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The month of December brings the warmth of the holiday season as well as a reflective period for all that the past year has been. Personally, it's hard to believe that a year has passed since I was handed the reins from Don Eisenberg. In looking back, I believe that our year of fly-ins, dinner meetings, and casual get-togethers at the airport has been an adventurous one...as our group's name would imply!

Someone once told me that putting together these events and keeping everyone on track was like herding cats, and I had to laugh because it's kind of true. You are all nice kitties but, like all felines, some of you certainly have minds of your own!

Personally for me this has been one of the more satisfying years of my life. My passion for aviation has always been strong and unwavering, but sharing that passion with the wonderful people that are the Airventurers has elevated my enjoyment of airplanes and airport life to another level. The friendships that I've made among our group have added another dimension to the pleasure I feel every time I walk out of a board meeting where new ideas have been shared, where compromises have been made, and where inventive flying adventures have been born. How much fun it is to be boring holes in the sky around Los Angeles and to hear voices on the radio that I recognize as my Airventurer friends!

Our group is filled with truly exceptional individuals, and I hesitate to mention names because inevitably many would be omitted. However, I would like to acknowledge Al and Jeanne Lane who have attended every single fly-in during 2009, in spite of the fact that Al is a newly certified VFR pilot! In addition, our groups sense of responsibility to the "right seat" has been implemented by one of our newest members, Claudio Losacco, who has volunteered to give free flight instruction to the spouses of our members, teaching them how to land planes should the pilots become incapacitated. To date, Claudio has flown with three spouses. While sometimes volunteerism can seem a thankless job, those who put together fly-ins this year were rewarded by the generous spirit of Sid Djanogly, who always seems to make time to send a personal note of thanks to the organizers of any fly-in he attends, most of the time including a photo or two commemorating the event. In fact, all of the folks who have put together these trips have spent hours and hours of their own time (and sometimes their own money) with only one goal in mind: trying to bring us the most creative and novel flying adventure possible! They deserve the thanks not just of Sid, but of us all.

There are many, many others who give unselfishly year after year to our group. Judy Rifkin, needless to say, remains an anchor that stabilizes this organi-

DEC. 5TH HOLIDAY PARTY

at the

**German American
Club of Santa Monica**

- GOOD FOOD
- GOOD WINE
- GOOD COMPANY
- ENTERTAINMENT
- &
- SEE'S CANDY!!!!

1843 Lincoln Blvd.

Please join us as we install the new officers for 2010 and acknowledge all those who made 2009 such a great year for Airventurers

BOARD MEETING
Dec. 26th
Signature, 10:00 am

VFR LUNCH FLY-IN TO
Santa Paula

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We value your input.

AIRVENTURERS APPLICANT CHECKLIST

DATE	APPLICANT	SPONSOR	FEE	DINNER MEETING		FLY-IN	
				co-host	add'l	co-host	add'l
2/09	Snyder	Kirschner	Y		Y		Y
4/09	Petrovich	Kirschner	Y		Y		Y

Congratulations to Mike and Lois Savage and Claudio and Lisa Losacco, the newest members of Airventurers. They completed their requirements in record time, and have already made significant contributions to our club.

2010 Fly-Ins (NOT CARVED IN STONE)

Jan. 10	Chino Planes of Fame—Kirschner
Feb. 19-20	Green Valley Ranch—Losacco
Mar. 27	Borrego Valley—Lane
Apr.	Roar & Snore—Rifkin
May	Club Picnic/Hangar Party—Barlowe
June	Reagan Ranch—Barton
July	Gilroy Garlic Festival—Korney
Aug.	Sunriver or Spruce Goose—Rifkin or Samojen
Sept.	Catalina BBQ—Stewart
Oct. 15-17	Monument Valley—Kirschner
Nov.	Air Rally
Dec. 4	Holiday Party

Many of these trips need hosts & co-hosts!

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zation and an invaluable resource for relative novices like myself. Yoni has been by my side as Vice President (sometimes too intimately as our spouses' absences on trips have, in fact, made the two of us "strange bedfellows". With many others unnamed, I close struggling to find the words to express my thanks to you all for enriching not only the quality of our collective Airventurer experience, but also my own life and my own love of flying. May we celebrate the year's end with gratitude for the camaraderie and the passion that hold this organization together...and with hopes for another year of safe flying and healthy living!

Joel



ELECTION NEWS

As required by our by-laws, elections were held at the November general meeting. The officers for 2010 are:

President: **Joel Kirschner**
 Vice-President: **Yoni Boujo**
 Treasurer: **Gene Korney**
 Secretary: **Bernie Harris**

Board Members will be appointed at the January board meeting. If you have a desire to serve, please let one of the officers know.



Airventurers wish a speedy recovery to Evan Binn, who is getting over knee-replacement surgery.

LAST FLY-IN OF 2009 A ROUSING SUCCESS

Cliff Busick, ably assisted by Claudio Losacco, hosted a fabulous over-night to Palm Springs for 42 Airventurers and friends to see the wonderful Palm Springs Follies. From the perfect flying weather to the sumptuous cocktail party, the great location and terrific seats in the theater, breakfast the next morning and good flying weather on Sunday (in spite of high winds), it was flawless. *(Cliff was paying attention in Prescott)* Jim & Bonnie Barton, Marv & Betty Blum, Yoni Boujo, Ken & Mariette Coolidge, Sid and Marianna Djanogly, Pat & Don Eisenberg, Judith & Ira Gottfried, Devera & Bernie Harris, Joel Kirschner, Sharon & Michael Landau, Jeanne & Al Lane, Joan & Don McMullen & friends, Gloria & Gery Moret & grandkids, Judy & Marv Rifkin, Kris & Ernie Salmon, Lois & Mike Savage, Darrell & Lucy Shy, Lorraine & Dan Simansky, and Maryann & Duri Vital thank Cliff & Claudio for a job well done.





Annual dues are payable December 1st and delinquent February 1st. Please make your check out to Airventurers and mail to **GENE KORNEY**,
5301 Beethoven, #255
Los Angeles 90066 **OR**

YOU MAY PAY ON LINE USING PAYPAL

Thank you for your prompt payment.

Regular Membership.....\$60.00

The following information will be used in compiling the new roster. Please **TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY**. We can't be responsible if we can't read it. Cut-off date for the roster is **January 15th**.

Name:

Ratings.....

Spouse or S/O

Airplane.....

Address

Number.....

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Based at.....

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell or FAX

Email.....

Occupation.....

PLEASE...
take an extra minute to fill out this form and mail it along with your check. It will make maintaining our data base so much easier. Even if there are no changes, make sure at least your **name** is on it.

No Changes:

SAVE THE DATE—FEBRUARY 19, 2010 FLY-IN TO THE GREEN VALLEY RANCH

Get ready for the February 2010 Fly-in to The Green Valley Ranch Resort in Henderson, Nevada! Plan on arriving at the Henderson Airport (KHND) on Friday afternoon, 2/19. Join your hosts, Claudio & Lisa Losacco, for a fabulous cocktail party at the resort that evening. On Saturday, plan on a trip to the Las Vegas Outlet Stores to shop, a ride to the Atomic Research Museum for a great tour and then to top the evening off - a dinner you'll never forget at Hank's Steak House and Martini Bar. There will also be plenty of time for gambling at the resort before leaving for home on Sunday morning, 2/21. The trip will cost between \$350 and \$400 per person, depending on how many people attend. Look for additional information in the next couple weeks.

INOPERATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

This month I want to talk about FAR 91.213(d), “Inoperative instruments and equipment.” This section will help you decide if your airplane is airworthy as it relates to inoperative equipment. Do you have some "non-essential" piece of equipment in your panel that doesn't work? The relic ADF, maybe? How about the back-up altimeter? Or that \$800 digital clock on the yoke?

If anything on or in your airplane is broken, you have some options. The problem is that you MUST utilize one of the options! You can't just ignore that broken clock and use your handy-dandy cooking dial or wristwatch to time your legs or approach instead.

OPTION #1: Fix it before you fly.

OPTION #2: Remove it before you fly - If not otherwise required by the type certificate, Pilots Operating Handbook (POH), a Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) or Airworthiness Directive (AD), you can remove the item and operate the aircraft. You must placard the control for the item and an appropriate record must be noted in the aircraft logbook.

OPTION #3: If the broken item is NOT required by the type certificate, Pilots Operating Handbook, an FAR or Airworthiness Directive, you can place an "INOPERATIVE" sticker on the item and operate the aircraft. Again, this action must be logged and you (a pilot rated under part 61) or a properly licensed mechanic must determine the item does not constitute a hazard to the aircraft / flight.

OPTION #4: Obtain a ferry permit from your local Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), if it can be determined the airplane can be flown on a specific mission safely. The ferry permit will give stipulations for the flight and is generally used so the airplane can be delivered to a repair facility. You won't get the permit to go see your buddy or to get a tri-tip sandwich (see FAR's 21.197 and 21.199 for detailed information on ferry permits).

There is a thing called a Minimum Equipment List (MEL), but most of the light general aviation airplanes we fly do not have MEL's. For instance an airplane with two transponders may have an MEL which allows it to fly with only one functioning until the next scheduled maintenance cycle. If you fly on a commercial carrier, there will more than likely be one or more items busted on the airliner, but being safely deferred for maintenance.

So, in summary, you can have the item fixed, removed, placarded or you can attempt to obtain a ferry permit. BUT, you CAN'T just ignore it!

This is a very brief synopsis of FAR 91.213(d) and meant to only draw your attention to its existence and highlight major points. Should you have occasion to be in a situation where you need guidance on the topic, open the book and / or seek out a person knowledgeable in the finer points of operating aircraft under FAR Part 91 with inoperative equipment.

If you have any questions or want to discuss this article, please send me an email, CLosacco@sbcglobal.net.

GREAT CALIFORNIA AIRPORT FLY-OFF

See the whole spreadsheet at <http://www.airventurers.org/downloads/airport-fly-off.xls>

PILOT	#	AIRPORTS VISITED
Barton	2	CIC,SMO
Boujo	4	023,VNY,L71,SZP
Busick	19	WHP,CMA,SZP,L88,L17,L62,L35,APV,L70,L61,O02,VNY,BFC,L45,MIT,L73,DLO,L19,L84
Eisenberg	3	CIC,VNY,CMA
Kirschner	17	CMA,023,VNY,IYK,MIT,SBP,AVX,SZP,EED,SBA,RIR,DAG,POC,L88,IZA,PSP,L18
Landau	2	023,SMO
Lane	12	CIC,CMA,308,TRK,SZP,IZA,SBP,OXR,AVX,DAG,PSP,VNY
Losacco	37	VNY,CMA,OXR,WHP,CNO,WJF,L52,SMO,BUR,L70,IZA,POC,CCB,EMT,L35,LOO,ONT,SBP,BFL,L45,SBA,SNA,FUL,LGB,AVX,PTV,SMX,SZP,RDD,SAC,IYK,DAG,L88,TOA,CPM,PSP,L18
Newlands	6	CMA,023,RIU,SMO,VNY,SBA
Savage	121	L71,CMA,308,FAT,WJF,LHM,WHP,MYV,MER,MCE,MOD,RIU,SZP,SCK,TSP,L94,015,VNY,TOA,HHR,L70,OAK,SQL,PAO,HWD,RHV,SJC,E16,CVH,C80,L84,L62,L17,L88,SMX,LPC,IZA,F34,BFL,L45,VIS,HJO,SMO,BUR,CPU,O22,E79,MAE,206,MPI,E45,O27,FCH,OQ4,TLR,PTV,DLO,L19,MIT,L73,1Q1,O63,O42,D86,O32,CRO,CCB,ONT,L67,SBD,REI,RIR,RAL,AJO,CNO,FUL,CPM,OXR,CRQ,OKB,SNA,M90,LSN,301,1Q4,TCY,C83,O88,VCB,EDU,DWA,O41,SAC,F72,103,L53,O2O,EMT,POC,L00,MHV,L65,HMT,F70,DAG,L35,APV,L26,VCV,BLH,L64,L77,TRM,UDD,TNP,L80,L22,BNG,SBP,L52,PSP
Seibold	2	023,SMO
Simansky	13	CMA,VNY,023,OAK,LSN,SZP,L71,301,AVX,EMT,POC,PSP,MYF
Wachsmuth	1	023
Rifkin	9	VNY,CMA,SBP,OXR,SZP,WHP,DAG,POC,PSP
Lamm	2	SZP,SMO
Stewart	10	VNY,SZP,OXR,CMA,DAG,L35,APV,L20,VCV,AVX
Harris	12	SBP,SMO,FCH,VNY,PRB,CMA,POC,STS,RIR,CRQ,BLH,LPC
Korney	19	SBP,SMO,PSP,AVX,SCK,SNA,TOA,SBA,VNY,ACV,CEC,MRY,SZP,CMA,RIR,SMX,BFL,POC,CRQ
Millman	10	SZP,022,WJF,CMA,IZA,L70,PRB,SMX,L35,POC

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IMPORTANT DATES IN...	
December	
5	Holiday Party
26	Board Meeting—Santa Paula
January	
10	Chino
21	Dinner Meeting
30	Board Meeting
February	
18	Dinner Meeting
19-20	Green Valley Ranch
27	Board Meeting

MORE STUFF YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU NEEDED TO KNOW

The animal kingdom's most underrated intellect is . . . the pig. With the completion of the pig genome, scientists who study that kind of thing remark on human-pig similarities: We're both quick learners, slow to forget things, have similar hearts, similar teeth, metabolize drugs the same way, stare at ourselves in the mirror (though for the pig, it appears to be curiosity more than vanity). Said one biologist, "I look at the pig as a great animal model for human lifestyle diseases. Pigs like to lie around, they like to drink if given a chance [and] smoke and watch TV." [New York Times](#)

(Sounds good to me!)