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August Tour Update

Hello, friends:

August is here and it's T minus 2 months until the tour, so we thought it was time for another update.

PARTICIPANT LIST

Here is the latest roster of participants. We've had a couple of unfortunate cancellations since the last update; Bob, Leslie, Dana and Anita are all saddened to miss the big event.

Bill Bernard and Mary Harney, Springfield, IL	Honda Civic YQS 878
Bill and Nancy Blake, Sarasota, FL	Cessna Skylane N423TA
Mike and Ginny Borner, Easton, MD Carl and Barbara Rigg, Grosse Ile, MI	Beechcraft King Air N96MB
Glenn Dahl and Linda Illig, Portland, OR Mark and Kathie Cassidy, Waterford, CT	Cirrus Jet N995VJ
Stan and Sharon Dardis, Woodbury, MN	Cirrus SR22 N755CP
Chester and Suzanne Harris, Dayton, OH	Mooney M20 N55LL
Paul and Marilyn Hollowell, Venice, FL	Cessna Skylane N5241S
Rick and Pam Kelty, Vail, AZ	Tecnam Bravo N822RK
Richard Leofsky and Kay Dunn, Willis, TX	Cessna Silver Eagle N913SE
Ernie and Kris Salmon, Thousand Oaks, CA	Cessna Skylane N7477Q
Garney and Tricia Scott, Nashville, TN	Piper Malibu N948S
Collin and Marisa Fay, Denver, CO Roberto Vera, Asunción, Paraguay	Centurion N761GY

We're now at 29 people, which is still a fairly big group. Note that the two cancellations affect the Raven fleet, not the Redtails or Roadrunners.

PAYMENT TERMS

Everyone is paid in full—thank you! If you haven't received an emailed statement from me that reflects this—and would like one—please let me know.

FREE DAY ACTIVITIES

I've heard from some of you what your interests/intentions are for the free days. The following grid shows what *I think* I know about your activity interest for those days; below that is another quick summary of available activities for your consideration, and relevant notes.

If you do some Googling—and I encourage you to do so—you will find additional activities and vendors at all of these destinations. Those I've presented were either suggested to me by the resort property or what I've found to be of personal interest. I have spoken with each of the below tour providers to familiarize them with our group, and I will be following up and serving as the point person on behalf of the group. However, it goes without saying that you are free to arrange whatever you'd like with whomever you'd like. I am not getting a cut from anyone nor, indeed, even having much luck securing group discounts on our behalf!

	MESA VERDE NP			CAPITOL REEF NP			DEATH VALLEY NP		
		Bus Tour		Llama Trek	Jeep Tour	Horseback Riding		Jeep Excursion	
Bernard								x	
Borner								x	
Blake									
Cassidy						x			
Dahl								x	
Dardis									
Harris									
Hollowell								x	
Kelty								x	
Leofsky									
Rigg									
Salmon		x			x				
Scott									
Vera									
Fay				x				x	

Mesa Verde National Park

- [700 Years Bus Tour](#) (half-day tours of ruins, departing 8:00 am and 1:30 pm)

Note: If there are 20 people who know they want to do this in advance, we can get a group contract with reduced pricing (\$61 instead of \$75 per person). However, if you prefer to wait to decide on arrival—pending weather and other factors—I am told you can almost always find a seat on the afternoon tour at the last minute.

Capitol Reef National Park

- [Wilderness Ridge Trail Llamas](#) (2-, 4- and 8-hour hikes with llamas, plus horseback rides)
- [Backcountry Safaris](#) (guided day trip with driver in covered Jeeps, limit 2 vehicles)
- [Fremont River Guides](#) (guided backcountry excursions in Suburban/Yukon-type vehicles; guided or self-drive tours on ATVs/UTVs; fly-fishing on private 10-mile stretch of Fremont River; photography tours, etc.)

Death Valley National Park

- [Farabee's Jeep Rentals](#) (self-drive rental and tours with driver/guides)

Note: It seems like there are a good handful of people who are interested in the full-day (you drive) Jeeping excursion using Farabee's rented Jeeps. We've talked to them already, and they've advised us to get back in touch with them once they are back at Furnace Creek for the season (September 1st), and I will do so. The sooner we can secure the 4-door vehicles, the better!

Some of you may have seen the news about the recent "air show" at Star Wars Canyon in Death Valley, where an F-18 Hornet crashed during maneuvers, killing the pilot and inflicting bystanders with minor injuries. You may keep that in mind if contemplating a stop at the overlook!

DENVER ARRIVAL

We recently surveyed the progress with Sheltair, the newer FBO at Rocky Mountain Regional (BJC) airport, and they do not seem to have progressed on their new building at all! As suspected, we will be using Signature Flight Support instead, and will make sure they have a current list of Parkwest tail numbers for your arrival. If we are able to negotiate fuel discounts or other concessions, we will let you know.

Please let me know your travel plans once they are known, even if they are vague or unconfirmed. It will help me (Mother Goose) keep track of your progress getting to Denver for the start of the tour. Should you desire an extra night at the tour hotel, the Renaissance City Center, let me know, and I'll add you to the pre-tour rooming list. If you think you will be joining in on the 2:00 Capitol Tour on October 1st, please let me know that, too.

Whatever your plans, please be checked in to the Renaissance and ready for our Welcome Gathering and dinner by 5:30 on October 1st.

The next update will include things like suggested packing list, laundry availability, and other last-minute items you might find helpful. Please let me know if you have any questions before then.

Sincerely,



- Marisa