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Bob Brown's 2009 Homecoming By The Numbers ...and pictures!

Bob wrote:

Sorry it's taken so long to finish this up, my employer has designs on my time that don't always dovetail into mine...

If you missed Van's Homecoming in 2009, there's always next year. Here are a few details to think about and look forward to when you come next year!

We had 154 people register at the sign-in table, which was open Friday and Saturday. The 154 people represented 71 aircraft (those were the people and planes who chose to register, some of you run in stealth mode) from 10 states and Canada. 25 host families at Independence Airpark opened up their guest bedrooms, their hangar apartments and shared friendship with their guests. Some of you drove and stayed in hotels, some camped in tents in yards and around on the ramp.

Here's the list of where you all came from:

- Alabama - 2
- Colorado - 6
- California - 45
- Canada - 11
- Idaho - 7
- Oregon - 66
- South Carolina - 2
- Texas - 3
- Utah - 2
- Washington - 8
- Virginia - 2

We served over 150 people at the Friday night BBQ. After the BBQ, at least 85 people attended the Hangar Dance in the Krummel Hangar.

Saturday morning, we served 215 people for breakfast. People walked the ramp all morning as aircraft came and went. Tom Green, Van and several employees from Van's hung around their planes and around the tent and just enjoyed the beautiful weather. Saturday afternoon 25 people enjoyed the winery tour, then the beer tap opened up about 4PM and people visited in the hangar and tent until the banquet started at 6:30. The banquet was sold out after Van's sold 110 tickets, so we called the caterer, brought in some more table and chairs, sold a few more tickets and enjoyed the rest of the evening

Photos can be seen at:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/bwsturgill/RVHomeComing#>