

B-17 "Flying Fortress" Visit to KBPB Sept. 28-29.

The B-17 visit was coordinated by EAA Chapter member Gerry Burns, in cooperation with the Estrella Warbird and Race Car Museum. The B-17 at the Estrella Museum Ramp from 2-7 PM on the 28th, where about 80 individuals took static tours and 88 also visited the museum. On the 29th the B-17 was stationed at the Airport Terminal where we gave 26 individuals rides between 10 AM and 1 PM, followed by about 32 more static tours. We had participants from Paso Robles, the tri-city area, the five city area, as well a few from places like Visalia and Southern California. We ended the B 17 visit by giving seven volunteers from the EAA chapter and Estrella a complementary trip on the B-17 to Long Beach where the plane will be for the next few days. The visit generated \$1249.10 in funds our Chapter, a portion which will be forwarded to Estrella for the tours they organized on Sept. 28

The objectives of the visit were to: (i) introduce members of the community to the role of these planes in aviation in general, and in particular during WW II, and (ii) promote the role of the airport as a gateway to our community, and the Estrella Museum. We would like to recognize the effective support provided by the Airport Manager, the help and fuel discount provided by the Jet Center, and the volunteers from the EAA Chapter and Estrella which made the visit a success. We look forward to further cooperation with the City and Estrella, and the promotion of general aviation at our excellent airport.

The following photos show the B-17 in front of the Paso Airport Terminal, a view from of the back of the plane as we departed KPRB for Long Beach, the front bomb sighting bay, and passing over LAX at 3500 feet approaching Long Beach. You are invited to view Estrella Museum Volunteer Michael Levine's photo album: [The B-17's visit to the Estrella Warbirds Museum](#)



