

## Antelope Valley, March, 15, 2009

### Ninety-Nines "Famous & Fun St. Patrick's Poker Run & BBQ"

This event was held at Fox Airport (KWJK) Sunday, March 15th, 2009. This was a large & fun event that was well attended by a wide variety of aircraft & pilots (about 150 people this year). Dan Hall & Anna Marie Flowers were the only Coupers to attend (probably due to weather in the LA basin and strong winds in the Antelope Valley. However Sean Farrell flew down from Watsonville for the event, and Mercedes (SoCal RVaitor) was also there working the event as one of the Antelope Valley 99's.

Sean showed us his just completed RV-7A, new paint and all. His plane has a simple, elegant, and upscale looking paint job (a medium silver used by BMW, with black trim), and a matching leather interior with a wood trimmed all glass instrument panel. (BTW - if you join us at Watsonville, you'll have an opportunity to take a closer look at his plane, and share some beverages (margarita's?) at Sean's hangar Friday night.)

The BBQ event was held inside of a hangar, so once there the winds were no problem. For those who flew the poker run the airports were; Fox Field, Mohave, Tehachapi, Inyokern, Cal City, and Rosamond Air Park. For those of us who avoided the winds and stayed at Fox Field, we were able to draw our cards there at the 99's Hangar. As usual the hangar was well decorated for Saint Patrick's Day, the BBQ & food were VERY good (!), the poker hand prizes were nice and plentiful, and even the PA system worked. This poker event is probably the best run of any I've seen - the Antelope Valley 99's do an outstanding job! Hope to see you there NEXT year (drive or fly)!!!

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Mercedes shares this bit of local news about the Poker Run event; (Sean Farrell was mentioned in their newspaper.)

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