



These two women from Mojave Air & Spaceport continued the tradition of the first 'Powder Puff Derby' by competing on two different teams flying over 2,000 miles to complete the course in four days.

Fantastic presentation about the 2015 Air Race Classic by Margaret Viola, Executive Project Specialist at The SpaceShip Co. and Erin Hambrick, design engineer at Scaled Composites. (Photos by Bill Deaver and Roy Gant)

The first Women's Air Derby was held on August 13-20, 1929. It was a transcontinental race as part of the National Air Races at Cleveland that was entered by 20 women flyers.

Familiar names like Amelia Earhart, Pancho Barnes and Louis Thadden were entrants. It is said that Will Rogers noted that their female genes compelled each racer to take one last glance at her compact, along with a dab of powder on her nose and succinctly announced, "It looks like a powder puff derby to me!"



Her quick wit and business acumen stood out – and was the beginning of what would become a long and beautiful friendship, which also led to an invitation to partner in the 2015 Air Race Classic. Margaret and Anne Marie flew as Team #24 "Team Flying Tigresses" in a Grumman Tiger.

Margaret has always been inspired by all things aviation from day one! Born and raised in Oshkosh, WI, home of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and site of EAA's world renowned fly-in, AirVenture, the aviation exposure of the environment became her focus at a young age.

Margaret met her team mate, Anne Marie Radel, when she joined EAA full time, eventually becoming the B-17 Program Manager. Anne Marie was a dedicated volunteer with the B-17 program and one of the few women in its volunteer ranks.



Born and raised in Oklahoma, Erin Hambrick received her Aerospace Engineering degree from Cal Poly SLO and Private Pilot license from Pacific Aerocademy in 2010.

She moved to Maryland to work flight test for Lockheed Martin on the F-35B and F-35C and continued private flying with instrument ground school, tailwheel endorsement, and grass field operations.

Erin met her racing partner Dee Bond from New Zealand at the 2014 99's women pilots'

conference. Friendship formed over mutual love and respect for warbirds as Dee captains a PBY Catalina and Erin turns wrenches on a B-25J.

Dee invited Erin to copilot for the 2015 Air Race Classic in her dear friend Ed Frost's C-182 from Illinois. Erin moved back to California to take a job with Scaled Composites and



continued flying with Pacific Aerocademy for her complex and high performance endorsements. After Erin's checkout in the race plane, the team was off to compete in the ARC.

Erin is now training for an instrument rating, flying a Thorp T-18 that she purchased from Howard and Elaine Ginn, and building a Harmon Rocket.

Nick Sheryka brought his neon green Sonex Waix out for display! Thanks Nick!

The weather was picture perfect, so I took a picture of a family taking a photo in front of Al Hansen's Canadair F-86.

This beautiful Van's RV-6 flew over from Bakersfield to support Erin and Margaret at Plane Crazy Saturday.

Below is a nice example of a 1978 Cessna 172N Skyhawk; a four-seat, single-engine, high wing, fixed-wing aircraft made by



the Cessna Aircraft Company. First flown in 1955, more Cessna 172s have been built than any other aircraft. Measured by its longevity and popularity, the Cessna 172 is the most successful aircraft in history. Cessna delivered the first

production models in 1956. As of 2015, Cessna, and its partners, had built more than 43,000.

A beautiful 2006 Diamond Aircraft was parked next to Hansen's North American T-28B. Diamond Aircraft Industries is an Austrian composite aircraft manufacturer.





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America
brought a
glider out for
Plane Crazy to
inspire and stir
interest.

If the
weather is
good, he will
return in
December!

Aviation and Landscape Artist, Doug Castleman brought some new artwork this month. Many found his work irresistible and just had to purchase another painting!

He is now offering prints in canvas, note cards, cell phone covers and more!

Go to:

<http://fineartamerica.com/profiles/douglas-castleman.html> for more information!



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, Steve Rushford, Wen Painter and Ursula Finkbeiner!

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

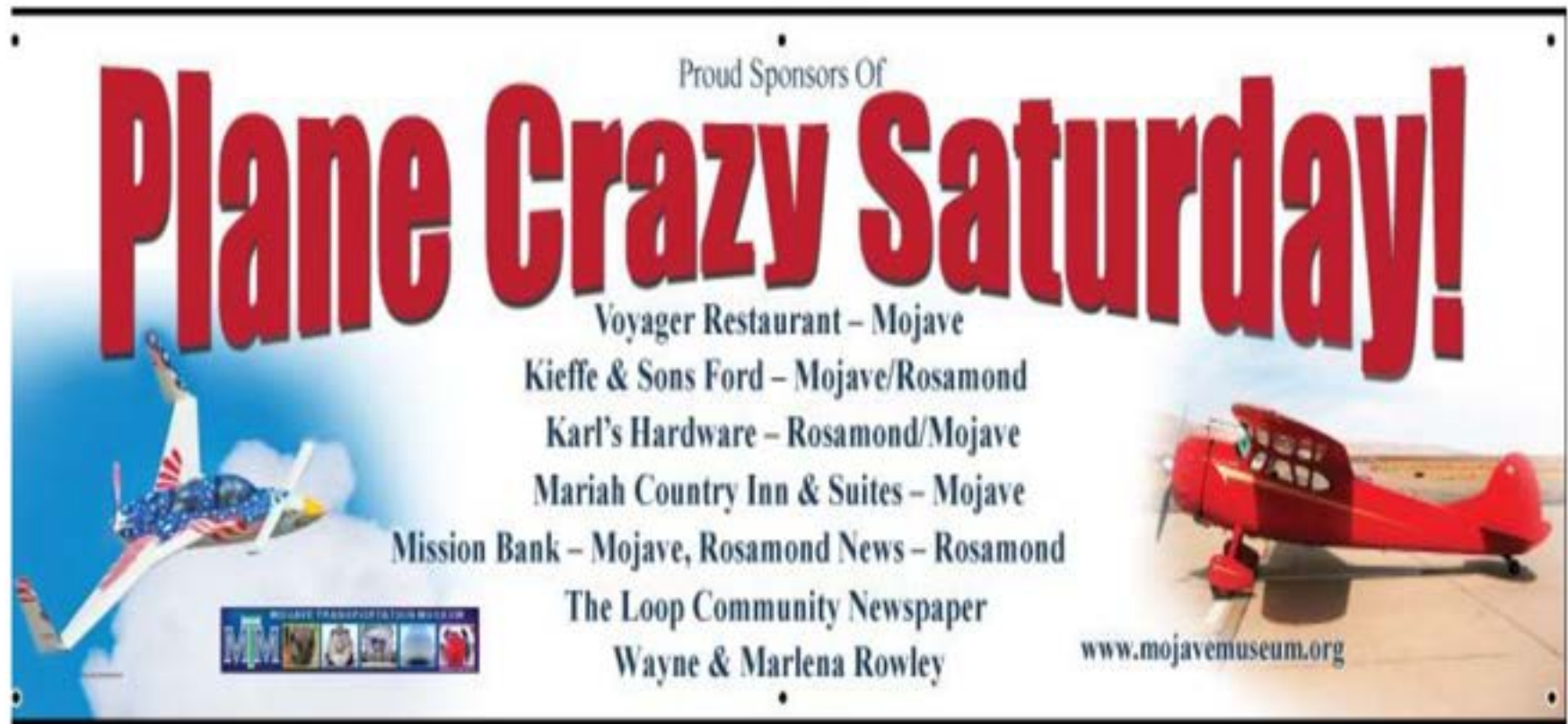


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PLANE CRAZY SATURDAY at Mojave Air & Spaceport will be held on December 19, 2015 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with JILL RUTAN HOFFMAN telling the Voyager Story from the perspective of the family who waited on the ground! Her famous father, Dick Rutan, will be at Plane Crazy Saturday! Jill will be signing books for last minute holiday shoppers too!!

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