



Bulletin #6

December 7, 2011

Dear Earthrounders,

Attached is an informational list of those, as of today, who are planning on attending our reunion March 24 to March 29, 2012 that is tied into Sun n Fun in Lakeland, Florida. If you are not on the list and wish to attend please see 'Bulletin No. 5' on the Earthrounders website: <http://www.earthrounders.com/>. As of today we have 14 couples, 12 singles and 2 maybes' that have indicated their intentions to attend the reunion. We have 13 private airplanes planning on arriving at the hard pack airstrip at our hotel airstrip. The remaining individuals are planning on arriving via commercial flight either via Orlando or Tampa, Florida. I encourage you to reach out to others on the list and make necessary plans.

We are barely 3 months away from our reunion and I need to need each of you to reserve your hotel room as soon as possible. I don't live in Florida. The job I am doing is voluntary and payless. I have negotiated the best prices I can for you. You are world travelers and I expect you to make the necessary arrangements for your lodging as well as the transportation to get yourself to our reunion.

The Chalet Suzanne is our main hotel for the reunion <http://www.chaletsuzanne.com/>. There is a 2,300 foot grass/hardpack airstrip out the back door of the hotel, <http://www.airnav.com/airport/X25>.

There is a 4,000 foot paved runway 4 miles south from our hotel at Lake Wells, <http://www.airnav.com/airport/X07> if you are unable to land at Chalet Suzanne or wish to unload and fly back to Chalet Suzanne. Take a look at the website for the Chalet Suzanne and choose the room you wish then telephone +1-863-676-6011 to make your reservation and tell them you are with the EARTHROOUNDERS GROUP to get the discount (do NOT sign up on the web). Contrary to the web prices listed the rate for the 'vintage rooms' are \$129, the 'popular rooms' \$149 and the 'select request rooms are \$169'. After we reserve 10 rooms there will be a discount of 10% to you. Breakfast is included. Those wishing to stay longer than March 29 checkout will need to pay the published web price.

#### Program

We will have a welcoming BBQ at the Chalet Suzanne late afternoon/evening of Sat. March, 24, 2012. During the early morning and late afternoon of Sunday and Monday, March 25 and 26, we will have round the pool discussions on various topics concerning planning for long distance flying, entry permit regulations, fuel considerations, medical issues, insurance requirements, rules of the road, , etc. We will have an excursion during the middle of the day on Sunday and Monday that will include lunch. Sunday we are planning on flying/driving to the Fantasy of Flight museum, <http://www.fantasyofflight.com/> to tour their exhibits and workshops and have lunch in their officer's quarters. We will need 10 private airplanes to participate in the flying to this event to have them open their tower on their grass strip.

Mid-day Monday, we will head out by bus and private car through the orange groves of Florida for an airboat ride through the amazing Everglades, <http://macksfishcamp.com/>. And have lunch at an old landmark restaurant, Cherry Pocket, <http://www.cherrypocket.com/>.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, March 27 and 28, 2012 we will be attending the first two days of the USA air show, Sun n Fun <http://www.sun-n-fun.org/>. The management of Sun n Fun are excited to have our international group of pilots and wish for us to make an aerial fly by with our group and showcase us at the foot of the tower. Those flying in for the reunion will be able to fly over to and return from Sun n Fun with their private aircraft each day and hopefully carry some of those who are unable to bring their own flying machines to our event. Our gala ending dinner event will take place on Wednesday evening, March 28.

I expect the costs for each person for the welcoming BBQ, morning meeting coffees, transportation where needed and the ending gala dinner to be approximately \$200 to \$300 per person. I believe in user pay and will allow you the opportunity to sign up for the activities you wish to participate in once you arrive at the reunion. I am not asking for any money at this time and wish to collect the attendance fee at the time of your arrival. I also encourage those who are arriving commercially to rent a car as it would be most economical since Chalet Suzanne is approximately an hour drive from Orlando International Airport. If you are arriving by your private aircraft and wish to have a rental car you can contact the Enterprise Car Rental close to Chalet Suzanne, 1-863-419-1394.

This is a fly-in reunion. I have tried to organize the reunion to allow those who fly their own airplanes to our event to have the opportunity to fly every day. After all isn't that what we are excited about?

#### Overflow Hotel

For those who are late in making their reservations I have organized a second hotel that is about 5 miles from Chalet Suzanne, Best Western Park View Hotel, <http://bestwesternflorida.com/hotels/best-western-park-view-hotel>. This hotel sits next to the newly opened Lego Land Park that sits on the former footprint of Cypress Gardens. If you need to book into this hotel you must telephone 1-800-247-2799 or 1-863-324-5950 and ask for the "Earthrounders group discount" Do NOT sign up on the web. The group rate here is approximately \$100/night and includes breakfast for 2.

#### To Do NOW

1. Look at Chalet Suzanne website and choose your room. <http://www.chaletsuzanne.com/>.
2. Telephone +1-863-676-6011 to make your reservation and tell them you are with the EARTHROOUNDERS GROUP to get the discount (do NOT sign up on the web). I have reserved the entire hotel for our group but do to the demand of Sun n Fun they will release all un-booked rooms on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
3. Make your plans on how you are getting yourself to our reunion.

More information will be provided to participants in early January, 2012.

I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. Come, join us and have some fun.

All the Best,

Bob Gannon

Chairperson, Earthrounders 2012 reunion

Attachment: 2012 reunion participants as of Dec. 7, 2012