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MEMBERS SPOILED OVER HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS AT OUR MOBILE, ALABAMA FLY-IN OCTOBER 22nd

After years of adjusting to Troy Branning's selection of mediocre hotels, people finally stopped complaining. Now Harold Bost has spoiled it all by booking us into a five star hotel. The historic Battlehouse Hotel, reminiscent of first class service, food and décor of the 60's did not disappoint. Everyone enjoyed dinner there Thursday night with most selecting the three or five course "special".

On Friday morning we were off to the USS Battleship Alabama Memorial Park for a tour of the ship and surrounding memorabilia. Of course the aircraft on display got more attention from us than the average tourist! We barely had time to see everything before we had to load up for our trip to Teledyne Continental Motors. When we arrived, lunch was all set up for us. We ate lunch in the conference room



We tried our best to get everyone together for a shot with the USS Alabama in the background but they had already disbursed

where our briefing was to take place. David Martin from Teledyne Continental Customer service arrived and started by presenting a nice TCM door prize to our lucky recipient, Marv Ricklefs. Our briefing was primarily concerning TCM's efforts in testing unleaded gasoline in our engines. It turns out that piston aircraft used to account for about 15% of the lead pollution. Since auto gas became unleaded, we now account for nearly 100%! So the handwriting is on the wall. 100LL is going to go away. TCM has successfully tested 100"NL" in several engines (that's 100LL with the lead removed) . It works but they are looking for some additive to boost the octane a little. The removal of the lead reduces the octane (Continued Next Column)

and, although can be used, TCM would be happier with a little more octane for anti-knock margin. Our briefing ended and we were escorted on a factory tour. Airplane engines are built in relatively small quantities so there is an awful lot of hand labor that goes into each engine!

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OUR 2010 FLY-IN SCHEDULE

2010 will be a busy year for SEBS. We are kicking off a big membership dive and will have twice as many fly-ins as usual. In addition to our regular bimonthly weekend fly-ins, we will have one day lunch or dinner fly-ins squeezed in between. We have invited almost 2,000 ABS members to join us for these events. We need you to come too and help us welcome the first-timers!

Our membership kickoff will be a January 16th luncheon at the Runway Café in Sebring, FL (KSEF). Arrive by 11:00 AM for lunch and we'll also do tours of Sebring International Raceway and the CT Light Sport Aircraft assembly factory.

There is no need to register but please contact Harold Bost our Membership Chairman and let him know you are coming. (770) 719-0638 or hbostmail@aol.com

See page two for the rest of the 2010 schedule.



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SEBS 2010 FLY-IN SCHEDULE

January 16, Sebring, FL (KSEF) 11:00 AM arrival for lunch at the Runway Café and tours of Sebring International Raceway and CT Light Sport Aircraft assembly factory

February 18-21, St. Petersburg, FL (KSPG) Stay at a unique hotel. Visit Salvador Dali Museum, Walsingham Heritage Village with a banquet at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

March 20, Apalachicola, FL (KAAF) 11:00 AM arrival for lunch at the Bay City Lodge. Talk to Harold Bost about a possible fishing trip the day before if you are interested.

April 10-12, Spruce Creek, FL (7FL6) Land and tour one of the largest fly-in communities in the US. Paddle wheel dinner cruise on the Halifax River. Hanger party.

May 15, Peachtree City, GA (KFFC) 11:00 AM arrival for lunch at the Broadway Diner, Tour of Atlanta TRACAN, National Weather Service and Aircraft Spruce (with special discount)

June 10-13, Raleigh, NC (KRDU) Raleigh is nicknamed the "Smithsonian of the South." We'll tour the best museums as well as the State Capital Building

July 17, Jekyll Island, GA (09J) 11:00 AM arrival for lunch at the Jekyll Island Club and a tour of Jekyll Island

August 19-22, Chattanooga, TN (KCHA) Amphibious duck tour of Chattanooga via road and river. Visit to Tennessee Aquarium.

September 18, Cornelia, GA (KAJR) 5:00 PM arrival for dinner at the Runway Fish House. A SEBS favorite. Always a big turnout.

October 21-24, Charleston, SC (KJZI) Fort Sumter and other historical tours; fabulous food.

November 10-14 Cape Santa Maria Resort, Bahamas (MYLS) Starts on Wednesday. Best place in the out islands.

Dues Reminder

Your 2010 dues are now due. We don't send out notices. Please fill out the Renewal Form on the back of the enclosed St. Petersburg Registration Form and mail with your check. **IMPORTANT: Fill out the form! We need your current information!**

TO OUR BAHAMAS ATTENDEES!

We apologize for not covering the November fly-in to Cape Santa Maria in this issue. With the new fly-in schedule it was necessary to omit the Left Seat article and the Bahamas report. It will appear in the next issue.

OUR NEXT FLY-IN –A WINTER GETAWAY TO ST. PETERSBURG, FL -FEBURARY 18-21 2010

Our mid-winter getaway fly-in is unique. We have reserved an entire hotel across from a beautiful park overlooking Tampa Bay.

Fly into Albert Whitted (KSPG) and park at our FBO, St. Petersburg Flying Service. (727) 209-0180. They are giving 20 cents off the published fuel price and parking fees will be waived if fuel is purchased. They have Avis cars if you feel the need to rent one.



View of Tampa Bay from the Grayl Hotel

The FBO will provide transportation from the airport to Grayl's Hotel, 340 Beach Drive, NE, St. Petersburg, FL. www.Graylshotel.com. Grayl's is a small 17 room hotel that has a European look and feel. They have a private bar and dining room. Our negotiated rate of \$119/night + tax, includes continental breakfast. They require a one night deposit and have a 15 day cancellation policy. There are only 17 rooms so reserve early. *The cutoff date is January 12th!* Call (727) 896-1080 and tell them you are with SEBS. If they are full, call John Ericsson at (386) 304-0302 and get on the waiting list. ***Important; If you reserve a room and can't come, do not cancel! Call John and he will assign your room to someone on the waiting list. It may save your deposit.***

Thursday evening we will enjoy dinner in the private dining room, ordering from the menu on individual checks

We'll relax Friday morning and take our first outing after lunch. We have arranged for a guided docent tour at Dali Museum, www.theDali.org. **This exceptional collection of Salvador Dali's works spans Dali's lifetime.** From there, we will visit the Museum of Fine Arts, www.Fine-Arts.org, just a few blocks north of the Dali Museum. This museum is home to more than 4,600 works by Monet, Gauguin, Renoir, Rodin and Andrew Wyeth. Friday night dinner is on your own. We'll have some sign up sheets and go in groups to some good restaurants within a few blocks of the hotel.



Saturday morning we'll visit quaint John's Pass Village & Boardwalk for shopping and exploring. <http://www.johnspass.com/> Then we'll head over to Heritage Village, www.pinellascounty.org/Heritage, for

lunch and a tour. We'll return to the Grayl's in plenty of time to freshen up before our Saturday banquet at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

The St. Petersburg fly-in promises to be relaxed and most enjoyable. We urge you to get a hotel reservation and register early using the enclosed registration form! If you have any questions send us an e-mail (Jeric38@aol.com) or, give us a call at (386) 304-0302.

Your Cruise Directors,

John & Tina Ericsson



Our guide was kind enough to snap to whole group at the TCM factory

MOBILE FLY-IN
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Our group left early Saturday to visit Bellingrath Gardens and Home. Mr. Bellingrath acquired his wealth as one of the first and largest Coca-Cola bottlers in the country.

Lunch followed in downtown Mobile with a few hours spent touring via the Wave Trolley. After a rest at the hotel we made off for the Mobile Greyhound Park where, in place of our usual banquet, we dined at the clubhouse while frittering away our hard earned money on uninformed wagers guessing that the dog who relieved



Tom & Jerry Humes and Wolfgang & Anette Fehlhaber caught enjoying Bellingrath Gardens.

himself during the walkout would surely be the fastest.

The weather held up well all weekend and most of us left Sunday, broke but with tailwinds that followed us all the way home.



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