



The Airventurers Flyer

Official Publication of Airventurers, a Non-Profit Pilot's Association

Volume 58, No. 4, Apr. 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I recently had the opportunity to go to a Bonanza recurrent training seminar in Fresno. Without a doubt, it was time well spent.

The event was put on by BPT, an independent training provider in Beechcraft airplanes for 35 years with a wealth of experience. They provided all factory training for owners of new aircraft for many years. The instructional staff includes Continental Motors service reps and many retired military and airline pilots, and current corporate pilots. Among their more notable clients, astronaut John Glenn attended their classes for several years when he was in his 80's. Collectively, they made up a nearly complete walking encyclopedia of all things related to Bonanzas and Barons.

Just as interesting as the wide-ranging topics were the pilots who attended, along with their non-flying companions. Everyone, as you might guess, was a Beechcraft owner and there was a broad range of backgrounds in the group. The common thread among everyone, regardless of hours or years of experience, was the idea that there is always more to learn, always a worthwhile exercise to take a fresh look how we do what we do as pilot in command.

The end result, as you might imagine, was a very interesting weekend. Class topics were compelling with most presentations clear and concise. Most questions were thoughtful and answers from the instructors tended to bring in factors we had not considered. Instructional flights were geared toward identifying small things in each pilot's habits that might reduce workload or increase awareness while building on experience.

We know recurrent training works to improve safety and proficiency. The requirements for airlines and the military are fairly stringent. The FAA tries to entice the GA community to get involved with the Wings program by removing the requirement for a flight review if certain milestones are met.

But what might it take for each of us to take the initiative to get involved and gain the benefits of recurrent training? For me, it was an effort to get far more in-depth knowledge about my airplane. What about you?

Tim Cashin, President

DINNER MEETING **Sunday, Apr. 15th** **Lulu's**

6:00 Socializing
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Speaker

Our speaker tonight is
Tim Hatfield,
who will be talking
about air traffic opera-
tions, a topic that con-
cerns all of us

RESERVE AT
AIRVENTURERS.ORG or
mrifkin397@aol.com

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

(car-pool if you can)

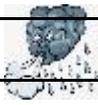
BOARD MEETING
Signature Aviation, VNY
Saturday April 28th
10:00 am
We Have Donuts

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		
3/18	Schmitt		Y		Y		

Meet our newest applicants, **Barry and Kathleen Schmitt**. Barry is a retired aerospace executive with many ratings and thousands of hours. He and Kathleen love to travel and fly cross country and are joining Airventurers to meet new people, get back into flying after 18 years and help with flight reviews when needed. Contact info: 25922 Bryant Pl. in Stevenson Ranch 91381, 661-388-1875, mbschmitt@aol.com Please make them welcome.

2018 CALENDAR

	DINNER	BOARD	FLY-IN DATE	DESTINATION	HOST
JAN	14	27	18th-21st	Grand Canyon Mule Ride 	Kirschner
FEB	18	24	10th	Ramona Wine Tasting	Cashin
MAR	11	24	16-18th	Puerto Penasco	Samojen
APR	15	28	21st	Poker Run 	Savage/Cheer
MAY	20	26	11th-13th	Puerto Penasco	Samojen
JUNE	10	30		Benson, AZ	Busick
JULY	NONE	28	21st	Club Picnic	
AUG	NONE	18	25th	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 	

FROM THE EDITOR: My apologies for the lateness of this issue of the Flyer. What with a new dog, Easter, and Passover, the time just got away from me. But you'll be happy to know that the 2018 roster is at the printers and will be available at the next dinner and board meetings.

POKER RUN

Saturday, April 21st

\$25/hand or \$26.06 (credit card price)

PICK UP CARDS AT:

- ✈ Van Nuys—pilot's lounge at fuel pit
- ✈ Whiteman—Vista Aviation
- ✈ El Monte—restaurant
- ✈ Agua Dulce—fuel pumps

Arrive at Santa Paula no later than 12 noon to collect your fifth card and have lunch.

**THEN—YOU MIGHT WIN ENOUGH FOR A TANK OF
CHEAP GAS!**

Reserve with Mike Savage, 661-803-6240

mikesavage7@gmail.com

Or

Mark Cheer, 661-607-8118

skylane.mark@gmail.com

Checks to:

Judy Rifkin

29630 Ridgeway Dr.

Agoura Hills 91301



puerto Peñasco

May 11-13 (2 nights)

LAND AT MAR DE CORTEZ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
(MMPE)

VIP CUSTOM CHECK-IN

TRANSPORTATION TO THE MAYAN PALACE HOTEL
AND TO TOWN

www.vidanta.com/web/guest/mayan-palace

Send check to Airventurers c/o

Judy Rifkin

29630 Ridgeway Dr.

Agoura Hills, CA 91301 or

pay on line at www.airventurers.org

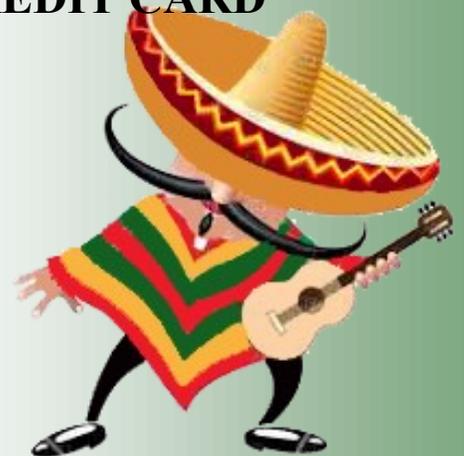
\$410.00/couple OR \$422.55 WITH CREDIT CARD

\$370.00/single OR \$381.36 WITH CREDIT CARD

Contact **Tony Samojen** for more information

805-383-3070, 805-218-1718 (C)

kookiebird@msn.com



Confusion Hill

Home of the Rare, Elusive
CHIPALOPE

Limited to
14 people

IS SEEING BELIEVING?

Revised Flier

AIRVENTURERS 1 - NIGHT FLY - IN
NEW DATE, SATURDAY - SUNDAY AUGUST 25 - 26, 2018

 **FLY INTO UKIAH AIRPORT (KUKI)**

- > About 371 nautical miles direct from Van Nuys Airport
- > Arrive no later than 1:00 p.m.

 **SPEND THE NIGHT AT THE HOTEL**

- > Best Western Plus Humboldt House Inn, Garberville (707) 923-2771
- > About 92½ miles from Ukiah Airport

 **AFTER BREAKFAST, DRIVE TO CONFUSION HILL IN PIERCY, CA.**

- > About 17 miles from hotel
- > Spend about 1 - 2 hours there

 **LEAVE FOR UKIAH AIRPORT**

- > About 75½ miles from Confusion Hill
- > Maybe have lunch on the way

Send full payment by August 1

(Payable to Airventurers) to:

Dan & Lorraine Simansky

17068 Burton St.

Van Nuys, CA 91406

(818) 344-7455

lasimansky@gmail.com



GRAVITY HOUSE

Self-guided tour
Experience optical contradictions & odd physical sensations that are truly confusing



MOUNTAIN TRAIN RIDE

38 steps up to it
30 minute ride on 1¼ miles of track to top of hillside
Uses unique Alpine switchback system



Ripley's Believe It or Not "World's Tallest Free Standing Redwood Chainsaw Carving"



Redwood Shoe House

\$314.00/couple (\$323.69 with credit card)

\$251.00/single (\$258.81 with credit card)

NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 23RD

Let the Simanskys know by August 23rd if you need to cancel.

INCLUDES

Hotel Hot Breakfast
Transportation Wine & Cheese Reception
Confusion Hill Attractions

A GOOD PUN IS IT'S OWN REWORD

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.

Practice safe eating -- always use condiments.

Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.

A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.

Sea captains don't like crew cuts.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.

Reading while sunbathing makes you well-red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

IMPORTANT DATES IN...

April

15 Dinner Meeting

21 Poker Run

28 Board Meeting

May

11-12 Puerto Penasco, Mexico

20 Dinner Meeting

26 Board Meeting

June

10 Dinner Meeting

TBD Benson, AZ

30 Board Meeting



Greg Chapek, the "Rocket Scientist" did a very interesting and timely presentation in March.