

A Final Look at the Offerings of San Diego and It's Surrounding Areas

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We hope we've convinced you that the perfect holiday can be in beautiful San Diego. Just to make sure you remember all the wonderful activities we have planned for the 2010 Convention, we'll recap it for you. Then, to put a little "frosting on the cake", we'd like to give you a few ideas for "on your own" activities while you're there.

You will be staying at the beautiful *Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel*, right in the heart of downtown, adjacent to the exciting *Gaslamp Quarter* and *Seaport Village*, within walking distance of the remarkable *U.S.S. Midway*, a trolley ride away from historic *Old Town San Diego*, and a hosted bus ride away from California's jewel, *Balboa Park*, and the Marine Corps' Air Station, *Miramar*.

Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel – We're all staying on the 12th floor or higher, making sure everyone enjoys the ocean/bay views afforded by this luxury hotel. At our banquet on Saturday night, we will be treated to the aviation wit and humor of Rod Machado (above right), pilot, writer, speaker, instructor and counselor. (Rod will also be doing a



safety seminar for us on Saturday afternoon.) A new feature added to the banquet will be a silent auction. Our vendors will be donating quality, aviation-specific items for this auction, with the profits benefitting the Comanche Flyer Foundation (CFF).

Gaslamp Quarter and Seaport Village – Within walking distance at any time to innumerable bars, restaurants, clubs, shopping, and outdoor entertainment, all in the beautiful warm, ocean-side weather of San Diego.

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Registration Form

San Diego, CA September 7-12, 2010
Host Airport, Montgomery Field (KMYF)

Attendee Information:

	<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Co-Pilot</u>	<u>Guest (First and Last Name)</u>
FirstName	_____	_____	_____
LastName	_____	_____	_____
ICS#	_____	_____	
CellPhone	_____	_____	
Email	_____	_____	
Address	_____	City _____	State _____ Zip _____

2 Registration Options - check one

- Full** - Tues - Sat - All activities and functions - \$495 ea.
- Partial** - Fri - Sat activities and functions only - \$295 ea.
(Midway Tour, Airport Day (incl. Seminars), Banquet)

Make checks payable to: **SW Tribe 2010 Convention**

Send completed form and payment to: Scott Myers P.O. Box 1509 Vista, CA 92085-1509

Arrival Information:

via Comanche	<u>ArrDate</u>	<u>ArrTime</u>	<u>N#</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Model (ex. PA-24-260)</u>	<u>Flagship?</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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via Airline	<u>Airline</u>	<u>Flight#</u>	<u>ArrTime</u>	<u>DeptDate</u>	<u>DeptFlight#</u>	<u>DeptTime</u>
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Group Rates (per night)**				
Standard Room with 1 King or 2 Queens				
<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>	
\$119	\$119	\$139	\$159	(+ 12.64% tax)

Hilton San Diego Bayfront, One Park Blvd. San Diego, CA 92101

**Group rates are good for 3 days before (and after) the convention (subject to availability)

Online Reservations clickable link on ICS website - main page

Phone Reservations 800-445-8667 - (Be sure to ask for ICS group rate)

U.S.S. Midway – Also within walking distance at any time; however, we'll be going as a group on tour, following with lunch at the Fantail Cafe on board the ship. During our tour, we will be treated to a talk by Scott McGaugh, the person instrumental in getting the Midway to San Diego and open for public tours. We'll enjoy military history to the max!

Old Town San Diego – A convenience of taking the trolley (across the street from our hotel) at any time to this piece of Spanish San Diego history to enjoy the sights and sounds of "Old California".

Balboa Park – We'll bus you up to the park, give you vouchers for four of the attractions (good for the week), such as the Air & Space Museum, Zoo, etc. There are many things here to fill your interests!

Miramar – We'll bus you to this historic Marine Corps base, provide a narrated tour, and end with lunch at the Officer's Club, along with our Marine escorts.

SHORT-TERM REGISTRATION

After receiving many requests for a short-term registration, we have decided to offer the following: \$295 registration fee for those wishing to attend just Friday and Saturday. This will include all the activities occurring on those days.

"ON YOUR OWN" ACTIVITIES

Coronado Island

Located on a peninsula between San Diego Bay and the Pacific Ocean, there are three ways to get there: via car over the San Diego-Coronado Bridge, via ferry from downtown near the Amtrak station, or via public buses, shuttles or taxis. The island is known for its beautiful beaches and wonderfully warm climate. Its quaint downtown district has shopping and great restaurants. We're told there is a gondola ride one can take near the boat docks at Loews Coronado Bay Resort, and you can also rent sailboats.

Hotel Del Coronado

You may remember one of the featured photos in our first article on San Diego, the beautiful Hotel del Coronado's marina. Well, take a look at the photo on page 29 of the resplendent hotel itself. A more grand old hotel cannot be found (notice, I said "old" hotel because ... a more grand, perfectly centered, new hotel cannot be found better than the Hilton Bayfront!).

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The resort sports its own white beach, pools, tennis facilities, health spa, six fine-dining and six casual restaurants, and anything else you would expect from a first-class resort hotel. Its Victorian architecture has long attracted tourists from all walks of life, including the rich and famous. When in San Diego, you must at least visit this site and wander its hallways of memorabilia.

When "The Del" was built in 1888, it was considered the largest structure outside of New York City to be

electrically lighted. It has hosted 11 U.S. presidents, royalty, Hollywood stars, star athletes, Thomas Edison, and even Charles Lindbergh! Since 1901, Hollywood has been making movies there, including the comedy classic "Some Like It Hot." What Victorian resort would be complete without a resident ghost? Back in 1892, Kate Morgan checked into the resort and never checked out. Reports of ghostly happenings, connected to the death of this beautiful young woman, have been circulating at The Del ever since.

2010 ICS Convention Schedule, San Diego, Calif.

Tuesday - September 7

9 am - 5 pm	Hospitality/Registration
2 pm - 4 pm	Old Board Meeting
4 pm - 6 pm	CFF Meeting
9 am - 5 pm	Free time to browse nearby attractions
6 pm - 8 pm	Welcome Reception (Hors d'oeuvres)

Wednesday - September 8

8 am - 10 am	General Membership Meeting
9 am - 5 pm	Hospitality/Registration
10 am - 5 pm	Balboa Park Day
	"Tribe Night" Dinner

Thursday - September 9

8 am - 10 am	New Board Meeting
9 am - 10 am	Hospitality/Registration
10 am - 3 pm	Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Tour
10 am - 5 pm	Non Pilots Event (TBA)
Dinner on your own	Gaslamp Quarter, Seaport Village, Wharf, or take the Trolley to Old Town

Friday - September 10

7:00 am - 5 pm	Hospitality/Registration
9:30 am - 3:30 pm	Airport Day @ Montgomery Field (MYF) with Flagship Judging and Vendor Displays @ MYF FBO
10 am - 12 pm	Maintenance Seminar @ MYF FBO
	Pilot Health Seminar @ MYF FBO
12 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch @ MYF
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Aircraft Tire-kicking
3:30 pm - 5 pm	Vendor Display @ Hotel
Dinner on your own	Gaslamp Quarter, Seaport Village, Wharf, or take the Trolley to Old Town

Saturday - September 11

9 am - 10 am	Hospitality/Registration
10 am - 2 pm	U.S.S. Midway Tour and Lunch on Board
	Optional Outing for Non Midway Guests (TBA)
3 pm - 5 pm	Safety Seminar- Rod Machado
6 pm - 7 pm	Cocktail Reception
7 pm - 9:30 pm	Closing Banquet - Ron Machado, Guest Speaker.
	Raffle, Flagship Winners and Awards.
	Silent Auction to benefit CFF

Sunday - September 12

Departures



La Jolla, Calif.

If you like beach towns, we have one with fine dining restaurants, boutiques, spa services, art ... all perched atop La Jolla's beautiful jagged cliffs (photo above), with a one-mile long, soft sand beach below. We're not talking just any cliffs and beach ... we're talking magnificent cliffs and beach! Don't forget your camera when you go to La Jolla. Its coastline is one of the most-photographed in California. If you choose to use the beach, don't worry about a place to change – public restrooms and showers are located 100 yards north and south of the life-guard tower. The Steven Birch Aquarium, about a half-mile from the north end of the La Jolla shore is open daily. On the other hand, you may wish to take a few surfing lessons, and that's not a problem in this town.

La Jolla has its own version of renown hotels, the historic Grande Colonial Hotel. Its history is extensive, but just one little tidbit: The hotel previously sported a pharmacy onsite, and the pharmacist was none other than Gregory

Peck's father. Once he became a famous Hollywood star, Gregory himself did not forget La Jolla, founding a Play House in the town which drew all the stars of the day. Want to take in the sights up close and personal? Try the self-guided walking tour (20 blocks) of the cove and retail village, which highlights historic buildings and nature sites. It usually takes about one-and-a-half hours, and you can pick up your 20-page guidebook for \$5 at their office on Eads Avenue, or call (858) 459-5335 for more information.



For you golfers, of course you know all about the world-class Torrey Pines Golf Course in La Jolla, sitting atop cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean to the west and beautiful mountains rearing in the east. It offers two of the most picturesque 18-hole championship courses in the world ... and it's municipally owned and operated. Bring your clubs!

Fine restaurants abound there ... to name just a couple ... Azul La Jolla's seafood dining and the Marine Room's romantic dining with "global cuisine and a touch of French classic cooking". The nightlife in this town is spectacular, so *keep it in mind for your tribe dinners.*

Sea World, San Diego

Are you still a kid at heart? San Diego is home to Sea World San Diego, an animal theme park that provides authentic, inspiring "real world" experiences with animals, thrill rides, shows and exhibits. This 22-acre park is located along the shores of Mission Bay, just



north of downtown San Diego. You'll experience dolphins, orcas, Pacific walrus, sea turtles, manatees, and penguins, all in a beautiful aquatic setting, or you can be adventurous and take a "Journey to Atlantis", a Bayside Sky Ride, or maybe the Shipwreck Rapids. You can purchase single-day tickets, and there is a variety of other type tickets available, as well as means of discount (AAA, etc.). Check their website or do a search for discounts on Sea World.

Cabrillo National Monument

Do you like ocean views, lighthouses, whale watching, and tide pools? Try the Cabrillo National Monument, just nine miles north of San Diego, on the Point Loma Peninsula. Due to its strategic location, it has been occupied by the military since 1852. The biggest draw is the Old Point Loma Lighthouse, built in 1855. The name includes "Old" because after 36 years of fighting with the fog obscuring the light, they built a new lighthouse near sea level. The white-washed, beautiful old building has been well preserved for the public, and daily ranger programs are held there. You'll also find the picturesque statue

of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, the first European to explore our West Coast and for whom the park has been named. This peninsula is only 422 feet above sea level, with paths that wind through sandstone outcroppings, wildflowers galore, rocky cliffs, and great views of downtown San Diego, Coronado Island, Palomar Mountain (home to famous Palomar Observatory), and, on a clear day, even Mexico.

Okay, this is our last "plug" for the 2010 ICS Convention at San Diego. If we've done our job, by now you've sent in your registration for the convention, made your hotel reservation, purchased your new balmy weather "duds", made arrangements for the kids/dogs/cats/or whatever, tuned up the Comanche ... and are ready to meet us in beautiful San Diego, California. All said, we'll "keep the light on for ya!" 🏠

