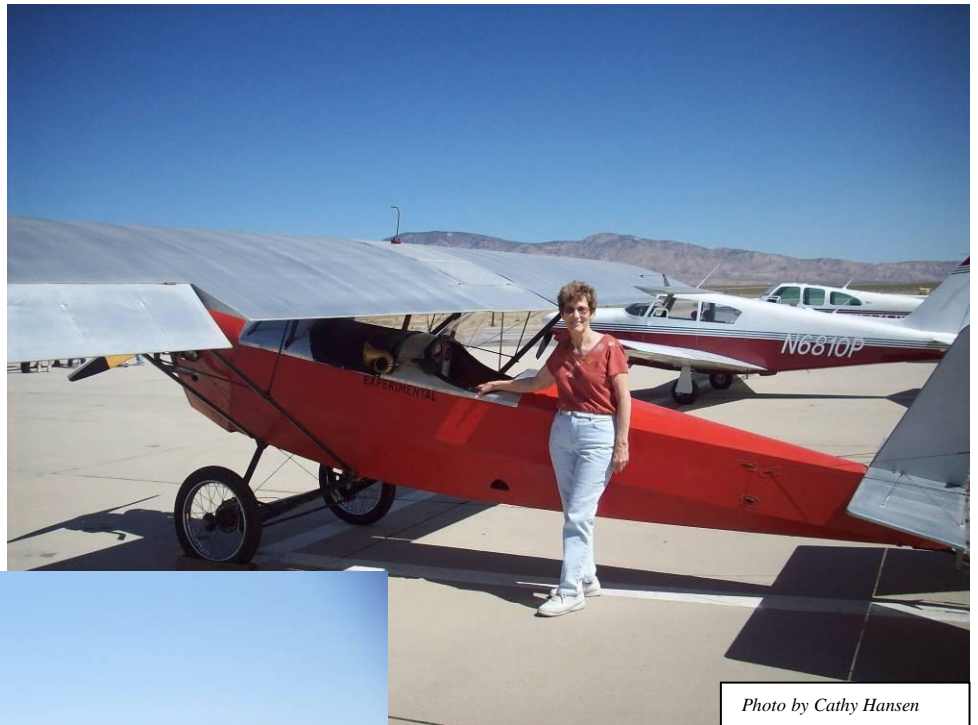


**Plane Crazy Saturday  
After Action Report  
June 16, 2012  
Salute to Women in Aviation & Aerospace**  
*Photos by Bill Deaver, Roy Gant and Cathy Hansen*

Another great day at Mojave Air & Spaceport! It was plenty hot, and the winds were light from the east-northeast most of the day.

Mojave Transportation Museum Foundation paid a special tribute to JoAnn Painter, pilot/aircraft owner, Certified Flight Instructor, A&P mechanic and currently serves on the East Kern Airport District Board of Directors as Vice President.



*Photo by Cathy Hansen*



JoAnn Painter and her husband Wen own four airplanes, but three of them definitely belong to JoAnn! Her 1929 Pietenpol Air Camper is a homebuilt, wood and fabric, tandem seat, open-cockpit aircraft and was constructed from plans that Bernie Pietenpol first designed in 1928. He chose a Model A Ford engine to power his original flying machine,

but JoAnn's aircraft has a Continental A80 (80 horsepower) air cooled engine.

George Meyer started Meyer Aircraft with his first Sports Aerobatic Biplane, started in 1951 and first flown in February of 1957. The plane was named from the Disney Cartoon called Little Toot, the tug boat. JoAnn's Little Toot carries the nickname of "Toot Sweet," and was previously owned by aviation legend Fitz Fulton.

Mary E. (Lyn) McNeely, Instructor Flight Test Engineer at the U. S. Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base



*Photo by Bill Deaver*



Moye W. Stephens and had both available at her table on Saturday. Go to Barbara's website: <http://www.planemercantile.com/servlet/StoreFront> Plane Mercantile offers original aviation collectibles as well as custom stationary and jewelry. This site specializes in unique items for the aviation enthusiast - gifts for women and men who love to fly.

Doug Castleman had some new paintings of World War II fighters. Check out his website at <http://www.dougncart.com/> You will see paintings of Al Hansen's F-86 and JoAnn Painter's Cessna 140!

NASA Dryden's MaryAnn Harness was at Plane Crazy for the first time, but not the last! She promised to come back with more items for the display table. It was so good to welcome NASA to our monthly event!



XCOR Aerospace set up a display table and gave away Lynx stickers and information on their new spacecraft. Thanks Terri Carroll for setting up XCOR's educational outreach booth!





Society of Women Engineers, Antelope Valley Section with President Karen Weigle; Women in Aviation, the Antelope Valley Ninety-Nines (International Organization of Women Pilots) and the Air Force Association Pete Knight Chapter from Edwards Air Force Base made their debut appearance at Plane Crazy this month.

Randy and Leigh Kelly brought their new “toy box” trailer and had information for the Air Force Association, Women in



Aviation and the Antelope Valley Ninety-Nines.

Leigh Kelly and Connie Farmer answered questions about Women in Aviation International Organization, the Aero Club at Edwards AFB and the Ninety-Nines.

Amelia Earhart became the Ninety-Nines' first elected president in 1931. Membership was immediately opened to other women as they became licensed pilots. The organization's founding

purposes continue to guide the organization today.

In 1929, a Women's Air Derby, affectionately coined the "Powder Puff Derby," was held at Clover Field (now called Santa Monica Airport) in conjunction with the Cleveland Air Races. Forty women pilots qualified to take part in the derby, and nineteen, including Amelia, actually raced.

What a fun time everyone had in the BD-5 from Tehachapi. This isn't a flyer, but has all of the cool sounds of an airplane starting, running and shutting down! Kids of all ages had a ball in this airplane.

The propeller even turned to complete the effects of flying.

In 1972, Burt Rutan was the Director of Development of the BD-5 aircraft for Bede Aircraft in Newton, Kansas.







This was the second visit from the U. S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Antelope Valley Squadron, to Plane Crazy Saturday.

Tom Howell brought his Glasair over from Rosamond Skypark. Wen Painter said he signed in 36 different aircraft for this month! Thank you Wen for all of your dedication to Plane Crazy! Everyone enjoys visiting with Wen in the Voyager Restaurant!



A huge thank you to Chris and Riitta Martin and Bill Deaver for manning the MTM booth this month!

Alan Radecki drove the tram for the flightline tour again and we appreciate him so much! Apologies to everyone for the absence of the sound system. It met its demise earlier in the week! I think some wires got crossed - Oops! We will have a new one next month!







Our good friend Roy Gant is always at Plane Crazy and took this photo of Lyn McNeely and me. She is a fantastic “woman in aerospace” – smart, experienced in over 40 different aircraft, and really fun to visit with. Thanks to Khaki Rodway for asking Lyn to speak!

*Realize your Dream....Learn to Fly* poster was provided by the Aero Club Flight Training Center at Edwards. Connie Farmer, Aero Club Manager, was at Plane Crazy answering questions.

Thank you Ron Langford and everyone at Mojave Air & Spaceport for their support and help. Thank you for the use of the tables and chairs again this month!

Thank you Dick Rutan for donating your Cessna 150 with pilot Dustin Riggs for a few “Once Around the Pattern” flights to help raise funds for the museum. “Once Around” flights were \$20 each.

The winner of the MTM duffle bag this month was Ricardo Garcia who works at the Voyager Restaurant! Congratulations Ricardo!

Thank you to everyone who flew in for this month’s PCS! Hope to see you on July 21<sup>st</sup>!

