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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! In this first newsletter of 2018, I'd like to extend our best wishes to Airventurers, their families and loved ones everywhere. May you have a happy, healthy and safe new year.

And in my new role as president, I'd like to take a moment to tell you a little about me and Toni.

After finishing high school, I moved to Bozeman, MT, to go to college at Montana State University. The following spring, posters around campus advertised an introductory training course with the university skydiving club. I joined the club, started my skydiving career and a long association with general aviation. One of the most experienced local skydivers helping in my initial training, was Tom Scharff, Toni's brother. Who would have guessed a few decades later he would be my brother-in-law. Another thing I didn't know at the time was that Toni had made 15 jumps as part of her own bucket list. A couple of years later, a few of us in the club bought a Cessna 182. We're still partners in the same airplane today after 40-some years.

Toni is a Bozeman native. We met there when she moved back after living in the mid-west and Germany, and her first marriage came to an end. As it turned out we had some friends in common; it is a small town after all.

Professionally, I was a staff member at Montana State working in the campus data center. We moved to Santa Monica in 1989 after accepting a job offer from the computer company whose hardware we used at MSU.



In addition to a work opportunity, another major reason (at that point in my life) was that Southern California is home to one of the world's leading skydiving centers: Perris Valley. Over the years there, I've has the privilege to be part of some extraordinary milestones in the sport.

I started expanding

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DINNER MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 14th

Lulu's

6:00 Socializing

6:30 Dinner

7:00 Speaker

Our speaker will be David McAlexander, an officer on the E-2 Hawkeye, who directed Navy F-18s against ground and airborne threats in Operation Desert Storm



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AIRVENTURERS.ORG or
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If you can't join us for dinner, feel free to come and enjoy the speaker.

(car-pool if you can)

**BOARD MEETING
Signature Aviation, VNY
Saturday January 27th
10:00 am
We Have Donuts**

AIRVENTURERS APPLICANT CHECKLIST

| DATE | APPLICANT | SPONSOR | FEE | DINNER MEETING | | FLY-IN | |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----|----------------|-------|---------|-------|
| | | | | co-host | add'l | co-host | add'l |
| 2/16 | Landi | Eisenberg | Y | | Y | | |
| 2/16 | Hnarakis | Eisenberg | Y | Y | Y | | Y |
| 12/16 | Brend | Frangos | Y | Y | Y | | Y |
| 2/17 | Cavallaro | Shaby | Y | | Y | | |

2018 CALENDAR

| | DINNER | BOARD | FLY-IN DATE | DESTINATION | HOST |
|------|--------|-------|-------------|------------------------|--------------|
| JAN | 14 | 27 | 18th-21st | Grand Canyon Mule Ride | Kirschner |
| FEB | 18 | 24 | 10 | Ramona Wine Tasting | Cashin |
| MAR | 11 | 24 | 16-18th | Puerto Penasco, Mexico | Samojen |
| APR | 15 | 28 | | Poker Run | Savage/Cheer |
| MAY | 20 | 26 | | Columbia | Eisenberg |
| JUNE | 10 | 30 | | Benson, AZ | Busick |
| JULY | NONE | 28 | | Club Picnic | |
| AUG | NONE | 25 | 18th-19th | Confusion Hill, Ukiah | Simansky |
| SEPT | 15 | 29 | | Sacramento | Samojen |
| OCT | 21 | 27 | | Prescott, AZ | Klenner |
| NOV | 18 | 24 | | China Lake | Rainey |
| DEC | 1 | 29 | | Holiday Party | |



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my aviation skill set in 2005 when I began working on my private certificate at SMO with Joe Justice and his crew, sticking with them through an instrument rating. And late in 2015, we bought a 1967 Debonair. It's treated us very well, making trips home to Montana fast and easy.

Since Toni and I joined Airventurers, we're had the good fortunate to meet and travel with some of the nicest people anywhere. We look forward to knowing more members, more compelling dinner speakers, and unique fly-ins for 2018.

Tim Cashin
President

Ramona Valley Boutique Wineries

February 10th-11th (1 night)



February's fly-in will be to KRNM to visit several of the boutique wineries in the Ramona Valley. The vineyards on the list are small, award-winning operations where they sell their wines exclusively through their on-site tasting rooms.

If weather becomes a problem, this is an easy drive.

Details are not yet firmed up, so watch the website for details. If interested, contact:

Tim Cashin

310-450-2633 or tim@cashins.org



Save the Date

for a 1-nighter on Saturday, August 18th to Confusion Hill in Piercy, CA. We won't "confuse" you with the details just yet, but just know that the Simanskys are hosting, so it will be perfect. The hotel tends to fill up fast in the summer, so call and reserve NOW. The number is 707-923-2771 and you can cancel the day before if you need to. But trust me, you won't want to.

GOOD ADVICE FOR 2018

Have the courage to live a life true to yourself, not the life others expect of you.
 Never attribute to malice that which can be adequately explained by stupidity.
 Don't make decisions when you're angry. Don't make promises when you're happy.
 Remember you'll always regret what you didn't do, rather than what you did.
 If you blame it on someone else, don't expect it to get better.
 You can be the ripest, juiciest peach in the world, but there will always be someone who hates peaches.
 If the grass is greener on the other side, there's probably more manure there.
 Don't give up what you want most for what you want now.
 With regards to the opposite sex: If you look hungry, you'll starve.
 Strive to be the man (woman) you want your daughter (son) to marry.
 Wait 24 hours before getting mad and reacting about anything. If it doesn't bother you in 24 hours, it probably isn't important enough to get mad over.

Never make someone a priority that only makes you an option.
 Try not to take anything personally. No one thinks about you as much as you do.
 If you want to know what a man's like, take a good look at how he treats his inferiors, not his equals.
 Figure out what you love to do, and then figure out how to get someone to pay you to do it.
 If you treat a woman (man) like a queen (king), and she (he) treats you like a jester, your princess (prince) is in another castle.
 Whenever something happens that makes you sad, ask yourself whether you'd still care about it when you're ninety.
 Be persistent. When knowledge and ability aren't enough, be persistent.
 Life is scary. Get used to it. There are no magical fixes. It's all up to you. So get up off your keister, get out of here and go start doing the work. Nothing in this world that's worth having comes easy.
 Happiness is a choice and everything else is a matter of perspective.

-from The Lieberman Letters



Save Friday, March 16th to Puerto Penasco. The approximate cost will be \$420/ per couple. Tony Samojen is hosting this one...call him at 805-383-3070 and send \$100 deposit by Feb. 22nd.



Ginny Miller has had a knee replacement. Airventurers wish her a speedy recovery.

IMPORTANT DATES IN...

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| January | |
| 14 | Dinner Meeting |
| 18-20 | Grand Canyon Mule Ride |
| 27 | Board Meeting |
| February | |
| 10-11 | Ramona Wine Tour |
| 18 | Dinner Meeting |
| 24 | Board Meeting |
| March | |
| 11 | Dinner Meeting |
| 16-18 | Puerto Penasco |
| 24 | Board Meeting |

Dues are payable December 1st and delinquent February 1st
Please make your check out to Airventurers and mail to:



Judy Rifkin
29630 Ridgeway Dr.
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

2018 Membership Dues.....\$60.00
Credit Card.....\$62.10

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT PAYMENT

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:.....

Email:

Occupation:

Ratings:

Airplane

Number

Based at

PLEASE...

even if you're paying on line, take an extra minute to fill out this form and send it in. It will make maintaining our data base accurately so much easier. If there are no changes, check the box below, and make sure your name is on this form.