

## LAKE AMPHIBIAN FLYERS CLUB

# Lakeathon 2008

## PROGRAM

### 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SAFETY SEMINAR AND FLY IN

River Ranch, Florida  
Feb 10-14, 2008

**Program subject to change without notice**, depending on weather, willingness, whims and whatever.

**No Smoking** in Lake Flyer meeting rooms. All sessions are in the Lodge except where noted.

**A valid name badge is required** for each person in attendance at any session or activity. If any door prizes are drawn before, during, and after sessions, or any other time, you must be present at the drawing to win.

#### FOOD AND DRINK:

**The Country Store** is open at all meal times everyday, and offers breakfast, lunch and dinner with a limited menu featuring pizza and deli type selections. Enjoy our homemade pizza and then treat yourself to an ice cream cone. The Country Store also offers groceries, prepared foods, beverages, snacks, sundry items and souvenirs for your convenience.

**Sunday** – A sponsored dinner banquet will be served to all at 6:30 PM in the Lodge. (Cocktails at 5:30 PM). The Saloon will be open from 9:00 to 11:00 PM.

**Monday & Tuesday** - A continental breakfast will be served in the Lodge from 7:30-8:30 AM. **Meal plan participants** will be served a lunch buffet from 12:30-2:00 PM and dinner buffet from (6:00-8:00 PM) in the Smokehouse Grille. **Sign up for meal plan when you check into the hotel.** The Saloon will be open from 8:00 to 11:00 PM.

**Wednesday** - A continental breakfast will be served in the Lodge from 7:30-8:30 AM. Lunch will be served at Bartow Airport, courtesy of Amphibians Plus. (**Thank you !**) Dinner will be available in the Smokehouse Grille from 6:00PM to 9:00 PM and will be ordered from the standard menu. The Saloon will be open from 8:00 to 11:00 PM.

**Thursday** - Breakfast will be available at the Country Store.

### EVERY DAY – Feb 10-14

**Any Time** Airport and Flying Activities. We don't call roll in any sessions. Take advantage of great opportunities as you see a need. Fly your plane when and where you choose. Invite "planeless" members to fly with you if possible. Arrange for recurrent training with Flight Instructors in attendance. When doing water flying, please use the utmost courtesy toward residents of area lakes. Use common sense and don't concentrate your noise effect in any one place.

#### Sunday, Feb 10th

**10 am - 4 p.m.** Amphibious Aircraft on display (River Ranch Airport). Many models, old and new. Get acquainted with other Lake Flyers at the Airport. Confirm that no two Lake Amphibians are exactly alike.

**1 p.m.-5 p.m.** Registration for arrivals (Lodge). Pick up your badge for tonight's dinner.

**2 p.m. - 5 p.m.** Room check-in time. Patience, please.

**5-5:30 p.m.** Registration for late arrivals. Get your badge for tonight's dinner and for all other scheduled activities **All Lake Flyer sessions and activities require registration and badge for each person.**

**5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Cocktail hour.** Cash Bar open in Lodge. Meet your fellow Lake flyers, meet old friends and make new ones. **Wear your name badge!**

**6:30 p.m. Welcome Buffet Dinner.** (Lodge). No one admitted to dinner without a name badge. **Wear your badge!**

**7:30 p.m. Opening general session.** (Lodge). Informational announcements and meeting structure.

**7:45 p.m. "Flying The Yacatan Peninsula"** A film production by Michel Lapointe and his Lake Seawolf.

**Our Dinner Sponsors**  
**Special Thanks to:**  
**AirSure Limited – Aviation Insurance**  
**Phoenix Aviation Managers**  
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### Monday, Feb 11th

**7:30-8:30 am Continental Breakfast** in the Lodge. Wear your name badge.

**8:30 am Welcome Address, Lodge. Wear your badge!**

**8:45 am Capture The Spirit** photo exhibition. Lake aircraft photos submitted by owners will be presented by Jim Campbell of the Lake Connection.

**9:15 am How To Survive Ditching at Sea.** A presentation by Captain Denis Murphy based on real-life survival events.

**10:00 am Coffee break.**

**10:20** Adrian Hill And Jill Gardy will present their outstanding new photo-rich book, **Cleared for the Option**, about exploring America by Lake aircraft.

**10:50 am Lake Operations and Maintenance Issues.** By Harry Shannon, former service manager at Lake Aircraft, and proprietor of Amphibians Plus.

**11:50 am Prize Awards**, by Jim Campbell of The Lake Connection, courtesy of his generous sponsors.

**12:20 - Prop Test signups.** If your Hartzell propeller is subject to the eddy current test requirement, sign up to have it done on Wednesday in Bartow.

**12:30-2 pm Lunch** at the Smokehouse Grille for those who have purchased the meal plan. Lunch items are also available at the Country Store.

**2:00 pm Hands-on Liferaft Demonstration**, at the pool, with Captain Denis Murphy.

**2:00 - 5:00 pm – Airport and Flying Activities.** Talk with Lake technical and operating experts about your specific concerns. Share knowledge. Go flying. Have fun.

**6-8 pm Dinner** in the Smokehouse Grille for meal plan participants. **Wear your name badges.** Food items also available in the Country Store.

**8:00 pm "Never Again".** Discussion of do's and don'ts, led by CFI Trevor Forde.

## Tuesday, February 12th

**7:30-8:30 am Continental Breakfast** in the Lodge. Wear your name badge.

**8:30 am Rick Gardner** will describe the logistics involved for a spectacular voyage to Mexico's Yucatan peninsula. Gardner lives and flies in Cancun, Mexico and leads air tours from the USA.

**9:30 am Insuring your Lake.** A review of the Lake Insurance program featuring two of our dinner sponsors, Aisure Limited and Phoenix Aviation Underwriters.

**10:15 am Coffee break.**

**10:35 am Something old and something new.** Elton Townsend will review important Lake issues and update us on new developments. Elton is a highly experienced Lake instructor and runs Lake Central in Gravenhurst, Ontario, one of the foremost Lake service facilities in the world.

**11:20 am Instructor's Forum.** Ask and learn from the best and most experienced Lake qualified instructors. This event is a perennial favorite, don't miss it.

**12:30-2 pm Lunch** at the Smokehouse Grille for those who have purchased the meal plan. Lunch items are also available at the Country Store.

**2:00 - 5:00 pm** – Airport and Flying Activities. Talk with Lake technical and operating experts about your specific concerns. Share knowledge. Go flying. Have fun. Meet other members, too.

**6-8 pm Dinner** in the Smokehouse Grille for meal plan participants. **Wear your name badges** Food items also available in the Country Store.

**8:00 pm Come to Killarney.** Donna Louth and Ed McNeil give us a look at this wonderful late summer Lake flying experience in beautiful Ontario.

**8:20 PM. More power to you.** Textron Lycoming representative Wayne Gierke will brief us on Lycoming's IO-390. While it is currently an experimental engine, certification may be just around the corner for this upcoming engine. Basically a larger more powerful version of the IO-360, it could offer increased performance for our LA-4's.

## Wednesday, Feb 13th

**7-8:30 am Continental Breakfast** in the Lodge. Wear your name badge.

**8:30 am Future Lakeathon planning.** When and where to go from here? This is your chance to give your input and state your preferences.

**9:00 am Door prizes awarded.**

**9:15 Briefing:** Flying or driving to Bartow Airport. Offer rides to those in need. Directions and procedures will be discussed.

**9:45 Carpools and aircraft depart** for Bartow Airport and a special Lake maintenance seminar in Amphibians Plus' hangar.

**11:00- ????** – **Lake Amphibian Maintenance**, hosted by Harry & Cathy Shannon of Amphibians Plus. Formerly Service Manager for the Lake factory, Harry is one of the world's foremost Lake maintenance experts. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Cathy & Harry Shannon. Propeller Hub Inspections will be performed today for those who have signed up for them.

**2:00- 5:00 pm** – **Airport and Flying Activities.** Hang out at the airports. Talk with Lake technical and operating experts about your specific concerns. Share knowledge. Go flying. Have fun. Meet other members, too. Return to River Ranch or head off to other destinations

**6-8 pm Dinner** is on your own. Pizzas, sandwiches and other eats are available in the Country Store.

**8:00 pm Informal Cracker Barrel Sessions.** Gather 'round and start or join a topic of interest in the Lodge, Bar, Poolside, or wherever you find other Lake Flyers. Make new friendships and renew old ones.

**Thursday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>  
Happy Valentines Day!**

**Departures** from River Ranch for home or ??? Bon voyage and we'll see you next year.

## SPECIAL LADIES PROGRAMS

**Monday, February 11th.**

**7:30 – 8:30 Continental breakfast** with all members in the Lodge

**8:30-11:30 It's craft time.** We have a very special and exciting activity to make this year. Crystal Shannon will teach us how to make unusually beautiful beaded necklaces. Her whole bridal party wore these lovely necklaces when she married Harry and Cathy Shannon's son Christopher last month. The cost for this will be posted at the sign-up table when you get your badges.

**Tuesday, February 12th.**

**7:30 – 8:30 Continental breakfast** with all members in the Lodge

**8:30-11:30 Let's have some "FUN 'N FASHION"** New colors and fashions have arrived and Mardy Array will present this years Weekender fashion show. Volunteer models are welcome. Cha-Ching \$\$\$\$. Volunteers needed. Please!!!! I don't want to have to beg.

**Wednesday, February 13th.**

**7:30 – 8:00 Continental breakfast** with all members in the Lodge.

**8:00-9:30-ish Dawn Degenhardt** has graciously accepted my invitation to share her compassion for the children of the world. Please join us for a moving presentation of her global efforts to thwart poverty and illiteracy in 3rd world countries.

**NOTE:** Due to the distance to Bartow Airport where Amphibians Plus will be doing a Lake maintenance seminar and then graciously providing lunch, we will only be having a short presentation today. Please arrange to travel with someone so that you will not miss the goings on at Amphibians Plus.