

Brunch@ Camarillo CMA, Waypoint Cafe, Saturday July 19th.

The weather was a challenge with coastal stratus hanging over much of the LA basin, and along the coast into the early afternoon. The overcast kept several Ercoupers on the ground who had planned to attend.

However Chino cleared out to MVFR @ 10:00 AM, just in time for 68H to depart with Anna Marie Flowers & Dan Hall. We had a smooth flight over the overcast layer and it looked like an ocean of cloud or white fluffy snow beneath us spreading out to the south & west.

The clouds broke up over the San Fernando Valley as we approached Camarillo. A Pitts passed us about 15 miles out from Camarillo, and they were 'celebrating' flight with rolls aerobatic maneuvers. Each of our planes 'waved' at the other from a safe distance, as the Pitts pulled ahead and began the downhill approach into Camarillo.

We watched & listened to see how the Pitt's did, since we couldn't tell if there was adequate space between the overcast and the hills east of Camarillo. However the Pitts made it in OK, and Camarillo was 1,400 OVC, so with a 875' traffic pattern altitude we squeaked in VFR for brunch.

Once at Camarillo we met up with Gary Dallugge, Tom Crowder and Don Wollard (prior caretaker of 68H), who were waiting for us and any others who followed. No one else was able to make it out to Camarillo. We learned later that Les was stuck at El Monte on Saturday, and ended up flying to Bracket on Sunday when the overcast cleared just a bit earlier.

At Camarillo we enjoyed a nice brunch on the outdoor patio at the Waypoint cafe in perfect weather. It was warm & sunny, with a cool breeze coming in from the ocean to make it comfortable. We chatted about Coupes, flying, the airplane business, the economy, CA fires, and such. Don checked up to be sure 68H was being taken care of. We think that 68H was happy to see Don too. ;-)

It was a very relaxing & enjoyable time, and ended too quickly.

Gary & Don, followed by Tom departed Camarillo for a brief flight to the northeast around a nearby lake.

Dan & Anna Marie initially attempted to depart to the south for a flight along the coast however; after our left cross wind departure and frequency change to Mugu Approach, we were informed that they were still IFR, so we had to turn east to avoid clouds, and flew back the same way we came.

It was a nice flight home, and the crystal clear blue skies in all directions above 3,000', which contrasted with the haze below; a left over from the stratus layer that had burned off leaving a fair amount of humidity at lower altitudes (standard SoCal inversion layer).

We hope the weather cooperates in August & September for a couple of upcoming coastal fly-out events.

Attendees;

Gary Dallugge

Don Wollard

Tom Crowder

Dan Hall &

Anna Marie Flowers

(no photos)