

CORONADO THUNDERBIRDS, NEWSLETTER for JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2015

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THUNDERBIRD GENERAL MEETING

Lunch 11:00am: There is no Buffet, so order from Menu of Sandwiches, Soups and Salads. After lunch there is a short business meeting followed by a program.

PROGRAMS:

V.P. Patricia Bird
Phone, 883-1100; home, 294-9935,
Cellphone, 980-0042

John Salton: Jan.13, Tanzania

Mr. Salton will talk about an African wildlife adventure he took in 2002 in Tanzania.

The talk will include many photos from the driving and walking safari and stories about the wildlife, geography, geology, and historical factoids of the areas visited.

He will also touch on how modern technology is reshaping the practice of wildlife observation and conservation.

Our 2015 VP is John Anthes

Dressendorfer: Feb. 10, Presentation Summary

Paul Dressendorfer has been boring holes in the sky of the Southwest for a number of years in his weight-shift-control aircraft (often called a microlight, ultralight, or trike). From its open cockpit, one can get a unique perspective on many of the landscape's scenic wonders. Paul will provide a bit of background and history on trike flying, and, through high definition video and photography, give a bird's-eye perspective on both well-known and little-known sites ranging from archaeological areas to river canyons to mountain tops and valleys. This is an opportunity to see things from a viewpoint that few ever have the chance to experience.

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MEMBERSHIP Fran Fejer 296-9265

DUES for 2015: If you have not paid your dues for 2015, you are late in doing so! Dues must be paid by Jan. 31st or you will be dropped as a Thunderbird member. Dues are \$12.00 per person/\$24.00 per couple. Mail checks to Made Out to Coronado Thunder Birds to Fran Fejer, 10824 Wolf Creek Rd. SE, Albq. NM 87123.

BASE PASSES: All Coronado Thunderbirds must have a DBIDS Pass or Military ID to have access to KAFB. This includes all spouses, even if they no longer drive and only ride in with you, and all care givers, who will be driving any members to the Base for meetings, Bridge or MVC activities..

DBIDS Passes must be renewed every year. Two-three weeks before your Pass expires, contact Fran 296-9265, and she will mail you the proper forms with instructions on how to complete and return the form to her for processing, which will be done on the Base.

HOURS OF OPERATION for picking up Passes: The hours at Pass & Registration at Consolidated Support have changed. You may pick up your Pass at Pass & Registration but only between the hours of 9:00AM-3:00PM, unless notified by them to go to the Truman Gate Visitor's Center. Pass & Registration is closed the last Wednesday of each month. The Truman Visitor Center hours are 6:00AM-2:00PM. If your Pass had expired or was taken at any of the KAFB gates, you must go to the Truman Gate Visitor's Center to pick up your Pass.

BADGES FOR THE THUNDERBIRDS: Name badges for Thunderbird members are made by KAMO Engravers, 5001 Douglas McArthur NE. Phone: 883-4963. Has shop in home, so please do not call before 10:00AM. E-mail: KAMONM@aol.com

MVC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FIRST FRIDAY MEMBERSHIP NIGHT: No First Friday in January 2015

Friday February 6th - Cost: \$4.00 members, \$8.00 non-members Children: 5-10 \$5.00

SUNDAY BRUNCH: Sunday January 18th - February 15th Hours: 10:00am-1:30pm

Cost: Members Adults \$14.50, Children \$7.50, Non-members Adults \$16.50, Children \$8.50

BINGO & DINNER: Friday January 23rd - February 20th Dinner: 5:30pm, Bingo: 6:00pm

Cost: Members \$7.00, Non-members \$9.00

DINNER & DANCE: Saturday February 14th Hours: 5:30pm-8:00pm

Cost: Members \$23.00 Non-members: \$25.00

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Call 846-5165 or 846-1746

ENTERTAINMENT Ellen Biernacki 828-0875

Tickets to events at Popejoy Hall can be purchased directly through the Popejoy Hall Ticket Office. When purchasing tickets, let the Ticket Office person know you are a member of the Coronado Thunderbirds, and you will receive a discount on the price of your tickets

Let me know if anyone wants tickets.

TRAVEL Sandy Deller 298-5705

Are you a Downton Abbey fan? Sun Tours is putting together a 6 day tour departing May 18th 2015. It will include the "Dressing Downton" exhibit at the Biltmore Mansion in Asheville, NC, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Biltmore. There will be a visit to the Charlotte Motor Speedway, then cross the Smokey Mountains, see Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge's Dollywood, the Smokey Mountain Opry, the Chattanooga Choo Choo Station and Lookout Mountain. Sun Tours at 889-8888

Get your deposit in now to reserve your place and have a terrific time.

THUNDERBIRD BRIDGE

My name is Mary Lou Valdez, 8515 Tierra Morena PI. NE, (505)268-5375, Broncojr@MSN.com and will be director for the Thunderbird Bridge Club during 2015. T-Bird subsidies for the bridge group will continue as we all hoped and we can look forward to another year of fellowship at the Mountain View Club.

Our last bridge session in 2014 was on December 18, Party Bridge. We will resume on January 8, 2015 as Partners (pairs), January 15 as Party, January 22 as Partners, January 29 as Party, February 5 as Partners, February 12 as Party, February 19 as Partners, February 26 as Party. We offer prizes on Partners days which gives us an incentive to strive for better playing.

However, since it is strictly comradery and good fun, mastery seems to go out the window for the most part. Lunch is available, coffee and tea is provided along with goodies in the morning and throughout the session and lots of chocolate after lunch. Please come join us--YOU WILL LIKE IT

THE VIEW MAGAZINE

The events of the MVC will be listed in all Thunderbird Newsletters. Base Marketing that prints The View would like to mail the magazine to only those members of the Coronado Thunderbirds who are active in the MVC events and/or Coronado Thunderbird Meetings.

If you only attend events and meetings at the MVC and find the MVC listing in the newsletter sufficient for your needs, please think about having your name deleted from Base Marketing's mailing list. If you need information on other activities on Base besides the MVC, such as golf, gym, RV storage, etc., then your name should be on their mailing list. Call Fran Fejer 296-9265 if you wish your name to be on their mailing list or wish your name deleted.

From your President during 2014; Welcome to 2015. I would like to send to all the T-Birds a "December Poem".

"The beauty of December brings, a happy time of year. When thoughts go out across the miles, To those we wish were near, and so of course The warmest thoughts go with this wish for you For the merriest of Christmases and a happy New Year too!"

I would like to thank all the members of the 2014 Board who participated in the running of our activities, and did a great job keeping me in line.

Welcome to the new board of 2015 with Charley Vittitoe at the helm.

Thank you all, Ken Deller.

President: Charley Vittitoe - 299-9298
Vice President: John Anthes - 281-0834
Secretary: Cynthia Melloy - 352-9002
Treasurer: Genelia Boenig - 836-6977
Membership: Fran Fejer - 296-9265
Travel: Sandy Deller - 298-5705
Entertainment: Ellen Biernacke - 828-0875
Awards: Adron Pritchard - 299-3543
Newsletter: Dick Gido - 821-8738
Calling Chairman: Barbara Desilets - 822-0059
Cards: Mary Lou Valdez - 268-5375MVC Caterer Brandy, 846-1746; E-Mail: brandy.prendes@us.af.mil.85email.47mailngs

Questionnaire: John Anthes has created a list of prospective general meeting programs.

Our member list will receive the prospects in the mail. Please take time to respond to his request to check ~10 of the ideas that are of most interest and return the form. Some say there will be too small a response to make this worthwhile. Let's hope they are wrong and let's get a fine selection of programs for 2015 and beyond.