## PLANE CRAZY SATURDAY MOJAVE TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM FOUNDATION AFTER ACTION REPORT JULY 20, 2013

## **Plane Crazy Saturday <u>SAVED</u> by Popular Demand!**

Thank you Joudi Asadi, Voyager Restaurant and Jimmy Balentine, Mojave Radio Shack for stepping up to the plate to help pay for airport security expenses and thanks to James Joyce, Rosamond News and Bill Deaver for contacting businesses to act as sponsors for Plane Crazy Saturday for the upcoming year! Sponsors for security expenses include: Rosamond News; Karl's Hardware; Barnett's Carpet Cleaning; Kieffe & Sons Ford; Voyager Restaurant and Mojave Radio Shack.

Each of the six sponsors will donate \$200 to cover the needed expense for security for a one year period. Other donations will be accepted for special events that may require tower expenses of \$752 per event.

A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed at the July PCS! A total of \$50 was donated and more has been promised.

Stars of Hot, Hot Wings and Wheels, July Plane Crazy Saturday were Jim Roberts 1957 Bellanca and 1957 Chevy truck, painted to match! Jim is a member of the Society of Tehachapi Pilots.

We appreciate Jim's wife driving the Chevy truck from Tehachapi for this month's PCS!

Love the back window of the truck with the image of the Bellanca!



Jim has owned this Bellanca for 42 years and believes both the airplane and the pickup truck are 'family heirlooms!'

Ted Hodgkinson was perfect as our DJ with the classic cars and he chose songs that were a match for the autos on display. He started the mix with Little GTO by Ronnie & The Daytona's in honor of the beautiful red convertible from Cal City on display. (Yes, it has a 400 cubic inch engine and a four-speed



transmission!)

He played all of the favorites about cars, including: Little Ol' Lady from Pasadena by Jan and Dean; 409 by the Beach Boys; Little Deuce Coupe by the Beach Boys and Janis Joplin, Oh Lord won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz.

When Dick Rutan flew by in his Berkut, Ted just happened to be playing, "Born to be Wild!" ③



getting the word out and bringing so many cars out for our Hot, Hot July Wings and Wheels!

MTM brought out their 1941 Chevrolet Sedan Deluxe that was donated by Chris and Darla Manley several years ago. She is still running and still beautiful with her Victory Six engine.



(Actually, the little Ford on display wasn't a Deuce-Coupe, it was a 1931, not a 1932, but it was a five window coupe and was really tricked out with a powerful engine.

Thank you to Marilyn Margaro, President of the California City Old Tin Car Club for



We have accomplished bringing support for our event from other areas other than Mojave! The Old Tin Car Club came from California City; and some of the cars came from the Tehachapi Car Club. Nine



Thank you to MTM Board member and California City resident, Alexia Svejda, for sharing her photos taken at the July PCS.

The Edwards Air Force Base Squadron Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was on duty again at Plane Crazy with flightline safety. aircraft flew in from Tehachapi, Lancaster, Ancient Valley Airpark and 16 were on display from Mojave. Zack McKinney, videographer, was there taking lots of video and still shots.

Members and families of the Lancaster and Palmdale Mom's Club came to Plane Crazy Saturday for the first time this month! Welcome and please come back again!





CAP officers Major Brian Bauer, Major Chris Melcher and Lt. Gail Harper had an information booth set up for attendees with brochures offering opportunities for young people to become involved in CAP.

Mojave Air and Space Port, Operations Manager, Kevin Wojtkiewicz, was outstanding with

his presence and assistance. He helped the CAP set up an ELT (Emergency Locating Transmitter) training session during PCS and OKed it through LA Center so they would know that it was only a practice signal and not a real downed aircraft.

Dick Rutan paused with the CAP staff for a photo session.

Harold Smith, Chris Spandorf, Ron Langford, Karina Drees and Stu Witt were all in attendance from the airport staff. We thank them all for their generous support!





We were thrilled to see Dana Burkhardt from Ancient Valley Air Park in Mojave and her award winning 1956 Cessna 172 – Grand Champion in the custom category at Sun 'n Fun in Florida! Everyone gathered around for numerous photographers taking photos. Thank you Roy Gant of Bakersfield for this shot!

Lt. Gail Harper enjoyed time talking with Flora Belle Reece, WWII WASP, and sharing the CAP brochure with her.





Another photo from Roy Gant is this beautiful Harmon Rocket II, flown to MASP by Adam Pontius – home base is Ancient Valley Air Park.



Two future pilots or aerospace engineers showed Bill Deaver their recent purchases at PCS.

Newest MTM Board Member and master modeler, Steve Rushford, shows a young visitor the proper way to assemble a small glider.

Special thanks to Ron Langford for his assistance with tables and chairs and to Kevin Wojtkiewicz for his help.

Doug Burdick and Sean Cooper are always faithful to set up and tear down the MTM promotions table and help wherever needed. A big thank you to Doug and Sean!



Many are leaving this weekend for the huge EAA gathering in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and next month Reno racers and race fans will be gearing up for the greatest air race on the planet in September, the "50th National Championship Air Races" in Reno!

Hope to see you on August 17, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. for another Plane Crazy Saturday!

## MTM would like to say thank you to all of our supporters for their heartfelt loyalty to Plane Crazy Saturday!