

## **1929 Ford Trimotor Visit February 11-13,2017**

### **Paso Robles Chapter 465 & San Luis Obispo Chapter 170**

The two chapters joined in hosting a successful visit of the Trimotor to Central California giving 33 rides with 330 participants over three days. Paso Robles took the lead in handling logistics with EAA, media coverage (including on-site coverage by the local TV station), obtaining a crew car from the local Ford Dealer, and overnight hanger storage for the Trimotor. The Central Coast Ford Model T and A Clubs participated with a display of a range of vehicles from 1917 to 1922 at Paso Robles to complement the Trimotor and give participants a little more “eye candy”.

A unique part of the event was a photo-op at Paso Robles where not one, but two Trimotors, were parked in-front of the Air Terminal, as a local aviation group owns one, so we had about 1/3 of the flying trimotors on display.

A special thanks goes to all who helped run a smooth operation at Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo including rescheduling the event from four to three days due to late arrival of the Trimotor from Northern California due to weather problems. Key participants included Chapter Volunteers who worked the event, the Trimotor Crew including the pilot John Hartke and Sherry Finkler who handled ticket sales, and Olivia Rasmus and Kristin Busse from EAA Head office.

Finally, the joint sponsorship by the two EAA Chapters went well and may be a model for other small chapters and communities may want to consider. Keys to success were having the lead Chapter agreed and defining clear lines of responsibility for each.



