

**PLANE CRAZY SATURDAY
AUGUST 17, 2013
AFTER ACTION REPORT**

Clear blue skies, calm air and 100-degree temperature greeted visitors of Mojave Transportation Museum's August Plane Crazy Saturday at Mojave Air and Space Port. Even though the Porterfield



aircraft was unable to make it due to magneto problems, everyone had a great time! Porterfield will fly to MASP next month when we feature Chris McMurtry's 1939 Piper J-3 Cub, plus Chris will give us a presentation on the history of the J-3!

Thank you Kelly Hall and talented daughter, Shara, for the interim sponsor banner! We truly appreciate our Plane Crazy Saturday 'security' sponsors! THANK YOU SPONSORS!!

Since the Aircraft of the Month (Porterfield) had magneto problems, we parked MTM's Emeraude front and center!

The French designed Piel "Emeraude" first flew in France in 1956. It is a two-seat low-wing monoplane of all wood construction. The wing span is 26-feet, 3.5-inches and the fuselage length is 20-feet, 11.5 inches.

This Emeraude aircraft was donated to MTM by Chris & Darla Manley in 2008. The late, Ralph 'Buzz' Sawyer licensed this aircraft in 1980. It has a Lycoming 0235 engine and flies great! Buzz, a former engineering



technician at NASA's Ames-Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards, also designed his Skyjacker aircraft in 1968 and in 1975 flew it for the first time at Mojave. It now sits on the ramp next to the fence in the T-hangar area.



It was so good to see the ramp fill up with historic aircraft!

Jere Calef flew his bright red Cessna 195 over from Ancient Valley Air Park and Heather Benes worked in the MTM promotions booth making unique beaded bracelets!

Jere's 195 was manufactured in 1948 and a 300 HP R755A2 Jacobs, seven cylinder, air-cooled radial engine powers his Cessna 195.

Our good friend from Bakersfield, Roy Gant

captured the photos of the classic 195 and Pitts Special on the Mojave Air and Space Port ramp.

A meticulous example of the Aerotek Pitts Special S-1S graced the flightline Saturday. Clint Nichols flew in from Tehachapi to partake in the beautiful weather and family friendly Plane Crazy Saturday activities.

PCS friend, Amanda Ding, took this photo from inside Voyager Restaurant as guests enjoyed breakfast or lunch at their 'tables with a view!'





As if on cue, a flight of two USMC Cobra gunships came in from the east and flew between runway 8-26 and the taxiway, kicking up a little dust with those big blades. Everyone hoped they



would land and I'm sure they would have if the ramp hadn't been full of aircraft. They were probably looking to stop for a good lunch at the Voyager Restaurant!

It was a great surprise addition to our Historic



Aircraft Display Day!

We were happy to see the Civil Air Patrol Squadron from Edwards AFB again this month! Congratulations to Captain Gailmary Harper on your promotion!!

Thank you to Major Brian Bauer for briefing the squadron on flightline safety and making sure visitors were secure from aircraft taxiing into parking and aircraft starting engines to leave.

The Edwards AFB CAP Squadron is a tremendous asset to our event each month!

Vance Kirkpatrick of Leona Valley, CA flew this sweet little 2-place 1947 Cessna 120 – a true classic, to Plane Crazy Saturday and Joe Biviano brought this four seat, 1959 Piper Comanche PA-24 with an O-540 engine. Nice!



Thank you to all of the pilots and aircraft owners who flew in to make this an exceptional display day!

All of the familiar aircraft from Mojave Airport were on hand, including Al Hansen's Canadair F-86. (Photo by Roy Gant)



Roy Martin's Cessna 206 is always the first aircraft on the ramp for Plane Crazy!



A clean 1967 Cessna 182 is hangared at MHV and is always ready for a flight!



Thank you to Bill Deaver, Heather Benes and Midge Wright for manning the MTM promotions table again this month. A big thank you to Wen Painter for signing in all of the pilots too!



Was so good to see Maggie Geimke back with Usborne Children's Books this month!





Mojave Chamber of Commerce President Doug Clipperton, MTM Board Member Steve Rushford and MASP Board Director Jimmy Balentine enjoyed the day at Plane Crazy.

Jimmy Balentine, owner Mojave Radio Shack was the first person to give a check to sponsor Plane Crazy Saturday! Thanks Jimmy!

Bill Deaver took photos as Steve Rushford described constructing and flying model aircraft during the 11 a.m. lecture in the MASP Board Room.

Model helicopters are always fun to watch and to fly. Steve let guests try their



hands at flying the little helicopter.

Kids of all ages always enjoy the

educational value of coming to the airport! It was a fun day!



Dick Rutan's Berkut always draws admirers.

Thank you to Kevin

Wojtkiewicz, Operations Mgr., Mojave Air and Spaceport for your continuous support and to Ron Langford for always being so helpful. See you next month on September 21st!