

The 20th Annual San Gabriel Valley 99's Poker Run was scheduled for Saturday January 26th, at Cable Airport @8:00 AM (or so...). Well, the 99's held their event but wisely deferred to Mother Nature and cancelled the flying portion, due to a forecast that included strong winds over the mountains and ceilings expected to close in during the early afternoon. The 99's event was over by about 10:30 AM. Les Slifkin, Ken and Dan Hall were in attendance, and did quite well. Each of us won multiple prizes for our poker hands, and I'm sure that we tripled our modest \$25 investment for the entry fee in terms of prizes!

Weather forecasts are one thing however; the real weather can be something else entirely, and in this case the day turned out to be near perfect for flying! The winds & clouds mostly stayed away until later in the afternoon. After the poker run Dan Hall did some local flying and then 'intercepted' a flight of 8 RV's just south of Corona and met them for lunch at French Valley.

Meanwhile Tom Crowder and Gary Dallugge didn't attend the poker run however; they were up enjoying the same birds eye view of the mountains & snow that Dan, Les & Ken did. Tom shared a couple of great air to air shots to give you an idea of how beautiful it was to be flying on Saturday in SoCal. Enjoy the photos that follow...!

Cable Airport with Les & Ken's Alon in the foreground waiting for the Poker run that was't, and the San Bernardino Mountains with snow in the background (another gorgeous SoCal winters day!).



A photo taken during Dan's afternoon return flight from French Valley Airport, with a view of Lake Mathews & the San Bernardino Mountains with snow.



SoCal winter flying – Tom Crowder’s plane from Gary Dallugge’s plane #1



SoCal winter flying – Tom Crowder’s plane from Gary Dallugge’s plane #2.

