

**Plane Crazy Saturday
After Action Report
August 20, 2011**

A Day with RVs, Edwards AFB 419th Bomber Flight Test Squadron Commanding Officer and the Houchin Blood Mobile

What a busy beautiful day at Mojave Air & Spaceport! Nearly a dozen Van's RVs flew in to Mojave, several having to fly out of Chino IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) because of low clouds and fog. We are really lucky out here on the desert to have over 50-mile visibility!

The initials 'RV' usually mean Recreational Vehicle, and while that may be an apt description of the RV line of kit aircraft, in this case they are also the initials of designer and founder of Van's Aircraft, Richard VanGrunsvan.



Thank you Axel Alvarez, Inyokern Airport for setting up the RV Fly-In to the Mojave Transportation Museum Foundation's Plane Crazy Saturday event last Saturday! Axel is a Flight



Test Engineer with the Marines at China Lake NAWS.

Rosamond Skypark residents, Paul and Victoria Rosales flew to Mojave in their RV-6 with several other RVs to enjoy breakfast before Plane Crazy Saturday.



Paul and Victoria have flown their homebuilt aircraft over 3,000 hours and have visited most of the United States, every state except Hawaii, plus trips to the Cayman Islands, Canada, Mexico and the British West Indies, including the Turks and Caicos Islands.





Always a pleasure to see in the air, Dick Rutan was giving rides in his Berkut to a few folks who had made donations to the Gentle Barn in Santa Clarita. Dick's wife, Kris, donates her time taking care of abandoned animals that have been rescued by the Gentle Barn.

Rutan also soloed one of his best students on Saturday. Congratulations to Jason Vanloon for his first solo flying a Cessna 150 at Mojave Airport.



Houchin Community Blood Bank located in Bakersfield, serving all of Kern County, was on hand to take blood donations. "We were very pleased with the turn out for our first drive at the Airport," said Christina Scrivner, Community Development Account Manager.

"We had a lot of first time donors, which we love!" Al Hansen said he would give blood if Christina would hold his hand and sing the Battle Hymn of the Republic. He loves to hear Christina sing and this photo taken by Bill Deaver shows he is happy to donate blood!





Air Force Lt. Colonel Hans “Lucky” Miller, Commander 419th Flight Test Squadron of the 412th Test Wing at Edwards Air Force Base was invited to give a briefing at Plane Crazy Saturday. He is the Director of the Global Power Bombers Combined Test Force and leads a 600-person unit that test and evaluates Air Force bombers at the Air Force Flight Test Center.

His presentation opened with some of his own combat experiences that took place in 1999 and again, right after Sept. 11, 2001. To hear him tell about gripping the stick of his B-1, while his eyes scanned the skies for

missiles was truly an edge of your seat feeling.

In the audience was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran who flew in B-24 heavy bombers. Lancaster resident, Rex Janzen, brought the bomber jacket he wore when he served as an Army Air Corps staff sergeant at the Muroc Army Air Base (now Edwards AFB) in 1943. He trained as a radio operator and became a waist gunner with the 7th Air Force in B-24s.

Many thanks to all of the Mojave Transportation Museum Foundations volunteers and the East Kern Airport District crew who make this event possible. Thank you Rheta Scott and Heather Benes for your willingness and dedication to working the MTM booth at Plane Crazy! Thank you Doug Castleman, Aviation Artist; Maggie Geimke, Usborne Books at Home; and Rancho Raviri Almond Gifts for taking the time to set up booths at this monthly event.

Thank you to Alan Radecki for driving the tram and giving such a thorough description of Mojave Airport and the history of all the interesting aircraft that live here. Thank you to Wen Painter for signing in all of the pilots. We always enjoy your stories and so glad your friend Ray Kellogg was able to visit with you today!

Many thanks to EKAD Ron Langford for his help with tables, chairs and opening the board room for speakers. He never fails to provide great assistance and he is appreciated.

Looking forward to next month’s Plane Crazy Saturday, Sept. 17. We will have a Salute to the Bellanca aircraft.