

French Valley: 2/23/2008 - The Palm Springs Air Museum event planned for the 23rd was cancelled. However the weather cooperated just enough to enable several SoCal Ercoupes to enjoy brunch / lunch at the French Valley Airport Cafe. Three Coupes arrived within about 2 minutes @ approximately 11:13 AM (as planned! Great job!).

The airport traffic pattern was extremely busy so we all had to pay attention and squeeze into the flow in sequence. Dan Hall & Anna Marie Flowers landed first at about 11:11 AM, with Larry Conley landing a minute or so behind them and Ted Reusch in his new Alon landing right behind Larry. We all lined out Coupes up in the transient parking area adjacent to the Airport Cafe, then took a walk inside and staked our claim on a table and chatted about Ted's new Alon, and various Ercoupe & flying relate subjects while we waited for Linda Abrams to arrive.

Linda arrived about noon time however; she had someone come in from a non-standard and cut her off on final, so she went around. Linda landed in her Ercoupe Sky Sprite a few minutes latter, shortly after noon time, and joined us at the table a few minutes before the much anticipated food arrived. I think we were all running on vapor at that point, so it got real quiet for a while. However the friendly conversation resumed after the food had our appetites had been sated. We managed to get a group photo and wrap things up shortly after 1:00 due to the threat of incoming weather.

Dan & Anna Marie departed first in 68H with big Ercoupe smiles on our faces, and flew through some light rain showers (fun) on the way back to Corona (fuel) &Chino.

Linda Abrams departed next and flew back to Torrance along the coast and reported a very nice flight with no rain. Linda reported that the wind picked up at Torrance moments after she landed Sky Sprite.

Larry & Ted departed last, and Ted reported encountering rain showers near his home base at Banning.

Had the weather forecast been a bit friendlier, I'm sure we would have seen a few more people at French Valley. Those of us who made the flight out had a good time, fun flights, and made it home safely. (Photos below)

Attendees:

Linda Abrams	N3437H 415C Sky Sprite
Larry Conley	N3452H 415C
Dan Hall&Anna Marie Flowers	N3968H 415CD
Ted Reusch	N5486E Alon

See you in March at the Poker Run!!!

Dan

Ercoupes @French Valley Airport;



Brunch @French Valley - Dan, Ann Marie, Larry, & Linda (Ted took the photo);



Linda & her Ercoupe @ French Valley;



Larry & his Ercoupe @ French Valley;

