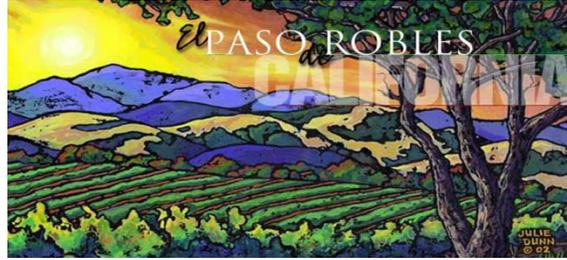


SUMMARY REPORT - LANCAIR WEST COAST GATHERING

APRIL 30-MAY 1 2016, PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA

The objective of the Gathering was to “*promote general and recreational aviation, provide West Coast Lancair owners an opportunity to informally share information on their aircraft, enjoy Paso Robles, the California Central Coast, and viticulture*”.



Expectations for arrivals were exceeded. There were 26 arrivals with 37 people from Oregon, Washington, Arizona, California, Oregon, and Colorado. The aircraft included all Lancair models: 360, Legacy (the majority), IV, ES, and the Evolution.

Experimental Aircraft Chapter 465 organized and hosted the event with informal support from Lancair International and Lancair Owners and Builders Organization (LOBO). The event was proposed by EAA 465 at the 2015 Lancair Landing in Denver and was a “first” in terms of organizing a “regional” Lancair event to complement the ongoing Lancair and LOBO national initiatives (i.e. Oshkosh, Sun and Fun, Lobo Lancair Landing).

Activities were primarily on Saturday April 30 and included:

- *An early AM meet & greet and catered pancake breakfast at airport cafe, with all aircraft parking directly in front of the KPRB Terminal for viewing.*



- *Technical presentations in the AM* led by Justin Hawkins and Kevin Eldridge of Lancair International, and guest speaker Paul Kendrick from Lockheed Martin on Drones.



Justin Hawkins, Lancair

Participants

Paul Kendrick, Lockheed Martin

- *A noon buffet catered lunch* at the airport café, then participants had the opportunity to visit the *Estrella Warbird and Race Car Museum* located on the Airport.



Warbirds and war transport



Race Cars and Classic Cars.

- At mid-afternoon some participants departed to their home base while others spent the late afternoon and evening with at two wineries. The first, Sculptura, included wine tasting and viewing the sculpture garden. The second, Eberly, included wine tasting, cellar tour, a candle light dinner in the wine storage cave and a view of the sunset over the vines as we departed. Transportation to the wineries was provided by the Central Coast Custom Car and Early Ford V8 clubs.



Sulptura Winery



Eberly Wine Tasting



Cave Tour/Candle light dinner

Participant input/discussion: Participants discussed, among other things, maintenance issues and the suspension of production of Legacy kits due to the molds being worn. Some participants voiced concern that Lancair needs to stay in the two place lower cost experimental category. These aircraft have and continue to “lead the pack” (i.e. see the May Sport Aviation article on a Legacy) in innovation and provide support for the Lancair “brand”. The two place Legacy aircraft are affordable to a broader range of clients than the Evolution, which is an excellent aircraft but at a higher cost and with more capability than many experimental pilots desire. A number of participants vocalized support for a similar regional event in Paso Robles in 2017 and/or consideration to have the 2017 LOBO Landing in Paso Robles, which EAA 465 and Paso Robles would support.

The event was primarily financed by participant registration fees, along with the support and encouragement from the City of Paso Robles (the Mayor opened the event), Genuine Aircraft Hardware, Powerlift Doors, Central Coast Classic and Early Ford V8 Clubs, Estrella Warbird and Race Car Museum, and volunteers from EAA Chapter 465.

