

Lakeathon 2012, March 18-21 at Lakeland's Hilton Garden Inn

Come and enjoy our 24th Annual Fly-in and Safety Seminar. This year we have a new, upscale venue. Our one-of-a-kind meeting will now be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Lakeland FL, March 18-2012. This is the gathering that Lake enthusiasts return to year after year. Emphasis will be on Lake Amphibian safety, knowledge, proficiency, and fun. There is no other place or activity at which you can learn so much from so many veteran Lake pilots and experts.

Each year, up to 200 Lake fans attend from all over the world, bringing with them roughly fifty Lake airplanes. The Hilton Garden Inn is within eyesite and a five minute walk to where our planes will be parked at Columbia Air Services. There are plenty of freshwater lakes nearby for seaplane activities, and our two Florida Lake maintenance specialist shops, Aircraft Innovations (863-299-4655) in Winter Haven and Amphibians Plus (863-534-8025) in Bartow, are each just 10 minutes away in your Lake. They will be very busy that week, so schedule your work in advance if you can.

But you don't need a Lake to attend. For numerous reasons, many people don't come by Lake, but rather by car or airline. For those who will arrive by airline, you are approximately a 1-hour drive from either Tampa (TPA) or Orlando (MCO) airports. Or, connect via Atlantic Airlines, which flies directly into Lakeland.

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. And Sun N Fun starts on March 27th, leaving you just enough time to tour Florida or fly the Bahamas between Lakeathon's end and Sun N Fun's opening day. (See www.sun-n-fun.org)

We have programmed three days of intensive Lake Learning Sessions during the mornings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Experts will be there to advise and educate us on all aspects of Lake ownership and flying. 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 18th will be a day of arrivals. Watch the Lakes arrive from near and far at the airport. The first scheduled event will be an opening evening cocktail party and banquet beginning at 5:30 PM on Sunday. (Casual attire is appropriate for all activities.) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will feature daily morning seminars, and afternoons of flying. Some special activities will be planned, including a ladies activity program. There is a large shopping/entertainment complex just few miles from the hotel that is loaded with top-notch restaurants and upscale shops, as well as a nice walk-to restaurant in the airport terminal adjacent to the hotel.

Reserve now for Lakeathon 2012!

To reserve your place at the Fly-In, you must take two steps:

1. Mail your registration/badge fee of US\$125 for each to Lake Flyers Club in Wellington, Florida. Make your check payable to Lake Amphibian Flyers Club. A Registration form is available online at <http://bit.ly/zw91Pr> . 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 to reserve your hotel room. The Hilton Garden Inn is now fully booked, but we have made arrangements for rooms at the the nearby Hampton Inn & Suites Lakeside Village. Call Hampton Inn reservations now to reserve your room at the special Lake Flyers rate of \$109 per night plus tax. Transportation will be provided between the Hampton, the Hilton and the airport. The Hampton Inn room rate is \$109 plus tax which includes a hot breakfast daily. The cutoff date for rooms at the Hampton is March 5th, 2012, but we recommend reserving as early as possible. The cancellation policy at the Hampton is 24hrs in advance.

Reservations can be made either through 1-800-445-8667 or 863-603-7600. They have our group listed under the name Lake Flyers Club for reservations purposes.

See Registration Form on next page.

Lakeathon 2012 Registration Form

Use this form to register for our Fly-in Convention
Lakeland, Florida, March 18-21, 2012

Name:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone:

Email:

Member of LAFC?

Additional Attendee Names:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Convention Registration and Badge Fees:

Badge is required for attendance at all Lakeathon sessions or events.

If postmarked by February 15th: _____ persons X \$115 = _____

If postmarked after February 15th: _____ persons X \$125 = _____

Total Convention & Registration and Badge Fees: _____

(Payment must be enclosed in US funds.)

Please send this form with your payment to:

Lake Amphibian Flyers Club

15695 Boeing Court

Wellington FL 33414-8359

(Telephone 561-948-1262)

If you have not yet done so, reserve your room by calling the Hampton Inn & Suites Lakeside Village at 1-800-445-8667 or 863-603-7600. Ask for the "Lake Flyers Club" rate of \$109 per night.