

Paso Robles T-18 Fly-In March 11, 2000

What started out to be a terrible month was a good reason to consider scrubbing the whole thing. By Wednesday the eighth the weather had completely gone amuck, then on Thursday the ninth a high-pressure system moved into California and by Saturday we had our beautiful weather back.

Only eleven airplanes showed up this year. I wouldn't be surprised if several people made other plans because of the weather we had been having for over a month.

The first pilot to fly in was Tom Worth from Edgewood, WA in # 295RS. Tom flew in Friday evening and gave Tom Hunter a call for a lift to a hotel.

On Saturday morning an additional 11 T-18's arrived. They were Howard and Elaine Ginn from Camp Verdi Arizona; their son Tony with his girlfriend, Star from Rosamond, CA; Carl and Sue Daughters from Santa Maria CA; Richard Ekland from Lodi, CA; Larry Kruchten and his wife Kathy with Rick Shaffer from Torrance, CA; Roy Medan and Ed Cox from Compton, CA; Sam McDaniel from San Luis Obispo CA; Steve Irving and Bill Melly from Camarillo, CA.

With my T-18 and Tom Hunter's almost completed ship we had 13 T-18s on the field.

George and Barbara Leader drove to our fly-in. They stayed with Linda and I the night before. Also Earl Ody, Pat Condon and Oly Smith drove up from San Pedro again this year. What a treat to have all my old friends together. And of course I can't leave out Vahuan and Peggy Parker from Santa Maria. It was good to see them again.

This year's judges were Mike Laughback, Ron Morea and Allen Skosberg. Sue Daughters helped sign-in everyone and once again Bill and Joyce Carlson let us use their wonderful hanger. This year they decided to take their motor home out and park it nearby to give us the extra room.

We counted about 80 people enjoying the delicious steak bar-be-que prepared by Rex Awalt. Bill Carlson even had his train running on an overhead track he built in a living room area of his hanger where lounge chairs, a TV and piano sit.

Oscar Bayer flew his beautiful Starduster to the fly-in and kept the beans warm for all to dish up on the way to the pit for steak.

My wife Linda finished putting together a large green salad while volunteers helped butter the French bread.

As everyone finished their meal, I announced the winners of our Spot Landing contest, The Oldest Plane, and The Furthest Distance Flown.

Tony Ginn and Richard Ekland won first and second place, respectfully in the Spot-landing contest. Sam McDaniel received an award for having the oldest T-18, built 30 years ago. And Carl Daughters received an award for first place Non/Standard T-18, 'Teacher's Pet'. Sorry to say but only one Non/Standard T-18 showed up. Tony Ginn also won first place for Standard T-18 and Steve Erving won second place. Furthest distance went to Tom Worth of Edgewood, Washington.

Marven Fenton who flew in from San Luis Obispo in his RV-4 brought his big band music on tape, which is always a pleasant compliment to the busy day. He also provided a microphone and speakers for the MC.

This year the T-18 Fly-In was another success. Linda and I really enjoy putting it together. It's great to see our friends again and meet new pilots who decide to visit our area.

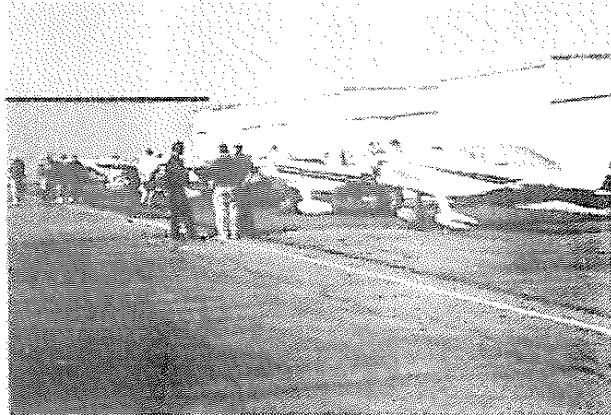
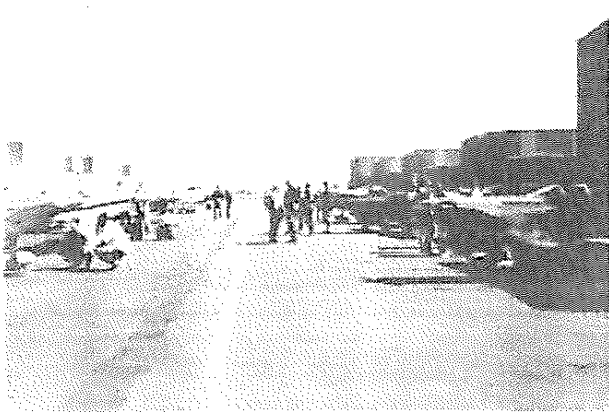
Everyone had a good time and we donate what comes in over and above expenses to our local EAA chapter# 170 in San Luis Obispo (a few miles south of Paso Robles). The proceeds for the Fly-In were \$588.00. The out of pocket expenses came to \$522.00. The remainder will be donated to EAA chapter# 170 who provided insurance for the event.

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For the last three years we've held this event, we have done the whole thing on donations only. We do ask non T-18 owners and builders to pay for their lunch and accept donations from all. The eighty people who participated were very generous and as usual we had a great day at little expense to anyone.

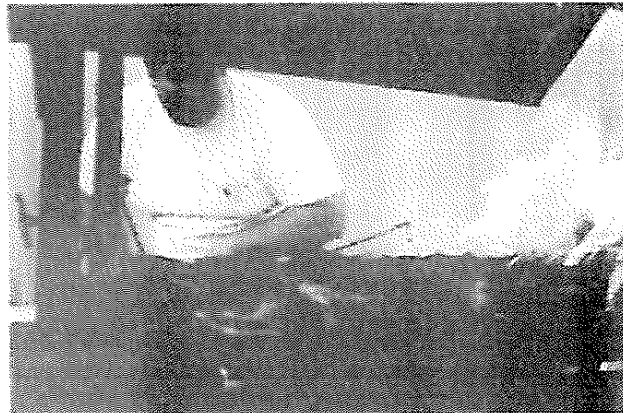
Chuck Borden



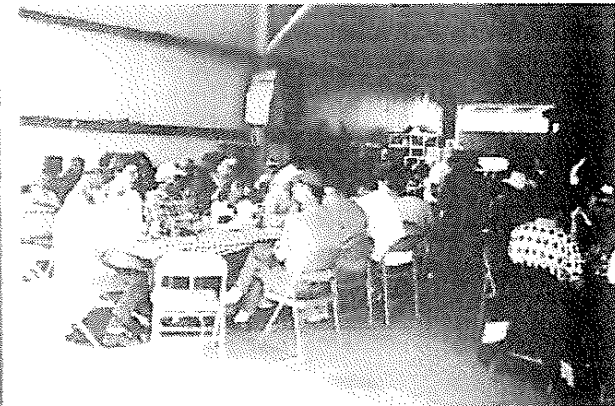
T-18's on the ramp at Paso Robles



More hanger flying

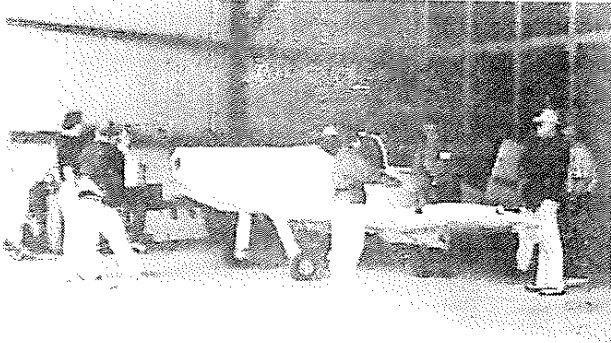


Rex Awalt -- Master Bar-B-Quer

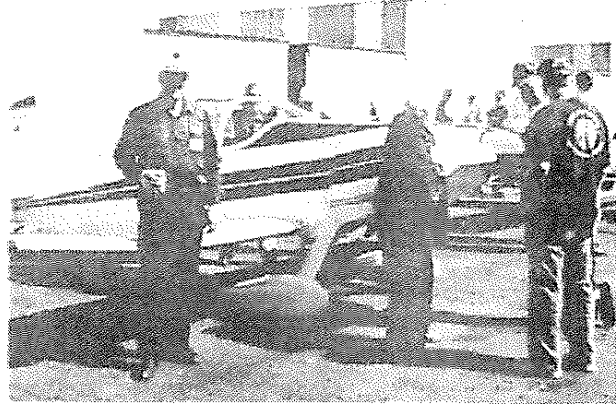


Looks like there was plenty of food

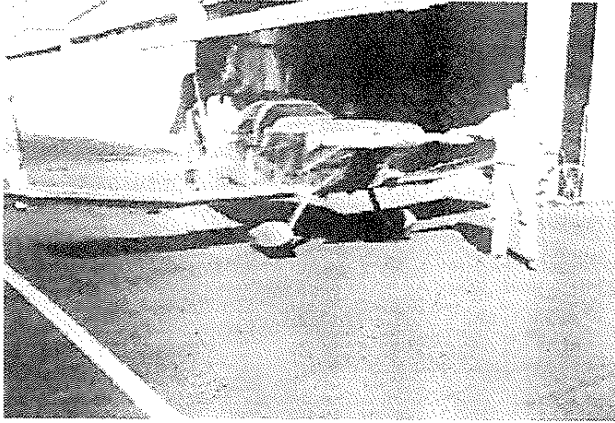
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Tom Hunter's T-18

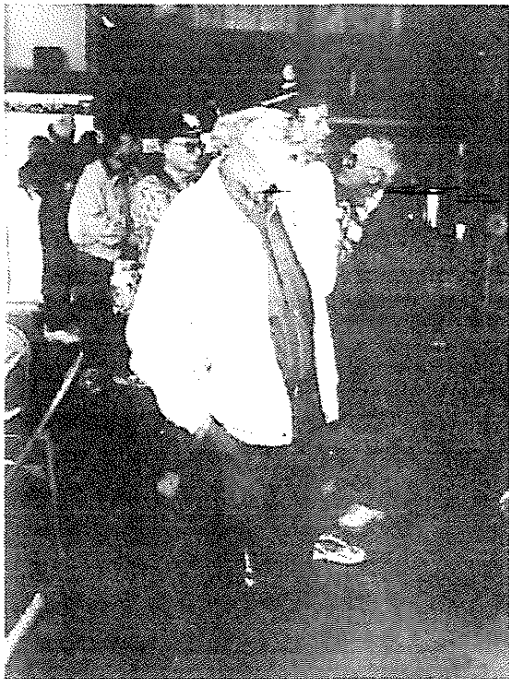


Sam McDaniel -- Oldest T-18



Chuck Borden and his beautiful polished T-18.

We wish to thank Chuck and Linda for all of their efforts in organizing and hosting this years get-together at Paso Robles, CA. Sure looks like everyone had a great time.

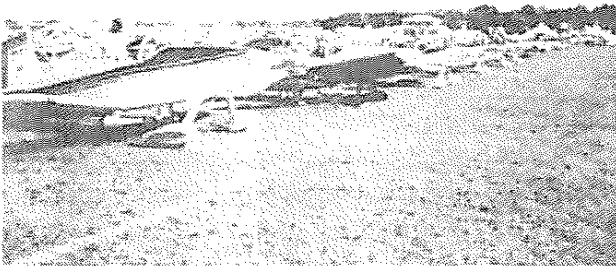


Richard Eklund -- Eklund Engineering



Hats off to Chuck and Linda Borden

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T/S-18 Line-Up



Bob Pernic -- Best T-18



T-18 Forum had good attendance



Artist at work



Did you ever notice - we seem to always be eating.