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Presidents Message

I've been thinking about something many of us have known well: passion for flight. There is much more written about the freedom and joy that it brings than I could ever paraphrase here. But we don't need to look far to see it all around us. We walked by a guy doing a pre-flight not long ago. "Hey, good morning! Where you headed?". He smiled and said "Up".

Perfect.

I bring this up because I got a text message a couple of days ago, a sad note about a man whose passion for his slice of the aeronautical universe was nearly boundless. Kenny Garfield, a friend from Montana for some 45 years, had passed away. Something about a form of cancer, common to Vietnam vets and exposure to Agent Orange.

Kenny was an all-American, small town, heavy set, blue collar, red neck. I can't tell you the exact criteria that make up a red neck but borrowing an expression from the late Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart, I know one when I see one. Garfield could be the poster child. He was a hardworking, dedicated, family man who settled down a lot from his younger days. Back then, he was known to play hard, party harder and throw an occasional punch. And there was never any question that the other guy had it coming.

We spent a couple of decades skydiving together. I can't count all the times we would exit the airplane with perfect timing, then make each freefall maneuver more precise than the last. And, yes, there were plenty of times when perfection didn't get the memo and the Keystone Cops showed up instead.

After landing, his face would light up, his smile widening like a kid getting birthday and Christmas presents all in one shot. Garfield didn't use terms like joy or passion or glee or love. None of this "slipping the surly bonds of earth" nonsense for him. It's simply not in the redneck playbook. Yet he radiated it all nearly every time, that kid-with-a-new-toy energy, the completely pure delight, just from the simple act of stepping out the door of an airplane with people he loved.

As I think about Kenny Garfield, our friends, and all the various adventures we had together over the years, tears begin to well up and I can't stop smiling. He lived life well. He lived his passion for flight. He loved the people he shared it with. And gave us all his love of life through his infectious smile.

Perfect. Thanks, Kenny.

Tim Cashin, President

**April Dinner Meeting
Sunday, Apr. 14th
Lulu's**

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

A speaker for the dinner meeting has not yet been confirmed. We will shoot you an email when we do. If something happens and we don't have a speaker, we can always do what Airventurers do best—talk and eat!

**RESERVE AT
AIRVENTURERS.ORG
or
mrifkin397@aol.com**

**BOARD MEETING
Signature Aviation, VNY
Saturday Apr. 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	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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Jerry & Jenifer Abramson, 3185 Penney Dr., Simi Valley 93063 (H) 805-527-1665 (C) 805-990-3285 & 805-512-1577, jeabrr@hotmail.com & jeniferj@gmail.com. Jerry is a single/multi engine CFI and flies a Cessna 182, 6962M based at CMA. Jerry started flying in 1972 and continued with lessons until he got his CFI. He and his wife are both retired and look forward to meeting and flying with people who have similar interests.

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.

PAHRUMP FLY-IN: March 23-24

Michael Klein and Carol Barring dotted all the “I’s” and crossed all the “T’s” running this fly-in in their very first hosting experience. They had to cope with a private uncontrolled field, accommodations with an unfavorable cancellation policy, a car rental agency that isn’t open on Sunday, and “iffy” VFR weather. They did it all perfectly.

We all (Mike and Sharon Landau, Jason & Brit Cavallaro, Cliff Busick, Richard Franco, Tony Samojen, Marv & Judy Rifkin, Michael Klein, Carol Barring) arrived at around noon, and went to the 2nd best restaurant in Pahrump for a Thai lunch. It was the best Thai food ever, but they don’t share recipes. After lunch we went to our “hotel”; individual casitas at a small winery, relaxing a bit before our winery tour. Unlike most California wineries, we were invited to taste 7 of their wines, free of charge! And we did. And a bit more. And did what Airventurers do best—sit around and



talk about flying. For the winery tour and following dinner we were joined by Bonnie and Jim Barton who drove from Las Vegas to visit. It was great to see them looking so well. Dinner, at the #1 restaurant in Pahrump was in a private dining room right at the winery, and the food and service were impeccable. After dinner we all retired to the fire pit, where we sat around, schmoozed, drank a bit more wine, then headed off to bed, because we had to get up early

the next morning for breakfast at the #3 best restaurant in Pahrump, Mom’s. (It’s a toss-up when it comes to what Airventurers do best—eat or talk.) Then back in the van



for our tour at Front Sight, where we got an overview of the classes they offer but unfortunately were unable to fire the guns because they were all being cleaned. Last stop before the airport was Sherri’s Ranch, one of the more famous brothels in Pahrump. Two lovely ladies showed us around and we saw their “menu” of services and their private rooms. No photos allowed, but you can use your imagination. And then it was back to the airport for the flight home in clear skies with just a few little bumps.



Thank you, Michael and Carol, for a most enjoyable event.

[More pictures at Airventurers.org](http://Airventurers.org)

Front Sight



FAA WANTS INSTRUCTORS TO CHECK GA PILOTS HAND-FLYING SKILLS

Before your next flight review or instrument proficiency check, you might want to read over FAA Advisory Circular 61-98c that contains guidance for instructors on special areas of emphasis for general aviation pilots.

The FAA is concerned that pilots' hand-flying skills might not always be up to acceptable standards and that many may suffer from an overreliance on automation and electronic systems.

“The FAA reminds CFIs conducting flight reviews and IPC's to ensure that a pilot under evaluation is proficient with the automated system and knows what to do if it fails,” the AC says.

Loss of control and traffic pattern operations will be areas of special emphasis on flight reviews, with CFIs encouraged to ensure pilots can safely hand-fly in the most common phases of flight likely to lead to loss of control.

The FAA also recommends in the AC that pilots develop personal currency programs to ensure their skills don't erode between flight reviews.



SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH, MEET AT 12:30

LET TIM CASHIN KNOW YOU'RE COMING SO HE CAN RESERVE TABLES

310-968-2633 OR TIM@CASHINS.ORG



GOT AN EXTRA SEAT OR TWO IN THE PLANE? LET TIM KNOW ABOUT THAT ALSO

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.





March Dinner Meeting

A LITTLE HUMOR— Murphy’s Other Laws

Law of Mechanical Repair:

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch or you’ll have to pee.

Law of probability:

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of the act.

Bath Theorem:

When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Wilson’s Law:

As soon as you find a product you really like, they will stop making it.

Theater Rule:

At any event, people with seats furthest from the aisle, arrive last.

Law of the Workshop:

Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

IMPORTANT DATES IN...	
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
June	
TBA	Tahoe/Carson City
23	Dinner Meeting
29	Board Meeting