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Presidents Message

Last April, I wrote about a three-day Bonanza training seminar I attended in Fresno, put on by BPT Inc. Part of the program includes four hours 1-on-1 with one of their instructors broken down to an hour of prep, two hours of flight instruction in your airplane, and an hour of debriefing. Due to weather and not being IFR-current, I chose to drive north to the event and fly with an instructor later.

Fast forward. I was able to complete the flight portion last week with Dan Ramirez, a BPT instructor based at John Wayne. It was, without question, the most interesting and effective flight training experience I can remember. "How so?" you ask.

I don't know if it's this gentleman's personal teaching style, or the BPT program itself, but for every topic or technique we covered, he wanted to know about my own procedures and why I do things that way. He was honestly interested in the details and my thought process. Then he showed me what BPT teaches, did a demo then had me try it. He included the caveat that it was something to consider, and not the "be all, end all" of flying techniques.

A lot of the value came from the tone he set; we're a couple of experienced guys getting together, respecting the others experience, learning a few things throughout the day. Above all, no pressure and making sure it was not a test. And that made it a really fun day and incredibly valuable.

Stepping back and looking at the bigger picture, it drives home an even bigger theme: the value of recurrent training.

We stepped outside typical GA flying for a few hours and asked difference questions. What can I do better? Where am I getting lazy or complacent? What am I forgetting? Honestly, we found plenty to work on.

The short-term challenge is to tweak my own habits and processes to include what Dan and I identified. Longer term is a different story. Airlines require two weeks of recurrent training every six months. That's a bit over the top for most of us. The required flight review every two year is, at best, the bare minimum.

We all need to do something to stay at the top of our game. I'll let you know when I find the right combination that works for me. What's your recipe?

Tim Cashin, President

March Dinner Meeting
Sunday, Mar. 17th
Lulu's

6:00—Schmoozing
6:30—Dinner
7:30 —Program

The speaker for March is Sharon Segal from Guide Dogs of America, who will be bringing two special guests. Guide Dogs of America provides professionally trained dogs, free of charge, to blind and visually impaired individuals so that they may pursue goals of independence and mobility with dignity.

RESERVE AT
AIRVENTURERS.ORG

BOARD MEETING
Signature Aviation, VNY
Saturday Mar. 16th
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	Y	Y	
12/16	Brend	Frangos	Y	Y	Y		Y
4/18	LaPook	Eisenberg	Y		Y		
5/18	Balady	Savage	Y		Y		
5/18	Murthy	Eisenberg	Y		Y	Y	Y
5/18	Baines	Eisenberg	Y		Y	Y	
8/18	Abramson	Salmon	Y	Y	Y		Y
9/18	Frankel	Eisenberg	Y		Y		

WE HAVE LOTS OF NEW APPLICANTS/MEMBERS

So please, until the 2019 roster is published, use the Additions and Corrections page in your 2018 roster and add the following: (or easier still, just print this page and stick it in)

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Nathan Frankel and fiancée Yayoi, 342 N. Mansfield Ave. Los Angeles 90036, 310-929-0430, ndfrankel@gmail.com

Dan Simansky has a new cell #: 818 521-5742

Michael Klein has completed all the requirements for membership and was voted into the club at the February board meeting.



SEDONA FLY-IN– A Good Start to 2019

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A spectacular destination, excellent weather, 17 people, 8 airplanes, ... what a way to start the year! This was my first trip to Sedona and I could not ask for a better intro.

A few phone calls, some emails and text messages here and there, and before you know it, 8 people arrived on Friday before the “official” Saturday start time.

The trip from Santa Monica was smooth, tail winds, clear and a million. Coming in from the west, the change in landscape is absolutely dramatic, from a desert brown to rich deep red mesas. One word: wow! The word on the street is that you have to pay attention on arrival, with landing and departing traffic using opposite runways in calm conditions. It was routine for most of us, with everyone in the area announcing and using published local conventions.

Within walking distance there is a good hotel and a restaurant well worth the trip. We were able to catch a fantastic sunset, enjoying the view with others visiting the area. Night time temperatures dipped into the 20’s for a reminder of real winter weather. Crisp, clean, clear and bright stars.

Saturday was clear and crisp. The early arrivals took care of getting fuel, had a bite, checked out of the airport hotel, and hung out waiting for the rest of the group. There was a steady flow of traffic in and out of KSEZ, people coming for the hundred-dollar burger, spending the weekend, the usual stuff. In a “what are the odds of that?” moment, one guy walking in from the ramp was someone I knew from Montana in 1980 and had not seen since then!

We greeted the Saturday arrivals, signed in at the FBO, lunch at the airport restaurant, headed into town, checked into the hotel, and the Jeep tour company arrived to take us all out into the desert.

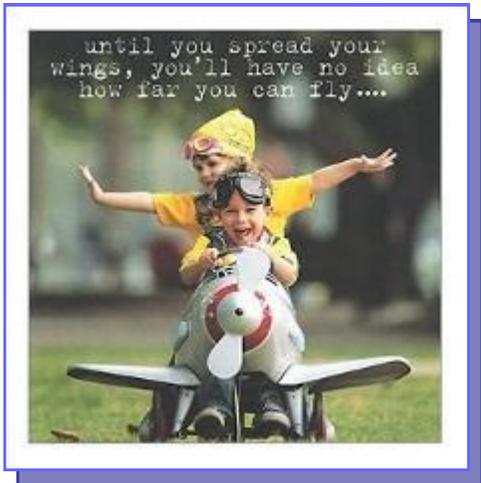
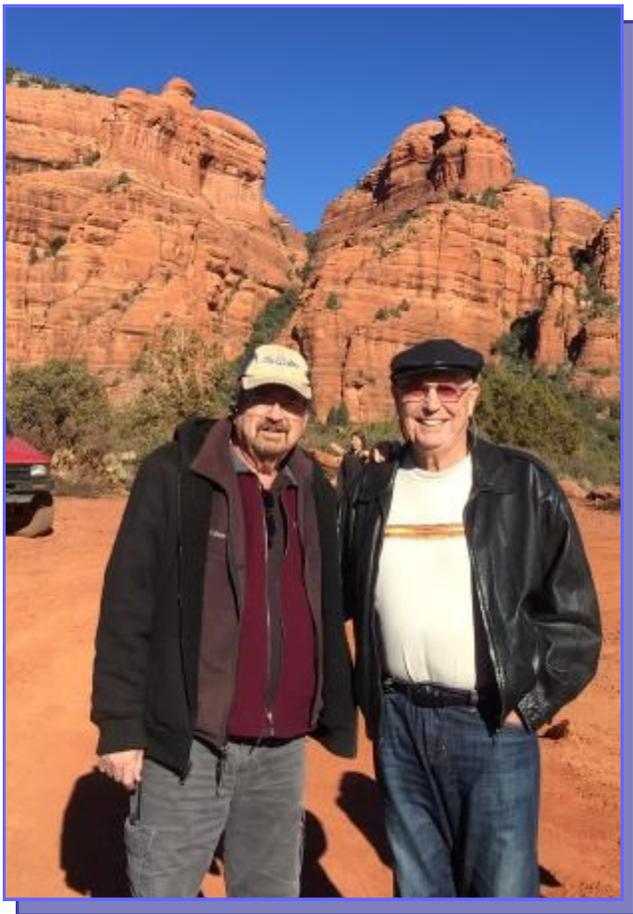
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Three jeeps and two hours, out into the nearby desert, up close and personal with towering, steep, rich red cliffs. Our drivers kept us entertained with stories, traditions, and rumors about Sedona's famed Cosmic Energy Vortex reputation and the Harmonic Convergence. One of our members happens to be a planetary scientist at Pasadena's JPL, and it was really interesting to hear where stories about Sedona's energy actually agree with scientific reality.

Dinner Saturday night was at the hotel's restaurant. Word from the hotel staff was that the restaurant was very popular and did not take reservations. Interesting. The traditional Airventurers cocktail hour got started at one of the fire pits. Beverages flowed, the air was cold, the fire warm. As other hotel guests wandered by, we offered glasses of wine, struck up some conversations and found out the restaurant was rated the best Mexican eatery in the country!

Good people, an amazing part of the country, great food, and flying. 2019 is off to a good start.





**PALM SPRINGS
AIR MUSEUM
SUNDAY
MAR. 3RD**

**Admission: \$14.50, Kids: Free
Lunch on Your Own
in
Museum Cafe**

The Pacific Hangar includes exhibits and aircraft used by the Navy during WWII, a Pearl Harbor diorama narrated by Tom Brokaw, and art by Stan Stokes. The European Hangar features exhibits used during WWII, Korea and Vietnam, the Tuskegee Airmen mural, the Women Pilots of WWII exhibit and the Jackie Cochran exhibit. The smallest hangar holds the B-17 Flying Fortress, flag and engine displays, and mechanics working on one of the vintage aircraft. The Major General Kenneth P. Miles Hangar holds Cold War, Korea and Vietnam War aircraft and exhibits.

CNN ranks this museum the #1 Air Museum in California and Trip Advisor ranks it #2 of the 65 attractions in Palm Springs.

Plan to arrive by 11 am, no charge to park at the museum.

Tim Cashin, 310-968-2633 and
Raghu Murthy, 626-905-1595 are
hosting. Contact either one for
more information and to reserve.
Let them know if you have an
extra seat or two in your plane
for those without wings.





PAHRUMP, NV

Saturday, March 23rd, One Night
Calvada Meadows (74P)



Plan to arrive at noon. Fuel and tie-down anchors are available, but bring your own ropes. We have 6 casitas reserved, so don't procrastinate. But be advised that if you cancel, it must be by March 9th.

**SOLD OUT,
TRYING TO
GET MORE
ROOMS**

ON THE AGENDA



Saturday, lunch on your own, visit Sheri's Ranch
Check in, relax, wine tour at 4:00, dinner to follow
Early breakfast on Sunday, then Front Sight
Depart for home about 1:30



**\$150 (\$154.84 with a cc at
airventurers.org)**

Checks to
Judy Rifkin
29630 Ridgeway Dr.
Agoura Hills 91301
Michael Klein at 818-601-4918
for more info
(we did this a few years ago—it
was a blast!)



**Got an extra seat or two?
Let the hosts know.**



AIRVENTURERS GO TO THE GRAND CANYON May 3-5, 2019



ALL-INCLUSIVE TRIP 2 NIGHTS HOTEL, 2 DINNERS, 2 BREAKFASTS, TRAIN RIDE TO AND FROM GRAND CANYON, TOUR OF THE CANYON AND LUNCH.

\$730 PER COUPLE—\$752.11 WITH CREDIT CARD

Unfortunately, this fly-in is sold out, but Cliff Busick is trying his best to get several more rooms. Contact Cliff at 661-400-1719 if you would like to go. But don't wait—this popular tour sells out rapidly.





Kevin Baines wowed us with the possibility of extra-terrestrial life. This man really loves his job!

A LITTLE HUMOR—

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Clones are people two.

The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first.

Give a man a fish, and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish, and he will sit in a boat drinking beer all day.

When you go into court you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

Daylight savings time - why are they saving it and where do they keep it?

Did Noah keep his bees in archives?

How much deeper would oceans be if sponges didn't live there?

How many weeks are there in a light year?

IMPORTANT DATES IN...

March	
3	Palm Springs Fly-In
17	Dinner Meeting
23	Pahrump Fly-In
16	Board Meeting
April	
13	Harris Ranch Fly-in
14	Dinner Meeting
27	Board Meeting
May	
3-5	Grand Canyon Fly-in
19	Dinner Meeting
25	Board Meeting