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June Tour Update

Hello, All!

We thought it was time to check in with everybody and send another trip update. If your days are like ours, the time is flying by and October will be here before we know it!

PARTICIPANT LIST

Here is the latest roster of participants—note that Roberto from “Team Paraguay” will be joining us in 1GY.

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 *	Beechcraft King Air N96MB
Carl and Barbara Rigg, Grosse Ile, MI *	
Dana Clow and Anita Mohan, Plainville, MA	Rockwell Commander N4755W
Glenn Dahl and Linda Illig, Portland, OR	Cirrus Jet N995VJ
Mark and Kathie Cassidy, Waterford, CT	
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
Bob and Leslie Howell, Washoe Valley, NV	Murphy Moose N7393H
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

Additionally, many of you know John and Nancy Schneider. They will be driving to join us for the two nights at Mesa Verde National Park from their home in Glenwood Springs.

This is a big tour, and we'll be dividing the aircraft into two groups for the flying portion (more details on that in the Flight Info section below.)

PAYMENT TERMS

Remember that your final payment of \$1995/per person is due no later than July 1st. Please remit this payment to us at: Parkwest Air Tours, 1550 Larimer Street, Unit 158, Denver, CO 80202. Those names with an asterisk (*) above indicate we have received your payment in full as of this writing; thank you!

FREE DAY ACTIVITIES

In the April update, we outlined a variety of optional activities for you to consider for your Free Days at each destination. In Death Valley, we mentioned [Jeep rentals from Farabees](#). This is the activity we will be choosing, and we have a day's long journey in mind for that free day on October 8th.

You may have seen photos of, flown over, or made the long drive out to the famous playa, or Race Track, where the magical boulders seem to “race” across the dry lakebed. It is quite a trek out to that part of the Park, but it includes the “Ubehebe” and “Little Hebe” craters, and some sweeping views of sand dunes, plus the infamous “Star Wars” (aka Rainbow) Canyon, at which we may be able to catch some action. ([Paul Hollowell provided this video link!](#)) Road condition-permitting, we want to make it a round-trip rather than an out-and-back excursion, which will involve paved, dirt, and some small stretches of 4 x 4 travel.



Rick and Pam Kelty have traveled the Park by road (and backroad!) extensively, and we will be teaming up with them in a Farabee's rental for this activity. You are all welcome to join in on the fun, and make it a caravan. Let me hear your thoughts on this, and we can help centrally coordinate Jeep rentals. Of course, staying close to the oasis to have a round at the world's lowest golf course or enjoy a relaxing spa day isn't a bad way to go, either!

DENVER ARRIVAL

While it's still early to be thinking arrival plans, I did want to throw a couple of things out there. The tour hotel, Renaissance City Center, has indicated they can accommodate extra room nights in advance of the tour for any early arrivers. That availability may change, but I don't think there is any need to claim a room too far in advance if you are unsure of your plans. Indeed you may wish to find something more economical for any extra night, and there are certainly plenty of hotels to choose from in the Denver metro area. For your reference, the tour rate at the Denver Renaissance City Center is \$265/night with \$38 overnight parking. I would

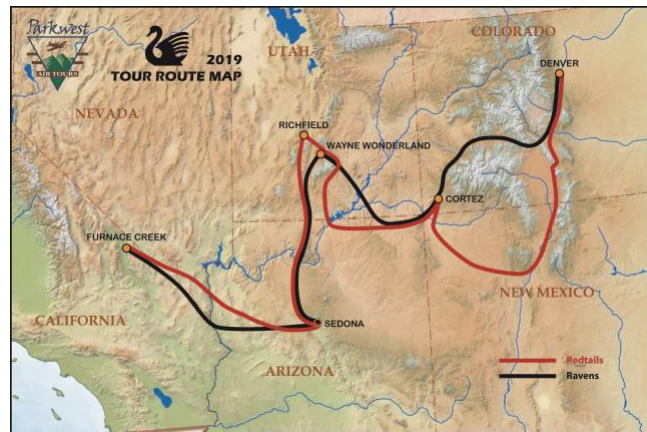
be happy to help you plan a day or overnight trip from Denver to get you into the Rocky Mountain high country, should you wish.

I also want to throw out there that I've arranged for a group tour of the beautiful Colorado State Capitol for October 1 (Day 1 of the tour). For anyone already in town, and available, please join me in a guided, 45-minute tour of the Capitol building, most notable for its gleaming dome, gilded from 200 ounces of gold gifted by Colorado gold miners in 1908. We will meet at the hotel at 1:30 pm, then make our way to the Capitol for this tour that begins at 2:00 pm.

In a future trip update, we will cover the logistics of arriving at BJC and transfer to the hotel.

FLIGHT INFO

As mentioned, the aircraft for this tour have been divided in to two groups, much as we did on the original Alaska trip in 2006. Roughly, they are split by speed, with the faster aircraft being the "Redtails," and the slower ones being the "Ravens." The Redtails will follow a (generally) longer route since they are faster, to arrive at each destination at approximately the same time as the Ravens. On some routes, the Redtails are encouraged to fly at a higher altitude.



The group assignments are linked on the "[Tour Info](#)" page of the website. Remember that the password to access this page is "Cisne."

Also on that page are the route definitions for each group. Please ensure that your GPS is programmed with these routes prior to the start of the tour; that is a good way to while away the hours on the flight to Colorado. For those of you using ForeFlight (aren't we all?), we have also provided links to download the user waypoints and routes. Just ensure that you click these links *from the iPad on which you have ForeFlight loaded*; they will transfer to ForeFlight automatically.

As for Bill and Mary in "Roadrunner 1", they will fly the lowest and have the least programming to do! Remember, routes and altitudes are at your discretion; these are just recommendations to ensure adequate aircraft separation for everyone's comfort.

As always, do let us know if you have any questions, and.....WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

Sincerely,

- Marisa