

Lakeathon 2009 Announcement



Lakeathon 2009 at River Ranch

We will return to River Ranch in Florida for our 21st Annual Fly-in and Safety Seminar. The one-of-a-kind meeting will be held March 15-18, 2009. This is the gathering that Lake enthusiasts return to year after year. There is no other place or activity at which you can learn so much from so many veteran Lake pilots and experts. Emphasis will be on Lake Amphibian safety, knowledge, proficiency, and fun. Last year, nearly 200 Lake fans attended, bringing with them over fifty Lake airplanes. But you don't need a Lake to attend. For numerous reasons, most people don't come by Lake, but rather by car or airline. Those who wish to arrive by airlines will find that River Ranch is an easy drive from Orlando airport, which is about 90 minutes away by car. For before and after the event, or for accompanying family members, most of Florida's major tourist attractions are only an hour or so away by car. For race fans, this year's Lakeathon will dovetail with the 57th Annual Mobil 1® Twelve Hours of Sebring, which takes place March 18th-21st.

If you are lucky enough to be able to arrive by Lake or other private aircraft, you will land at River Ranch's 5000 foot paved and lighted runway, right on the resort grounds! Fuel is available at competitive prices, and the airport is literally within minutes of many fine fresh water landing and practice sites.

We have programmed three days of intensive Lake Learning Sessions during the mornings of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, with a scheduled Thursday morning departure. Depending on program schedules, varied overlapping evening sessions will provide smaller focused discussions on timely topics for Lake enthusiasts. In the afternoons, we will go flying, exploring and share our flying experiences with others. Instructors will be on site and appointments may be made for instruction or recurrency training.

Sunday March 15th will feature an opening evening banquet, followed by daily morning seminars, and afternoons of flying. Some special activities will be planned, including a ladies activity program. Plan to arrive early enough on Sunday to be settled in by mid-afternoon so you will be rested for our opening cocktail party which begins at 5:30 PM on Sunday.

Reserve now for Lakeathon 2009!

Up to \$20 savings per person is available for early registration! Take advantage of this and mail your registration fee and reserve your rooms now. Otherwise, you may miss the January 10th deadline for the \$20 discount—and possibly even the February 10th deadline for the \$10 discount. As always, we would much rather have your early registration than your extra money.

Everyone is welcome, club member or not. Don't miss out. To reserve your place at the Fly-In, you must take two steps:

1. Mail your registration/badge fee of US\$85 for each person (\$65 if received not later than January 10th, \$75 if received by February 10th) to Lake Flyers Club in Boca Raton, Florida. Make your check payable to Lake Amphibian Flyers Club. NOTE: Each person must be registered and wearing a badge to participate in any of our technical or social activities. If you want an acknowledgement, send an e-mail address with your payment and a confirmation will be e-mailed to you.

2. Call River Ranch reservations now to reserve your room at the special Lake Flyers rate of \$79 per night plus tax. In order to get our special room rate, call 888-808-7410, and mention the "Lake Amphibian Flyers Conference" and our reservation code which is 14-420. Special rate is available only as long as our block of rooms is available. If in doubt, reserve now anyway as there is no penalty for cancellation up to 6PM day of arrival.

Those who may have subjects for presentation or discussion at Lakeathon, please contact us right away as we are beginning to fill the program schedule. We look forward to seeing old friends and new ones at the 21st annual Lakeathon. Here's hoping we'll see you there.