



# The Airventurers Flyer

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Greetings

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season with family and friends and parted with good feelings. People will forget what you do and say but they will always remember how you made them feel.

As this year comes to a close do you see the end of one year or the beginning of another? Do you wish this year would continue or are you ready for a fresh start? I, for one, have had too much holidays, too many parties, too much rushing to fit in all the activities, I'm all wrung out and I can't think of anything to write about. But I'll try.

The Airventurers had a busy year during 2011. In 10 fly-ins we covered California from top to bottom and also flew to three other states. We ate our fill at 10 dinner meetings, a hangar party, a birthday party, a picnic, and a holiday party. We had 66 people attend the holiday party and I enjoyed seeing all of you there. We had 11 monthly board meetings and also volunteered to help at Operation Gratitude. Next year is going to be just as active with fly-ins, meetings, and our annual picnic.

We are an active group and that's what keeps us strong. Our club can only do this with a large number of volunteers. Our volunteers deserve all the recognition they can get. When you go to a hotel or restaurant you find that the people there will be very good to you. You have to realize that they are being paid to be good. Our volunteers are good and they are not being paid. I guess we can say our volunteers are good for nothing. Well, maybe I didn't word that right but you know what I mean.

And speaking of volunteers, the first two fly-ins of the year will be hosted by newbies Mark Cheer and Jay Hultman. Show them how supportive Airventurers are by turning out in record numbers. The previously-published fly-in schedule has been tweaked a bit. When you look at it you will notice several changes. These adjustments are necessary due to events outside of our control.

Our next dinner meeting will be on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will be Bill Koukourikos. Everyone enjoyed his presentation last February and said we should have him return to make one of his other speeches. His presentation this time will be about Professional (Military) pilots and how general aviation pilots can apply the same sort of skills.

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**Dinner Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 17th**  
**Valley Inn**  
**4557 Sherman Oaks**  
**Ave.**

**Cocktails at 6:00**  
**Dinner at 7:00**  
**Choice of Several**  
**Entrees**  
**\$28/person**

**PLEASE RSVP ONLINE**  
**or email**

**[mrifkin397@aol.com](mailto:mrifkin397@aol.com)**

by Sunday, Jan 15th

**The guest speaker this evening will be Bill Koukourikos, who is the Flight Safety Engineer at Edwards AFB. He will discuss a military pilot's view on applying professional pilot skills to g.a.**

*You don't want to miss this fun, informative meeting*

**If you prefer, you may skip dinner and join us at 8:00 for the program**

**BOARD MEETING**  
**Jan. 28th with a VFR lunch**  
**flight to**  
**California City**

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**we'd like to hear what you have to say**

## AIRVENTURERS APPLICANT CHECKLIST

DATE	APPLICANT	SPONSOR	FEE	DINNER MEETING		FLY-IN	
				co-host	add'l	co-host	add'l
4/06	Kardack	Harris	Y		Y		Y
1/10	Bakst	Losacco	Y		Y	Y	
1/03	Reisman	Eisenberg	Y	Y	Y		
11/10	Cheer	Savage	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
7/11	Hultman	Eisenberg			Y		
12/11	Shy	Busick	Y		Y		Y

### 2012 Fly-Ins (not carved in stone)

Jan. 7	Air show at Cable, Cheer
Feb. 12	Santa Maria Sunday Brunch
Mar. 10	Harris Ranch Poker Run, Savage
Apr. 13-14	Death Valley, Busick & Boujo
May 11-13	San Francisco, Samoien
June 7-8	San Luis Obispo B & B, Korney
July 20-21	Lake Tahoe, Rifkin
Aug. 11	Club Picnic in Santa Barbara
Sept. 14-16	Canyon de Chelly, Salmon
Oct. 5-7	Albuquerque Balloon Festival, Coolidge
Nov. 9-11	Mystery Fly-In, Kirschner
Dec. 2	Holiday Party

**Ideas/Suggestions??? Volunteers???**

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I spent this last week preparing my plane to be painted. It was painted in 2004 but had some corrosion spots developing. Instead of doing a major touch up job I decided to get the old bird a new set of feathers...I wasn't wild about the dark parrot green color anyway. Jeanne is going to select the new color scheme. If it turns out to be pink don't you dare make any comments when we arrive at the next fly-in. We may have to drive to a fly-in or two because it will take 4 weeks to get the job done.

It's time to pay your annual dues. It really helps when members do this on time so our roster can be finalized and printed. And don't forget to note any changes to your contact information.

Life is short, break the rules, forgive quickly, kiss slowly, love truly, laugh uncontrollably, never regret anything that made you smile.

Here's wishing you a very Happy New Year and many hours of flying.

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**WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2012**—This year's election is expected to be one of the most volatile in decades. It will keep the President, Congress, and heads of government agencies focused on election and re-election. As campaigning gets into full swing, more and more TFRs will be put in place, with the president flying around the country to campaign and attend various special events occurring in even the most unexpected places. Pilots need to be sure to check before each flight. Officials at the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) are working to ease the limitations increased TFRs can bring.

# Airventurers

**JANUARY FLY-IN TO THE CABLE AIR SHOW  
KCCB-UPLAND, CA  
SAT. JAN. 7TH, 2012**



09:30 - Meet at Maniac Mikes Café at the airport  
1000-1545 - Enjoy the Airshow!  
email Mark Cheer at [mark-cheer-384@pacbell.net](mailto:mark-cheer-384@pacbell.net)



**Cable Airshow Information**  
<http://www.cableairport.com/airfair/>  
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES OF  
JANUARY 6,7,8, 2012  
AIRSHOW SCHEDULE AND MAP TO CABLE AIRPORT



# Fabulous

## Sunday Brunch

at the Radisson Hotel on the  
Santa Maria Airport  
February 12, 2012 at 11:00  
\$21.95, but only \$18.95 for seniors  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT  
ENTERTAINMENT**



**THIS SHOULD BE A GREAT TRIP  
FOR EVERYONE**

**It's a short flight from most of our  
home airports.**

**No big mountains (or deserts) so  
probably no bumps.**

**No deposit required.**

**If the weather goes down, we stay  
home and go to the movies.**

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED  
CALL JAY HULTMAN AT 310-871-9119 OR  
JAYHULTMAN@SBCGLOBAL.NET**

*Here's what one pilot had to say:*

“This time we stopped at The Radisson Santa Maria for Sunday Brunch. I'd give it 4 1/2 stars! A very good Buffet Brunch with lots of shell fish, prime rib, omelet bar and several entrees. This is a white table cloth place with a view of the ramp and runway. Park right in front of the door (or window) and simply walk in.”



## **FLYING WITH AN iPad**—excerpted from an article in General Aviation News by Bill Walker

“I received an iPad for Christmas last year and put it to use straightaway in my Skyhawk. Not knowing which app to use, I tried several. Purchased ForeFlight, Flight Guide and Pilot My-Cast and tried WingXPro. A year later, I use ForeFlight most, with My-Cast a close second. With these apps I can plan a flight, review the weather anytime, fly the plan or change it on the move using an easily readable and seamless electronic sectional — and take advantage of the cheapest fuel stops enroute. In deteriorating conditions I can use the approach plates with georeferencing of my position as a backup to the IFR-certified GPS in my plane. I bought a mount from Ram and the iPad sits on the yoke without covering any instruments. To connect with the Internet, I use Verizon’s Hotspot, a pocket-sized device that costs about \$40 a month. I have had no problems receiving information in flight. But the connection can be lost, just like with cellphones.

ForeFlight works problem-free with the iPad’s built-in GPS. My-Cast also pairs nicely with it. Flight Guide recommended its add-on GPS receiver (now \$299) and I bought it. It works fine as well. The apps show your plane’s location on the maps and approach plates. Pilot My-Cast superimposes weather on the sectional while ForeFlight requires a change to another page. One Saturday, after a short flight for a barbeque sandwich, I emerged from the restaurant to see Cb buildups in three quadrants. The iPad radar painted a squall line with the opening back to my home field dotted with patches of rain. I flew a zigzag course, dodging scattered circles of heavy rain that were easy to see on the Pilot My-Cast screen.

The iPad viewing screen is bright, clear and easily expands to show increased detail. I set maximum lighting intensity and use a cigarette lighter charger plug to save the iPad battery. Even the brightest setting can be washed out by direct, brilliant sunlight, but I can count on one hand the number of times screen fadeout has been an issue. Also, a dark shirt offers less reflection on the screen in all conditions. In hot weather keep the iPad out of direct sunlight or it will overheat and shut down until cool. Mine has never overheated while mounted on the yoke with the plane in motion. My iPad has never been exposed to temperatures lower than freezing in the cockpit, so I have had no experience with shutdowns because of extreme cold.

Coming home one evening after dark, there was no beacon and no runway lights at my airport. A construction team had shut down all exterior electricals at the airport when they quit work. No problem...called up the ForeFlight Runway 4 GPS approach plate with two finger taps, and the miniature airplane on the screen pinpointed my position. This would also have been an ideal situation to use WingXPro7’s new synthetic vision add-on.”

The iPad, like a handheld transceiver and portable GPS, is a great safety backup.

Costs: An iPad2 ranges from approximately \$550 to \$700. ForeFlight offers a VFR plan for \$74.99 yearly and ForeFlight Pro with additional instrument procedures and diagrams is \$149.99 yearly. Pilot My-Cast basic is \$99 per year and the full package is \$180. Flight Guide begins at \$99 yearly and the IFR standard plan is \$129, the IFR Plus Data Plan is \$199. Flight Guide has also partnered with Zaon to offer traffic alerts directly on the sectional. WingXPro7 is \$99 yearly and the Synthetic vision add-on is \$99. Add \$75 for georeferencing of your aircraft on the charts and another \$30 for fuel prices.

Links to these apps:

<http://www.foreflight.com/ipad>

<http://www.flightguide.com/>

<http://www.hiltonsoftware.com/>

## **FOR CESSNA PILOTS**

Cessna has launched a safety initiative to educate owners of 100- and 200-series single-engine piston aircraft built between 1946 and 1986 about new supplemental aircraft inspection procedures that will be added to Cessna service manuals.

The supplemental inspections will be incorporated into the service manuals for the 200-series aircraft in early December and the change for the 100-series aircraft will be made in April 2012.

“The supplemental inspection program we’ve developed is primarily a visual process aimed at supporting the continued airworthiness of aging airframes,” said Beth Gamble, Cessna’s principal engineer for airframe structures. “Through this education effort, we hope to answer most questions before we release the revised service manuals. We encourage owners to check in with their local Cessna service affiliate at the appropriate times to have the mandatory inspections completed.”

The criteria for initial visual inspections will vary by model and aircraft age or hours of operation and focus primarily on signs of corrosion or structural fatigue damage, company officials said. Cessna authorized service providers will have special training and access to specific equipment for the inspections and for repairs, if required.

“Corrosion and fatigue are inevitable but with early detection and proper maintenance, severity and effects can be minimized,” Gamble said. “The new inspection requirements we’ve developed are very simple, and are based on visual inspection that can be done quickly by a trained inspector during an annual inspection.”

Cessna plans a series of education opportunities on the new inspection procedures starting with the company’s authorized parts and service facilities. An interactive presentation is available on the customer access portion of the Customer Service page of Cessna.com and a short video explaining the inspection process is on Cessna’s YouTube channel at [youtube.com/CessnaAircraftCo](http://youtube.com/CessnaAircraftCo)



**March 10th—Mike Savage is planning a  
poker run**

**April 13-14—Cliff Busick & Yoni Boujo are  
taking us to Death Valley**

**May 11-13—Tony Samojen is taking us to  
San Francisco**

Dues are payable December 1<sup>st</sup> and delinquent February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make your check out to Airventurers and mail



To:  
Yoni Boujo  
12230 Otsego St.  
Valley Village, CA 91607

**OR YOU MAY PAY ON LINE USING YOUR CREDIT CARD**

Thank you for your prompt payment.

2012 Membership Dues.....\$70.00

The following information will be used in compiling the new roster. Please **PRINT LEGIBLY**. We can't be responsible if we can't read it. Cut-off date for the roster is January 20th.

Name: .....

Spouse or S/O: .....

Address: .....

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Home Phone: .....

Work Phone .....

Cell:.....

FAX:.....

Email: .....

Occupation: .....

Ratings: .....

Airplane .....

Number .....

Based at .....

***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. If there are no changes, check the box below, but **make sure your name is on this form.**

No Changes:



# AIRVENTURERS

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## IMPORTANT DATES IN...

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<b>January</b>	
7	Cable Air Show
17	Dinner Meeting
28	Board Meeting—fly to CA City
<b>February</b>	
12	Santa Maria Sunday Brunch
21	Dinner Meeting
25	Board Meeting
<b>March</b>	
10	Poker Flight
20	Dinner Meeting
31	Board Meeting—fly to Santa Paula

## ATTEND A BOARD MEETING—WE HAVE DONUTS



**“The healthiest part of a donut is the hole. Unfortunately, you have to eat through the rest of the donut to get there!”**