

What a glorious day on Saturday with experimental airplanes and famous air racers from Reno National Air Races, on the ramp as far as you could see! It was mind-boggling and wonderful!

The Mojave Experimental Fly-In captured the spirit that has lived at Mojave Airport since the late 1960s when Burt Rutan started the Rutan Aircraft Factory!



So happy that everyone had such a good time at the MEFI (Mojave Experimental Fly-In) at Mojave Air & Spaceport on Friday night and Saturday! The Indoor Fly-In on Friday night was outstanding and Plane Crazy Saturday, Mojave Experimental Fly-In was one of the best ever!

Thank you to CEO Karina Drees

Quelet and Mojave Air & Spaceport for all of the support and sponsorship! Thank you to Scaled Composites and TSC, for their generous sponsorships. Thank you GT Aero, Wayne Rowley, Thom Lapworth, Michael Fortuna and Susan Bondy Fortuna for their MEFI Sponsorships too!

Thank you to the Edwards Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol for flight line safety marshaling and parking aircraft on Saturday!! Great job!

Thank you to Mojave Air & Spaceport Tower Controllers, Nick Booker and Carl Ingram - they handled nearly 400 flight operations on Saturday! 160 -170 aircraft were on the ramp! AWESOME job guys!! Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ElfB1lhKQvQ&feature=youtu.be>







Van's aircraft engineers Rian Johnson and Adam Burch flew in their new aerobatic homebuilt kit RV-14 and an RV-7 for MEFI, then gave an informative talk in the MASP Conference Room.

Thank you to Kevin Wojtkiewicz for all of his help days beforehand, making decisions that made Saturday run smoothly!

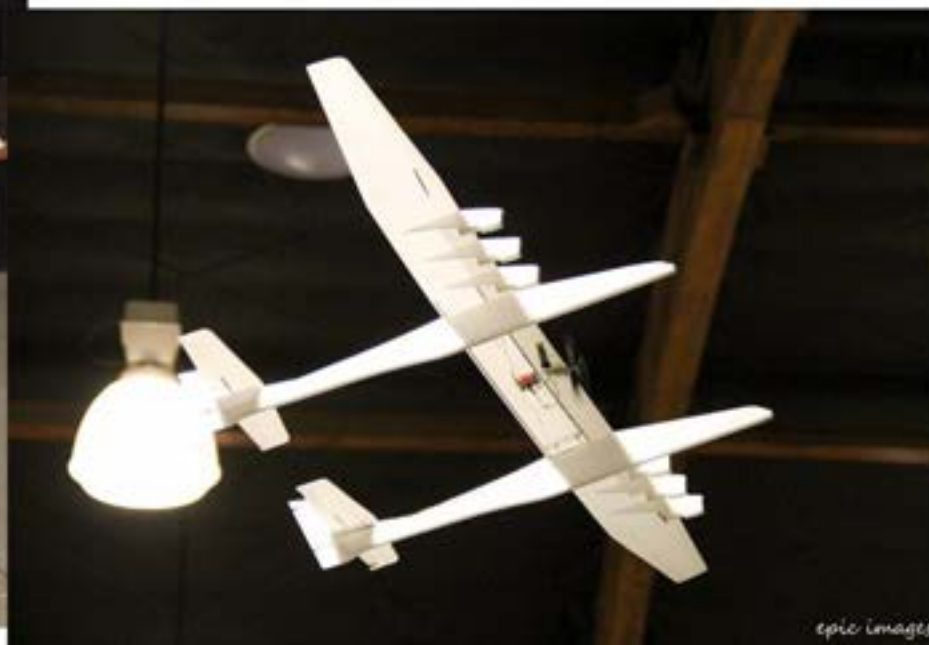
Thank to Chris Spandorf and all of the Airport Security on duty for their work and support and thank you to

John Himes, our new Airport Operations Manager, for keeping us all organized!

Little guys and gals flying model airplanes with Moms and Dads helping was such a gift to see! Lots of photos are posted on Facebook! Epic Images captured some priceless moments in pictures! Andy Glatfelter took some great photos at the Indoor Fly-In too! Danny Bazzel, Alan Radecki and Jim Wright Davis posted photos on Facebook that are fabulous and I have re-posted a few in this After Action Report.



Dan Kreigh's StratoLaunch model!





Andy Glatfelter, Principal at Discovery School in Lancaster named after aviation legend, LtCol Fitzhugh Fulton and SpaceShipTwo pilot, Michael Alsbury, enjoyed a night of model building with his own kids!



Employees from Scaled Composites, TSC The Spaceship Co. and StratoLaunch planned, set-up and participated in the night's activities. Thank you Mason Hutchinson, Rob Heap, Jeromy Robbins and many others for making this night so memorable!

Epic images captured the perfect moment with this future woman engineer/pilot/possible astronaut!



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So many race aircraft flew in thanks to Elliot Sequin, the driving force and spark plug of the Mojave Experimental Fly-In! Thank you Elliot for your dedication and passion to keep the 'Design, Build, Test' spirit alive!

Elliot taxied up in his newest test aircraft TWERP – a Rutan designed Quickie with jet engines! TWERP uses two PBS TJ40 fuel guzzling engines that develop 84 lbs of thrust each! He kept the fans happy by starting the little jet engines several times!



MEFI attracted *CONTACT! Magazine* who posted some nice videos of Elliot's startups on Facebook. Go to:



<https://www.facebook.com/www.CONTACTMagazine/videos/1032712653470185/?fref=nf> to see video.

Tom Wilson from *KITPLANES Magazine* was on hand as well and wrote a great article that began – “Experimental fans continue to make the Mojave Experimental Fly-In an anticipated event on the west coast. Even with minimal publicity and in the face of sometimes blustery north winds, the Experimental Fly-In drew an impressively large crowd today. Almost all attending were fly-in participants eager to eyeball interesting airplanes and meet the people behind them— and with everything from Pietenpols to the Virgin Galactic mothership on the ramp, we doubt anyone was disappointed.” To see full article, go to:

<http://kitplanes2.com/blog/2016/04/mojave-experimental-fly-in-2016/>

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Next to a photo is this cutline: "Best thing about the MEFI is the depth of talent walking the ramp. Here we eavesdropped on an interesting conversation regarding the finer points of computerized engine management between Sport Class racers Andrew Findlay (left) and Klaus Savier. The MEFI is an excellent place to meet company principles and active experimenters."



Thank you Tom Wilson and *KITPLANES Magazine* for covering the Mojave Experimental Fly-In at our April Plane Crazy Saturday!

Plane Crazy Saturday is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month and is a free, family-oriented event.



Thank you MTM board members for helping out at the promotions table on Saturday. A special thank you to Ursula Finkbeiner for pitching in with setting up with Doug Burdick and Shawn Cooper! Bill Deaver signed historical aircraft forms and Steve Rushford is the resident expert on flying model helicopters and quads. Thank you all for your dedication and willingness to volunteer your time and energy!

Thank you Ron Langford for all of your help and support with the tables, chairs and conference room!

Our regular monthly sponsors are appreciated so much and we displayed a banner with their names at MEFI too!

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Next Plane Crazy Saturday will be held on May 21, 2016 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Starr Ginn, NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center, Deputy Aeronautics Research Director will be speaking at 11 a.m.! She is POC for Hybrid Electric Aircraft Research at AFRC.