

San Gabriel Valley 99's, January 31, 2009

San Gabriel Valley 99's Annual Poker Run was held on Saturday January 31st. The PERFECT weather brought great attendance that included a total of about 33planes and around 100 people.

Representing the Ercoupe Group were Steven & Pat Stewart flew out from Palm Springs, and Dan Hall & 68H joined them arriving just after 8:00 AM. Steve & Pat took time for breakfast at Maniac Mikes Airport Cafe.

There were some familiar faces in the crowd including Mercedes and her RV-6A, of the SoCal RVIators, with her guest co-pilot Rosie. Kent Pramhus was there to see us off too.

We formed up for an 'Ercoupe Flight' from Cable Airport more or less direct over Big Bear to Twenty Nine Palms Airport, then we headed south over Joshua Tree NM and past Palm Springs and the Salton Sea to Borrego Springs Airport, then on to Hemet Ryan Airport, and finally to Bracket Airport. At each airport cards were drawn towards our poker hands.

There was a much anticipated BBQ (we were really HUNGRY by then!),and prizes were awarded based on how good (or in my case bad) your poker hand was. This turned out to be a very fun event, and raised money for a good cause.

What a fantastic day to go fly, and it was fun flying along with another Ercoupe over the route!!