

### Jean Report, October 31- November 2, 2008

Gary, Ron, & Dan arrived at Jean Friday afternoon, after a stop in Hesperia for lunch and a visit with Ed & Sandy Bilewitch. It was a nice flight with strong tail winds from Hesperia to Jean.

It was near perfect weather at Jean this year, although the Goldstrike Casino was almost empty, so we had the Casino & Hotel virtually to ourselves Friday night & Saturday morning. The group had dinner together Friday evening (prime rib for \$8 a plate!) and enjoyed some lively conversation, including the usual Coupe related topics.

Saturday morning dawned and we split into groups for breakfast. Saturday morning Steve had to fly back to PSP to take care of a couple of things on the home front, and returned to Jean in the early afternoon.

Saturday saw the arrival of Ed Bilewitch, Eddy Tohikian, Frank Nelson from Torrance, and another gentlemen from Sandy Valley, who's name escapes me(sorry!).

The folks at Jean as best I can recall off of the top of my head were (missing a couple of drop in visitors?);

Ed Bilewitch (Saturday in his near perfect Beechcraft)  
Joe & Ruth Brooks (drove all the way from OR arrived Friday)  
Gary Dallugge (SoCal / Hesperia Flight Friday)  
Ron Minear (SoCal / Hesperia Flight Friday)  
Dan Hall (SoCal / Hesperia Flight Friday, departed Saturday @ 2:15)  
Frank Nelson (from Torrance; 1st cross country flight after just receiving his ticket; all by himself!)  
Steven & Pat Stewart (Arrived Friday from Palm Springs)  
Eddy Tohikian (RV-8 from Chino on Saturday)  
Guest from Sandy Valley NV? (Saturday)  
More...?

Unbeknownst to us, Fred & Jo An had a personal medical emergency, which was why they could not make it. Fred had a stroke on Friday but is back home doing OK. They are now looking for a good home for "Sunshine", their 415C.

Dan & 68H's flight back to SoCal had 25+ MPH headwinds and scattered rain showers (Saturday PM). Dan & 68H took off about 30 minutes prior to Eddy, and Eddy & his RV-8 caught up and circled 68H just past Hector VOR, and then barrel rolled (YAHOO!) into the distance radioing back the clouds, rain shower, turbulence, & winds aloft going into APV & the LA Basin. Eddy and his RV-8 made for great entertainment on the flight home.

Most Coupers returned on Sunday and faced strong winds and scattered to broken clouds in the LA basin. Steven & Pat had a windy & very bumpy ride back to PSP.

We had a good turnout and all enjoyed ourselves at Jean this year however; we really missed Jo An, Fred, Max, and all the usual NV&AZ Coupers. Sorry if I missed anyone!  
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