

Just a little north of metro LA/OC, the Antelope Valley is rich with wildflowers and is truly the birthplace of many of our nation's top aviation and aerospace vehicles. Please join us to visit the California Poppy Reserve and to explore our rich aerospace heritage at the Blackbird Airpark and the Joe Davies Heritage Airpark at Palmdale Plant 42. And, also to enjoy lunch and spend time with your fellow PI members. You can join in a caravan or meet us at the Poppy reserve or the restaurant. See addresses and directions on the reverse side.

**What will I see?** Each spring, the Antelope Valley **California Poppy Reserve** comes alive with the seasonal surprises of the Mojave Desert Grassland habitat. The duration and intensity of colors and scents vary from year to year, affected by differences in winter's precipitation. The wildflower blooms generally last from mid-March through mid-May. With the recent rains, they are expecting that this could be a spectacular year. The **Heritage Airpark** opened a few years ago on 26+ acres, as a place where present and future generations can go to celebrate our country's rich aviation history. Currently on display are over fifteen restored aircraft (A-4, A-7, AGM-28, C-140, F-4, F-5, F-14, F-86, F-100, F-101, F-104, F-105, T-33, T-38 and a Triumph), plus a 1/8-scale model of the B-2, and assorted engines and parts of other aircraft. The **Blackbird Airpark**, an annex of the Air Force Flight Test Center Museum at Edwards Air Force Base, offers a look at the unique Blackbird series of military aircraft. Included in the collection are the Lockheed SR-71A Blackbird reconnaissance plane, its predecessor, the A-12 test plane, and the ultra-secret D-21 drone. The recently completed Blackbird Heritage Wall commemorates the designers, crew members and others associated with the aircraft. The museum and its gift shop are open on Sunday until 5:00 p.m.

**Our schedule** (additional addresses & directions on the reverse side):

- The "caravan" will meet in Denny's parking lot at the Sand Canyon exit of the 14 freeway (a few miles north of the junction of the 5 and 14 freeways).
- We will leave Denny's parking lot for the Poppy Reserve at 9:30am.
- Arrive at the Calif. Poppy Reserve at approximately 10:30am..
- Leave for lunch at Camille's Sidewalk Café at approximately 11:45.
- Lunch at 12:30. We have our own banquet room & Packard parking in front.
- Leave for the Blackbird Airpark & Joe Davies Heritage Airpark at 1:30. Enjoy the airpark & museum & gift store the balance of the afternoon until you are ready to leave on your own.

The cost of the tour is \$17.00 per person, which includes lunch (plus \$8.00 per car for parking at the Calif. Poppy Reserve, paid directly to them). **We look forward to seeing you on the tour, bring a friend!**

**Questions? Call Jay Johnson (626) 780-6397 (cell) or (626) 961-8096 (home) or email YAHJJMP@yahoo.com**

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Please make \_\_\_\_ reservations at \$17.00 per person in name of

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My check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to So. Cal. Region P.I. is enclosed.

I will drive my \_\_\_\_\_ Packard. Joining the caravan? yes / no

Your cell # (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send reservations by: March 12, 2009** Please sign Disclaimer on back

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