

Fly-In at the Paris Winery

Saturday (January 28th) brought big entertainment to the Paris Winery. A group of seven airplanes & about 16 aviators from the Union City area flew in to tour the grounds of the vineyard and enjoy lunch at Ruggero's Italian Bistro.

Customers and employees alike filed outside as the planes' scheduled arrival time approached. All activity ceased and the parking lot was lined with spectators as the Cessnas (smaller, personal aircrafts) came gliding down gracefully and scooted up the runway one by one. They landed only minutes apart until the last one was safely down and all 7 were parked neatly in a row at the end of the runway. The winery had 3 vehicles ready to shuttle the adventurous visitors up to the restaurant. The winery's owners, Roger and Lisa Ciarrocchi, are plane enthusiasts, owning their own Bonanza and living in one of the only "hanger-houses" in the area.

The Union City group, which ranged from adults to kids, enjoyed lunch, laughing and entertaining the staff and other customers with their stories while they chowed down on the Bistro's delicious homemade Italian food, including some infamous Monte Cristos, and bread pudding. A few of the members of the group had actually flown out to the winery for lunch before, but this time they decided to bring a few of their friends with them, much to the joy of all. They all delighted over the food and the beauty of the grounds. A lively and charismatic group, they were cheered off as they departed in the same fascinating fashion that they had arrived. Their visit certainly made for an exciting day in Paris.

