

French Valley Airport EOC Fly-out Lunch - December 14, 2008

This was the last event of the 2008 season and was held 'promptly' on Sunday the 14th @ 11:17 AM, at the French Valley Airport Cafe (F70). Good weather helped us and we had a GREAT turn out (16 people, 9 Coupes, and 1 RV)!!!!

We enjoyed meeting some of our new members (Bob Blanchard & Pat Burke drove up from San Diego, and Frank Nelson flew in from Torrance) mixed in with the more familiar friendly faces (Linda, Tom, Gary, Dan & Anna Marie, Ron, Les, Steve & Pat). It was nice to see Fred Gish again, and we were happy to have John Mahany join us too!

We were also joined by our good friends Bob & June Owens, who owned Ercoupe N3968H when they were newlyweds back in the early 50's (Dan Hall is 68H's current 'caretaker'). It was really wonderful to have Bob & June take the time to fly out and join us, and those of you with sharp eyes will notice that Bob & June flew in their "fast Ercoupe"; an RV-6 (N515L)!!! We hope Bob & June can join us for other events.

Thanks to Bill Coons & Linda Abrams, we had some new iron on transfers available for the group and sold a number of them (@ \$4.00 each). They read either; "I Flew The Coupe" or "Sharing the clouds with a friend".

The French Valley Airport café team did their best to accommodate our (much) larger than expected group, and we basically had a corner of the restaurant to ourselves.

There was some discussion of a flight of Ercoupe(s) from SoCal to Oshkosh this year....we'd love to see that, so hopefully it works out!

After our brunch and lively conversation, we began departing around 1:30 PM, wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season, and a Happy new Year !

The attendees included;

Linda Abrams	N3437H	1946 415C	Torrance
John Mahany			
Pat Burke	N94676	1947 415CD	San Diego
Bob Blanchard			
Tom Crowders			
Gary Dallugge	N3040G	1961 F-1A	Camarillo
Fred Gish	N2925H	1946 415E	Corona
Dan Hall	N3968H	1947 415CD	Chino
Anna Marie Flowers			
Ron Minear	N6564Q	1965 Alon	SantaPaula
Frank Nelson	N51DV	1946 415C	Torrance
Bob Owens	N515LRV-6	Whiteman	Pacoima
June Owens			
Les Slifkin	N6527Q	1966 Alon	El Monte
Steve Stewart	N99375	1946 415C	PalmSprings
Pat Stewart			

Unable to attend;

Ted Reusch (due to a surprise Birthday celebration!)

Paul Anton