

## The EOC Region 7 Fly-In @ Columbia was May 3rd, 4th, & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The "weather psychics" actually got it mostly correct this time! The weather was good with basically clear skies & light winds, highs between 70 to 75, and lows in the mid 40's. Good stuff, and much better than the HOT temps the past couple of years.

We had a total of 17 people and 8 Ercoupes attend the event. Buzz Dolim (drive in), Ted Lechner, Steven Stewart, and Maynard Smith arrived Friday during the day. Dan Hall and Ken Iwahashi arrived Friday night around 6:30 or 7:00 PM. While Rick Eason, Jim Grimes, Tony Toni, Jeff Bryson, Ralph Finch, Bob Ensley, Ron Barron, Bob Irwin, Keith Spencer (Cozy II), Hal Provo (drive-in - Nanchang), Steve Martin (drive in), James Douglas and Sandra Gelli (sp??) arrived Saturday.

We saw Jeff's Coupe miss the turn to the fly-in campground, then taxi off towards the main ramp by the canards however; he was gone by the time we realized he wasn't coming over, and managed to make our way over to his plane.... Jeff, we're sorry we missed you !!!!

Maynard had some trouble with an uncooperative stuck valve in one of his cylinders that began acting up as he was approaching the airport, and spend much of his time on the ground trying to resolve that issue. Eventually it was fixed and Maynard was able to fly his Coupe out early the next week.

We saw a bunch of funny looking canards on the tarmac (fortunately for us, canards hate grass), sharing the airport with us. That made things a bit more interesting, and provided more to look at. Like Coupes, the canard types are stall resistant too.

Two separate groups of Coupers went into town for lunch together, which is probably just as well, since there were probably too many of us to sit at one table anyway.

There are lots of photos are attached from Columbia, with thanks to Jim Grimes, Steven Stewart, and Bob Ensley.

### Attendees...

Ron Barron (Saturday C-150)  
Jeff Bryson (Saturday N2819H. 415-D)  
Buzz Dolim (Friday, drive in)  
James Douglas (Saturday drive in from SFO)  
Rick Eason (Saturday from PML)  
Bob Ensley (Saturday)  
Ralph Finch (Saturday)  
Jim Grimes (Saturday)  
Bob Irwin (Saturday, Alon in shop, flew in with Ron Barron)  
Ken Iwahashi (Friday night)  
Dan Hall (Friday night arrival from CNO)  
Ted Lechner (Friday noon)  
Steve Martin (Saturday, drive in)  
Hal Provo (Saturday, drive in)  
Maynard Smith (Friday)  
Steve Stewart (Friday)  
Tony Toni (Saturday)

Keith Spencer (Saturday, Cozy from the canard fly-in)  
Frank & Rachel Hoffman (Saturday, Long-Ez from Canard fly-in)

Very nice & interesting couple - wonderful adventure stories to share!

Sean Farrell (No show from WVI - LONG story, more on that in the news of interest section!)  
Ted Reusch (Unable - due to mechanical problems)  
MORE....?

Keith Spencer (the Cozy pilot) sent this:

"I took some photos and put them in my Yahoo briefcase. They are open to the public so if you like you can send the link to others." Link:  
<http://briefcase.yahoo.com/bc/kspreuer/1st?.dir=/Columbia+08&.view=1>

Columbia Photos;

Coupe row at Sunset Friday night.



Dan Hall & 68H arrival Friday evening.



Dinner Friday night (L to R)  
Steve Stewart, Ted Lechner, Maynard Smith, Dan Hall, Ken Iwahashi, and Buzz Dolim.



Friday night at the Steak House; Buzz Dolim, Ted Lechner, Dan Hall, Ken Iwahashi, Maynard Smith, and Steve Stewart.



Morning Coupe line up before Saturday arrivals



Maynard Smith working on his Ercoupe (stuck valve in cylinder);



Tony Toni arriving in 99180.



Ercoupe line up Saturday around noon time;



Ercoupers relaxing at the Columbia Fly-In camp grounds;



