

PLANE CRAZY SATURDAY After Action Report – January 18, 2014

Happy fifth anniversary to Plane Crazy Saturday! The Mojave Transportation Museum Foundation established Plane Crazy Saturday on January 17, 2009 at Mojave Air and Spaceport and we haven't missed a month in all these years – we are here on the third Saturday of each month, rain or shine!



MTM Board Members Bill Deaver and Midge Wright are ever faithful to help visitors have a good time. Post cards, posters, books, t-shirts, calendars and hats are available to enrich the Plane Crazy experience for kids of all ages.

The weather was absolutely perfect! 70-degrees in the sun and NO WIND!! (Smile!)

Tom Nault, member of MDARS (Mojave Desert Advanced Rocket Society) brought a nice display of large model rockets to inspire future rocket scientists.



Thank you Roy Gant for taking some of the photos in this report!



Beautiful flyover with Beechcraft T-34s and a Nanchang CJ-6 – smoke on! Ronny Alldredge from Tehachapi, in his red, white and blue T-34; Ron Lee from Torrance Airport (Zamperini Field) in the left slot in a Nanchang CJ-6. L to R: Ronny Alldredge, Michael ‘Viper’ Maloco, Werner Holdereid, Alan Blake, Marc Russell and Ron Lee.

After a couple of passes down runway 26, all four aircraft landed and the pilots came into the Voyager Restaurant for lunch!

Rocket Science Institute had a fine book display that focuses on rockets and space research projects. They recently moved their publishing offices from White Sands, New Mexico to Mojave Air and Spaceport!



Dr. Edward Jones, Founder and director emeritus of the Rocket Science Institute was the featured speaker at Plane Crazy Saturday.

He spoke to a capacity crowd in the Mojave Air and Spaceport Board Room about the first rocket



testing in the Mojave Desert, and how Cal Tech amateur experimenters discovered that Muroc Lake was nearby and ideal for rocket testing. Within a few years, their project became the Jet Propulsion Lab, or JPL.





Visitors from all over California took advantage of the fantastic weather and flew to Mojave Air and Spaceport!

This beautiful Experimental Wittman Tailwind W-10, built in 2003, by Red Hamilton, flew all the way from Fort Bragg, CA!

Others flew over from Rosamond or Fox Field.

This 1948 Piper PA-15 Vagabond is from Rosamond. We love the aircraft from the 1930s and 1940s!

Parked next to the Vagabond is Jere Calef's bright red 1948 Cessna 195! Jere and his wife, Heather Benes often fly in to participate in Plane Crazy Saturday. We are always happy to see them!



Ron Lee flew his 1968 Nanchang CJ-6A in the formation flight on Saturday. He keeps his aircraft at Torrance Airport and is a member of the Red Star Pilots Association.





Gary and Char Spencer flew their 'hot' Long EZ over from Inyokern Airport. This is a 'hot' Long EZ because it is powered with a 351 Windsor Ford V-8 aluminum small block engine!

You want gas mileage? He claims at 160 mph, he burns about 4GPH. At 200 mph (2900 RPM) he burns about 6 GPH.

Thank you Char and Gary for your positive comments about Plane Crazy Saturday, you are always so much fun to visit with!

Family fun is the name of the game! Free family entertainment at Plane Crazy Saturday!

Resident of Rosamond Skypark, Tony Ginn, along with his lovely daughter and cute son (doesn't he look like Tom Cruise in the sunglasses?) enjoyed conversation and a cup of coffee with JoAnn Painter.

Thank you Wen Painter for signing in pilots again this Saturday. Wen has been signing pilots in at PCS for 5 years running!



A nice 1975 Cessna 150M flew in from Los Angeles and the Edwards Civil Air Patrol was in force on Saturday and we appreciate them so much. THANK YOU EDWARDS AFB CAP!!

Many thanks to Ron Langford at Mojave Air and Spaceport for his help with tables and chairs. You are the greatest!

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