

# V-Tales

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## **SEBS IN ORLANDO, FL FEBRUARY 18th-20th**



Part of our group opted to go to Fantasy of Flight rather than Universal.

**A** late Friday start broke the usual routine and gave our working members (poor slob) a better chance to attend. Our first big event, a dinner show at the Treasure Tavern, did not begin until 7:30 Friday evening so there was plenty of time to get there either driving or flying.

Kissimmee Jet Center was a pilot friendly FBO with good service and a good gas price. Those that drove in got free parking at the Wingate by Wyndham-Universal Studios and everyone got a complimentary breakfast each morning. The hotel also provided a complimentary hospitality room for our group.

The food at the Treasure Tavern was surprisingly excellent. The Vaudeville comedy show was entertaining and had several outstanding acts although the overall rating might have gotten a B-. The show must of hyped everyone up because, amazingly, the hospitality room was jumping until midnight. Even the usual 9'Oclockers toughed it out until the dawning of a new day. (Continued on Page 3)

## **NEXT WEEKEND FLY-IN TULLAHOMA, TN MAY 12-15, 2011**

**T**his fly-in is actually being sponsored by ABS but Tennessee in in SEBS territory and we want to have a large SEBS presence there.

You may recall that SEBS donated \$5,000 to the Museum recently to become the first (and only?) regional group to support the Museum. We want to continue our support by attending this function.

If you have never visited the Museum you owe it to yourself to see it. If Beechcraft had a Mecca, this would be it. If you have previously visited, you will be impressed with the complete remodeling that has occurred recently.

There will be all kinds of activities including seminars, service clinics and side trips to local attractions. For your convenience, a registration form is attached.

Please go to the following web sites for complete information including detailed activities and lodging:

<http://www.bonanza.org/Events/index.cfm?id=799>

<http://www.beechcraftheritagemuseum.org/>

**CHECK OUT OUR FLY-IN  
LUNCH TO GREENVILLE, SC  
APRIL 30TH -- SEE PAGE 3**



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## GOING TO OSHKOSH? HERE'S A GREAT IDEA SEBS FLY-IN TO MACKINAC ISLAND, MI JULY 29 - AUGUST 1, 2011



If you are going to Oshkosh, we have a perfect stopover for you. AirVenture starts on Monday, July 25. We invite you to enjoy AirVenture for a few days and then fly to visit Mackinac Island, Michigan on Friday July 29th for a weekend back in time. It's about 200nm from OSH. We are actually not flying directly to Mackinac Island. We'll fly in to St. Ignace, Mi, (83D). Then we'll get to Mackinac by high speed ferry. There are no automobiles on the island so transportation is limited to horse and buggy, bicycle or foot. There are only 500 permanent residents on the island and they have preserved the circa 1800's Victorian image. The movie, Somewhere in Time, with Christopher Reeves, was filmed there and reflects the mood. You won't want to miss one of the most unique spots in the USA. Check out [www.mackinacisland.org](http://www.mackinacisland.org)

### 2011 DUES ARE PAST DUE!

*We have over 100 members who have not paid their 2011 dues.* If you haven't paid your \$15 dues for 2011, they are now overdue. Your dues status is by your name on the mail label.

Please go to [www.sebs.org](http://www.sebs.org) and print the renewal form. We need to keep your information up to date! (Every time we email our members, we get numerous email bounces due to bad addresses).

Mail your form with remittance (you can optionally get 4 years renewal for \$50) to:

SEBS, P.O. Box 83, Wayne, IL 60184

This fly-in runs from Friday July 29th thru Sunday July 31st with departures Monday morning August 1st.

We'll fly in to St. Ignace, Mi (83D) and park at Great Lakes air. (906)643-7327.

We will be staying in St. Ignace at Harbour Pointe Resort, [www.harbourpointe.com](http://www.harbourpointe.com). We have reserved 10 lakefront rooms with balconies. All rooms have a refrigerator. A free continental breakfast is included. Every night the resort hosts a bonfire and marshmallow roast at the beach. The room rate is \$113.39+/-/nite. Reservations must be made by June 17th and a 30 day cancellation policy applies. For reservations call (800) 642-3318 and, as usual, refer to the SEBS group. This is a great trip for kids and grandkids to enjoy. The hotel is located 1 mile from the airport. We will be using the airport van to shuttle during our stay. The hospitality room will likely be set up on the beach unless bugs or rain force us indoors. (Continued on Page 3)

**MACKINAC ISLAND, MI**  
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Friday night dinner will be on individual checks. Suggestions are the Driftwood Restaurant and Sports Bar next door to the Hotel or the Kewadin Casino (which provides shuttle service to and from the hotel).

Saturday will be Island day. Mackinac Island is the most unique Island in the United States. We'll take Shepler's high speed ferry to Mackinac Island. The Shepler dock is right next to the resort. Round trip ferry tickets are included in your registration fee. Of the many attractions we suggest you visit the butterfly house, the impressive Fort Mackinac and take a carriage tour or rent a rental. We suggest having dinner on the island as there are many wonderful restaurants to enjoy.

On Sunday, you can choose to re-visit Mackinac or, with St. Ignace close by, walk the boardwalk along the shore, relax by the pool and/or just visit with SEBS friends.

Sunday evening we will have a beach party featuring a cookout

and our usual priceless door prizes.

We'll take everyone back to the airport Monday morning to fly home! with fond memories of a superb weekend!

A Registration Form is enclosed. We've only got 10 rooms so please reserve early so we can negotiate for more.

**ORLANDO FLY-IN**  
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Our van drivers Marv Ricklefs and John Sellmer started runs to Universal Studios around 9:00 AM. A van-full of mavericks decided at the last minute that they would rather go to Fantasy of Flight so we took them there.

Everyone was back at the hotel by late afternoon; exhausted and thankful we were holding an informal dinner at the hotel rather than holding a fancy dress-up banquet.

A catered lasagna dinner was served in the hotel breakfast area. Everyone drifted into our hospitality room after the meal where the lucky ones received door prizes of ABS clothing with the new ABS logo.

Due to the large number of "drive-ins", we were able to squeeze all the fliers into our two vans on Sunday morning necessitating a single trip to the airport.

John and Tina Ericsson planned this fly-in but were unable to attend. They planned well because everything went off without a hitch!

*New!---New!---New!*  
**FLY-IN LUNCH TO GREENVILLE, SC**  
**APRIL 30TH --11:30 AM ARRIVAL**



We are headed to the Runway Café at Greenville Downtown (KGMU). Show up at 11:30 for some good food and good conversations with like minded Beechcraft pilots. For this fly-in

only, the restaurant is knocking 20% off the menu prices!

This is a family affair so bring your family and friends. You don't have to be a SEBS member to attend and we'll even let you come if you fly a Cessna.

Here's the web site: <http://www.runwaycafegmu.com/>

This is **important!** Let Harold Bost know that you are coming. He needs to give the restaurant a head count. You can contact him at [hbostmail@aol.com](mailto:hbostmail@aol.com) or call (770) 719-0638.

# ***SEBS 2011 FLY-IN SCHEDULE***

*(Non-SEBS Events)*

**April 30th, Greenville, SC**  
***Fly-in Lunch 11:30 AM***

**May 12th-15th, Tullahoma, TN**

*July 25th-31st, AirVenture 2011, Oshkosh, WI*

**July 29th- August 1st, Mackinac Island, MI**

**September 8th-11th, Columbia, SC**

*October 12th-16th, Beech Party, Tullahoma, TN*

*October 26th-29th, ABS Convention, Las Vegas, NV*

**November 9th-13th, Cape Santa Maria, Long Island, Bahamas**



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