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PLANE CRAZY SATURDAY

After Action Report – OCTOBER 17, 2015

Gorgeous day at Mojave Air & Spaceport!

Joyce Nash (We Are Mojave) and her Dad, Reid, visited Plane Crazy Saturday! Mr. Nash came to Mojave from Georgia to visit his daughter and found himself involved in the rescue effort to help stranded motorists who were victims of the huge rainstorm and mudslide on Highway 58.

Joyce has a wonderful giving spirit and volunteered to help at the emergency shelter that was set up by Kern County Sheriff and the Red Cross in the Mojave High School gymnasium. Thank you Joyce and Reid for your willingness to help!



Over 100 cars, dozens of big rig trucks and a busload of French tourists were trapped in mud late Thursday afternoon (Oct. 15, 2015), including employees from Mojave Air & Spaceport tenants on their way home to Tehachapi.

Inigo Markle-Allen of Scaled Composites, posted photos on Facebook. He said when the water and mud hit his car it started to float sideways and was hitting other vehicles, like bumper cars. There was no way to control the direction of his vehicle! He got out of his car after he saw that the CHP had set up a command post. He hung

around there until they were able to give him a lift back to the airport. He went back to his workplace and spent the night. Many folks spent the night in their vehicle, while others were transported to the shelter in Mojave or a shelter that was set up in Tehachapi.

Dustin Mosher was one of the Tehachapi pilots who participated in The Great Tehachapi/Mojave Airlift. When SR-58 shut down, Ken Hetge, member of the Society of Tehachapi Pilots and owner of Recover Your Cub, offered the use of his aircraft so pilots could fly people to work in Mojave. Pilots in Mojave joined the fun

transporting people back to Tehachapi. The weather was really beautiful on Friday and Dustin said, “We loved helping; any excuse to go flying!”

While flying over the mudslide area many photos were taken showing the devastation and loss to the vehicles stuck in the mud.

Sorry I don’t know who to give photo credit to. I found most of these on Facebook. Zack Reeder took a few people and so did Dustin Mosher.



I think these two photos show the path of the mudslide and how it fanned out.

I heard there was over 3-inches of rain dumped on the highway in just 30 minutes!

The mud was 3 to 20-feet deep. In some places the center concrete barrier was totally covered in mud.

This photo shows the depth of the mud and the force it carried.





Lockheed test pilot, Jim 'JB' Brown flew over from Rosamond SkyPark in his immaculate Cessna 190. What a beauty!

She was manufactured in 1953 and sports a Continental R-670 seven cylinder radial engine. This size engine was also used in the PT-17 Stearman and Fairchild PT-23.

JB's 190 sounded sweet as he taxied into the tiedown!

Chris McMurtry flew the 1939 J-3 Cub in for a visit! Good to see her again! This aircraft was a favorite of Chris's famous father who flew for NASA. Thanks Chris, for bringing this 'time-machine' back to Mojave for a quick visit!



Jim Roberts 1957 Bellanca from Tehachapi and Dave VanHoy's North American T-6 graced the ramp for Plane Crazy Saturday!

Jim has a 1957 pickup truck with a matching paint job too. Both the pickup and the Bellanca had belonged to his Dad. He has kept them both in pristine condition in honor of his late Father. That is so awesome!

Both Chris McMurtry and Jim Roberts were inspired to fly by their fathers. I hope we are inspiring the kids who come to Plane Crazy to fly and design airplanes!

Nothing beats a reliable Cessna 182! Jim Wilhelm, Newsletter Editor for the Society of Tehachapi Pilots flew down to Mojave and offered to take people back to Tehachapi if they needed a ride. Not sure if he had any takers/ Highway 58 was still closed and wasn't expected to open until later in the week. Thanks Jim for coming to Plane Crazy Saturday!



Thank you, Bill Deaver, for the photo of Bradford Neal receiving a Plane Crazy Saturday hat.

Wow! What a great and informative presentation!

Bradford Neal, Chief Engineer at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center, at Edwards gave a talk entitled, *"Into the Sunset – The Last Flight of NASA B-52 008."*

Brad served as the Research Vehicle system operator aboard B-52B/008 on its final research mission and final flight. His presentation of the story of the last flight of this great aircraft was fantastic! Lots of present day and former NASA folks in attendance!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this month's Plane Crazy Saturday a success! Thank you to MTM Board Members and special friends of MTM: Bill Deaver, Wen Painter and Ursula Finkbeiner!

MASP Security opened the Conference Room for us, as some of the regular staff were helping the CHP park trucks and cars that were being pulled from the mudslide. Everyone just pulls together and helps wherever needed during an emergency. It's great living in a small town!

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Hope to see you at our Veterans Day Ceremony on
Wednesday, November 11 in Legacy Park at 11 a.m.
Mojave Air & Spaceport.

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California City Chamber of Commerce & California City Airport
Presents:



Kay Sundaram, AOPA Ambassador
"How to Start a Flying Club" presentation!
11 a.m. @ Norm Hill Aviation

PLANE CRAZY SATURDAY TWO

Static Airplane Display Day for Historic Aircraft!

California City Municipal Airport!

November 14, 2015 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Flying demonstrations
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Hot Air Balloon Rides!

Bob Tyszka 760.373.5693 RSVP!
Please call for availability and reservation for a balloon ride!
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Veteran's Day
November 11, 2015
(Wednesday)
Mojave Air & Spaceport
Legacy Park - 11 a.m.



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Keynote Speaker
Christine Maag-Yandek
U.S. Army Veteran



Served two tours of duty as a combat medic in Iraq with
1st Infantry Division 'The Big Red One' and 82nd Airborne Division

Mojave Senior Citizens will provide
cookies & coffee after ceremony!

Static aircraft displays
For more information: 661.824.2889

On November 14, 2015 PLANE CRAZY SATURDAY TWO will be held at California City Airport with AOPA Ambassador Kay Sundaram giving a presentation on 'How to Form a Flying Club.' Call 760.373.5693 for more information on Balloon Rides!

PLANE CRAZY SATURDAY at Mojave Air & Spaceport will be held on November 21, 2015 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with Margaret Viola (TSC) and Erin Hambrick (Scaled Composites) telling about the great experience of flying in the 2015 AIR RACE CLASSIC! Great inspiration for all women pilots and future women pilots! Hope to see you at one or all of our November events!