

CALIFORNIA PARACHUTE CLUB

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Theresa reports **PIA 2005** was a lot of fun. Bill, Theresa, Al Silver, John Waldeck, and Pete Swan attended. Kent & Madalyn had a schedule conflict and were unable to attend - we missed you guys. We ran into some friends from the WFFC - Amy Von Novak and Doug Bahniuk and his family. We arrived at the hotel late on Wednesday night - well after midnight. We slept in Thursday morning, & missed the opening ceremonies (8am/5am CA. time) w/ Dick Rutan and a presentation of SpaceShipOne their adventures leading up to claiming the X Prize. We heard it was excellent. After registration, Dan Poynter had a presentation titled "A Tribute to Lawn Chair Larry". We all watched, after a couple of free drinks (symposium admission price includes 2 drinks). It was hysterically funny, with actual footage and transcripts of the pilots and ATC who spotted him in LAX airspace. The speakers were very informative and the symposium generally was very good except for the lack of good coffee; it was also very cold and windy, but had been 80 F the week before. We saw a presentation of the Paralog software used with the Neptune dytters and thought of Jim Duffy who helped develop the software. While our hotel was flooded with skydivers, there were also 2,500 very young cheerleaders attending their own convention; that was interesting. The last night of the symposium is the dinner banquet and raffle. Bill & Theresa won a couple of baseball caps, a pair of skydive gloves, a very nice computer case, and 2 less than desirable prizes, an 18 inch statue of a Sea Captain and a Pelican. Anyway, a skydiver at our table, Eric from Santa Barbara, also got an unwanted even larger Sea Captain statue and immediately walked back up and returned it. Following his lead, we did the same. After the banquet attendees consumed more alcohol, all Pelicans and Sea Captain statues found new homes that night. We're still laughing. Since the next PIA Symposium will be closer for us in California, hopefully more Cal Club members can make it. It is always very informative and lots of fun. Anyone who would like to volunteer for different duties at the symposium get an additional discount on hotel rooms as well as free admission to the symposium. A lot of single people shared rooms with others.

PIA Symposium 2007 will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort & Casino in Downtown Reno, January 27, 2007 - February 1, 2007 PIA Room Rates @ Silver Legacy Resort & Casino Sunday - Thursday \$69; Friday - Saturday \$84 (800) 687-8733 www.silverlegacy.com

Wind Tunnel Trip: Several slots left. Feb. 20, 2005 (during the President's Day holiday weekend), Sunday morning 10:45 (remember the slight time change). Slots are 4 minutes each, costing about \$60 per person. Several slots left. If you bring your own equipment you won't have to rent. You'll need a jumpsuit, hard helmet with covered ears, eye protection, proper footwear & maybe gloves. For more technical info, go to www.skydiveperris.com and click on wind tunnel. Call Charloa (925-447-1624) if you need more info.

Cal Club Holiday Party, Saturday, January 29, 2005 at 5:30PM

Bill & Charloa did an excellent job of hosting the 25 attendees who enjoyed the great potluck. They were Bruce & Terry Fitch, Kent Walker & Madalyn Drago, Ed & Shirley Barr, Becky & Dick Davies, Bill & Theresa Stanley, Ray & Concha Dias, Bill & Charloa Burkner, Mike & Alice Ogden, Bob Hall & Lee Wilcox, Peter Kalthoff, Jeff Hicks, James Duffy, Brian Roach, Lou Somontes, Lynda Robertson, Al Silver. Lodi jump tickets, USPA calendars, tee shirts and wine were distributed among the membership.

Calendar: (Subject to change to accommodate boogies, meets, etc.)

General Meeting: February 12th, 7:30 P.M.

BOD Meeting: March 5th hosted by Madalyn Drago & Kent Walker. The theme is Italian. I believe they said 5:00, but I will confirm that.

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