



# 2020 FLY-IN EVENTS

## WELCOME TO THE CPA FLY-IN EVENTS-2020 EDITION!



We're introducing this new Colorado Pilots Association publication to involve more of the regional aviation community in our fly-in program. This program originated a number of years ago when a small group of CPA members met at a member's home to discuss the idea of group-flying to interesting destinations in the western portion of the U.S. This meeting has grown to a much larger, annual gathering that we now consider our "Christmas in January." Due to the excitement permeating this early January meeting, we've suspected elves, leftover from Christmas, have had a hand in our destination planning. Why? Because our destinations are so widely varied in geographic scope; they are so remarkably interesting and fun; and because the aura surrounding each event is almost magical. *We have fun!*

Our adventures aren't just about the sheer joy of flying, but are also about the common bonds that we as aviators enjoy. We're social creatures, and combining great times with friends, who have a common love of flying, is about as wonderful as this life can get. Why not take the time now, to explore the pages of this booklet and see for yourself the wonders that are in store this year?

We plan destinations both near and far to support those of all flying skills and with varying aircraft capabilities. If you're new to flying, many of these flights are of a distance that should be comfortable for you to start building that time and experience that we pilots all strive for. If you've been flying for awhile and are getting stale flying within 50 miles of your home base, use this program to expand your horizons and bring the joy of flying back into your life. Our members are engineers, doctors, landscapers, computer scientists, auto mechanics, ATC controllers, lawyers, educators and more. You'll make friends from all walks of life enjoying the common bond of aviation.

Enjoy this booklet outlining our unique events for this year. To register for a specific fly-in, visit the CPA website at [www.coloradopilots.org](http://www.coloradopilots.org). Around two to three months before each fly-in, announcements will be made under "Fly-in Events" in the "Calendar" section; emails will go out to members; and an announcement will be posted in the monthly edition of our newsletter FLIGHT LINES. You may even find the information on our Facebook page. You probably won't miss these announcement flyers! They will offer the details that matter the most. . .times to arrive, FBO info, specific scheduling info for events, happy hour plans, hotel info, transportation info, and the cost for each fly-in. Generally speaking, the CPA charges to cover the costs involved and makes no money on the event.

Give us a try. You won't be disappointed! This is one of the most cordial groups of people you'll ever meet. We look forward to seeing you.

Note: If you're a pilot from one of the surrounding states, we'd love to have you join us. Just register on the website as the rest of our members do. That's all that's required. Yes, you can save money by becoming a CPA member. Join now by visiting the last page of this booklet.

Happy flying!

Bob Kinney, Chairman  
Fly-in Committee



## Colorado Pilots Association Mail-In Application for Individual Renewal/Registration Form

Online Application at [www.coloradopilots.org](http://www.coloradopilots.org)

Mail the completed application to: CPA, Inc., P.O. Box 200911, Denver, CO 80220-0911

First Name:	Last Name:
Spouse/Partner:	
Address:	
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Membership Applying For:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 - 1 Year Individual
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$38 - 2 Years Individual
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	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 - 1 Year Corporate Membership
I am interested in serving on the following committees:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
I am interested in serving as an Area Rep at the following airport: _____	



## SARATOGA FLY-IN LUNCH

Location: Saratoga, WY  
Date: April 25, 2020  
Hosts: Bob & Shawn Kinney



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For registration or additional information, please visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/tbkuxqq>

Saturday April 25th, 2020 - Make the short 120nm flight to beautiful Saratoga, Wyoming and enjoy a leisurely lunch at the Saratoga Inn Resort with other CPA friends. If you feel extra enthusiastic, you can make overnight reservations at the resort and soak your bones in the resort's wonderful hot springs.

Registration will be required. Contact Bob Kinney at [twinlake1@aol.com](mailto:twinlake1@aol.com) or 303-887-3328.



## CARLSBAD CAVERNS

Location: Carlsbad, NM  
Date: May 1-3, 2020  
Hosts: Bob Stewart



Scan the QR code to register for this event.

For registration or additional information, please visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/u69e595>

Flight time is roughly 3-4 hours, depending on departure. Dining, transport and additional fun (wine tasting) is in the works. We hope you'll join us!

Trinity Hotel  
<https://www.thetrinityhotel.com>

Fiddlers Hotel  
<https://www.fiddlersinnbb.com>

Caverns  
<https://www.nps.gov/cave/index.htm>



## WHITE SANDS FLY-IN

Location: White Sands, NM  
Date: May 15-17, 2020  
Host: Rich Barclay



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For registration or additional information, please visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/s6k5qpx>

Established in 1945, White Sands Missile Range is America's largest overland military test range. The world entered the Atomic Age when the first atomic bomb was tested. In 1949, the world entered the Space Age from White Sands Missile Range, when Bumper, an two-stage rocket roared beyond the earth's atmosphere. Since 1945 the missile range has conducted more than 42,000 missile and rocket firings.

### Friday, May 15th:

Arrive at 11:00 a.m, fly-in to KALM, Alamogordo, about 407 miles from KAPA. Check in to hotel, then followed by lunch at Can't Stop Smoking BBQ. After lunch we will visit New Mexico Museum of Space History which contains exhibitions ranging from Robert Goddard's early rocket experiments near Roswell to a mock-up of the International Space Station. There are a number of indoor and outdoor exhibits for us to tour during our stay, one of which is always fun - one of which is the John P. Stapp Air & Space Park. then return to the hotel for happy hour. Dinner will be at a local Mexican restaurant.



### Saturday, May 16th:

Saturday's activities will include a drive to White Sands National Monument with a picnic lunch. This will be followed by a drive to White Sands Missile Range Museum ( bring a photo ID, MILITARY ID if possible.) We will return to the hotel for happy hour and dinner afterward.

Of course no official CPA fly-in would be complete without happy hours, lunches, dinners and of course ICE CREAM (yes, we did say Ice Cream) throughout the weekend.

### Sunday, May 17th:

After a full weekend of sightseeing some of the amazing hidden gems in the southwest of the country, we will start the journey back home. After breakfast at the hotel, everyone will be on their own to make their journey north.

## TAOS FLY-IN

Location: Taos, NM  
 Date: June 5-7, 2020  
 Hosts: Jan McKenzie



Scan the QR code to register for this event.

For registration or additional information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/wkn5ywt>

Float through the basalt rock canyon of the lower Rio Grande into the lush, peaceful Orilla Verde State Park near Taos, NM. This relaxing 3-hour float is perfect for adults seeking a relaxed, scenic voyage. There are also spots along this section of the river that are suitable for swimming.

Fly into Taos Airport (KSKX), only 191 nm southwest of KAPA, on Friday. After lunch, visit the San Francisco de Asis church, over 200 years old. Later, stroll around the historic Taos Plaza, once a Spanish fortified and walled plaza now surrounded by numerous galleries offering works by renowned Taos Artists from the present and past. Discover stores with southwestern and Native American collectibles, mercantiles, an award winning chocolate store, cafes, and restaurants. Our usual happy hour will commence at 5:30. BYOB and a snack to share.



Saturday morning, we visit the Rio Grande Gorge bridge and hike along the West Rim trail. After lunch we will enjoy floating the river, followed by dinner at the famous Doc Martins restaurant just off the plaza. The plan is to stay at the Historic Taos Inn, with authentic New Mexico charm, just two blocks from the plaza.

On Sunday, we return to the airport and fly home, back over the river gorge that we floated the day before. Come join us in beautiful Taos on the Rio Grande!





## GALLUP FLY-IN

Location: Gallup, NM  
Date: June 19-21, 2020  
Host: Bill Gust



Scan the QR code to register for this event.

For registration or additional information, please visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/tuyxue6>

Gallup is a small city in New Mexico, on historic Route 66. To the east, red sandstone cliffs dominate Red Rock Park, home to Anasazi archaeological sites from around 300 A.D. Here, Red Rock Museum focuses on Anasazi heritage, with displays of pottery and silver. In the city, Gallup Cultural Center has Native American crafts and cultural exhibits. The Rex Museum covers local history, including railroad and mining.

### Friday, June 19th

Arrive at Gallup Municipal Airport (GUP). Happy hour. Dinner. Nightly Indian Dancing.

### Saturday, June 20th

A morning drive (1hr) will take us to the El Morro National Monument which includes the following trails:

The Inscription Trail: A must-see! If you only have an hour or less, you will definitely want to take the trail to the pool and past hundreds of Spanish and Anglo inscriptions, as well as pre-historical petroglyphs. It will be easy to see why El Morro was proclaimed a National Monument. This loop trail is paved, 1/2 mile in length.



The Headland Trail: This 2-mile loop includes the Inscription Trail, and continues to the top of the bluff. There, you will be rewarded with spectacular views of the Zuni Mountains, the volcanic craters of the El Malpais area, and the El Morro valley. A 250 ft. elevation gain and the uneven sandstone surface makes this a slightly strenuous hike. Atsinna. Another reward for hiking the Headland Trail is the Ancestral Puebloan ruin, Atsinna, or "place of writings on rock". Between approximately 1275 to 1350 AD, up to 600 people lived in this 355 room pueblo. The location was strategic—it was near the only water source for many miles and located atop a nearly impenetrable bluff. Saturday afternoon includes lunch where we will be able to visit the Rex Museum, Navajo Code Talkers Museum, Gallup Cultural Center.

Saturday evening will include the legendary CPA happy hour then off to a group dinner at the historic El Rancho Hotel. No evening would be complete without also taking in copious samples of the local ice cream after dinner!

### Sunday, June 21st

After breakfast our drivers will return to airport for flight home.



## STEAMBOAT FLY-IN

Location: Steamboat Springs, CO  
 Date: July 11-12, 2020  
 Hosts: Leonard Gurule



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For registration or additional information, please visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/sspz8jg>

Legend has it that trappers noted an unusual spouting spring in the Yampa Valley, accompanied by a chugging sound that reminded them of a Steamboat. Henceforth since the early 1870's the town was known as "Steamboat Springs". Today Steamboat plays host to a multitude of outdoor activities and events including the Hot Air Balloon Festival this weekend.

Saturday morning we will fly to Steamboat Springs/Bob Adams Field (KSBS) arriving prior to 10:30 AM and shuttle to our hotel to drop our bags off before heading downtown for some shopping or simply taking in the sites before lunch. Lunch will be at noon at a restaurant downtown. After lunch, participants will have the option to participate in one or a combination of several activities as follows.



Walk, bike or e-bike along the 7 mile Yampa River Core Trail which provides access to Howelsen, Emerald, Fetcher, Rotary and Botanic Parks. Several bike rental shops are located downtown. This is a scenic trail and provides ample photo opportunities of the river, wildflowers that are in bloom this time of year and perhaps even colorful hot air balloons in the air. The Tread of Pioneers Museum is located downtown and provides insight into the history and heritage of the area.

A shuttle will be arranged after lunch to take participants to the Fish Creek Falls trail head just 4 miles from downtown. There are two hike options that provide beautiful vistas and photo opportunities of the Yampa River Valley and of Fish Creek Falls.

### Choose One:

- 1) Lower Falls – ½ mile round trip, 100' elevation gain, 30 minutes
- 2) Upper Falls – 5 miles round trip, 1560' elevation gain, 3 hours

Take the Steamboat Shuttle to the Ski Resort base area and ride the Gondola to the top of Mt. Werner for hiking and spectacular panoramic views of the Yampa Valley or ride the Outlaw Mountain Coaster or simply explore the shops in the village.

Happy hour at our hotel from 5:00 to 6:00 followed by dinner at a downtown restaurant. After dinner we will shuttle to Howelsen Hill to take in the Balloon Glow and some live music until 9:30 p.m.

Sunday morning participants will shuttle to the Hot Air Balloon launch site for additional balloon viewing and then to the Bob Adams Field for flights back home.



## DILLON FLY-IN

Location: Dillon, MT  
Date: July 16-19, 2020  
Host: Bart and Mary Jones

### Friday, July 17th

Arrive noon – go for lunch and check in to motel. On to Beaverhead Museum, one of finest in MT for historical coverage of Montana's turbulent past. Outside, early-day mining equipment, settler's cabin, 1st outdoor biffy with flush toilet, fully equipped sheep wagon, Argenta school and more. Inside thousands of items from eras past.

Next drive to the explorers Lewis and Clark's Lookout State Park; a site that was used to look out over the Beaverhead valley as they explored the area. From there we go to a hidden area where there is a buffalo jump, long unknown even to residents. Dinner in Dillon to end the day.

### Saturday, July 18th

Breakfast and then drive to Bannack State Park. Site of the first territorial...and first commercial sawmill. Visit the Living museum with guided tours, take a hike and explore the area on your own, including Hangman's Gulch where vigilantes took law into their own hands..



Drive to Elkhorn - an old and rustic hot springs resort, and place for lunch. After lunch drive to the ghost town of Coolidge and explore the last silver boomtown in MT. Silver was not of high enough grade to justify a railroad or huge mill, but old log cabins, mill works, gold bearing ore have been left by the mill. Dinner in Wise River – Center for rich fishing and hunting that the area provides.

## BJC FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN & BBQ

Location: Broomfield, CO  
Date: August 29, 2020  
Hosts: Bob and Shawn Kinney



### Saturday, August 29th

Arrive at Rocky Mountain Metro Airport (KBJC), 5:00 p.m. Tie down at the terminal building and walk feet to the BBQ in the terminal building courtyard. Enjoy the summer evening BBQ supper and conversation with your CPA friends from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Questions? Call Bob Kinney 303-887-3328 or twinlake1@aol.com or flyins@coloradopilots.org

Watch your FLIGHT LINES newsletter for registration info.



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<https://tinyurl.com/stuoa4h>



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For registration or additional information, please visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/wgkuuzs>

## BIG BEAR LAKE FLY-IN

Location: Big Bear Lake, CA  
Date: September 17-20, 2020  
Host: Ron Krohn



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For registration or additional information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yx43zeqc>

Welcome to Southern California's best mountain destination! A four-season alpine destination in the heart of the San Bernardino National Forest, California. The City of Big Bear Lake sits at an elevation of about 7,000 feet. Late summer is an awesome time to explore this unique mountain resort community! Big Bear Lake is a man-made lake that dates back to 1885. The original rock dam was replaced by a multi-arch dam in 1912, which increased the holding capacity by 2 ½ times. Featuring six marinas, visitors enjoy boating, fishing, parasailing, wake sports and more during spring, summer and autumn.

Big Bear Lake (L35) N34° 15'50" W116° 51' 13.19" | Elevation: 6,752 ft MSL

### Thursday, September 17th

Check in: Robinhood Resort, Big Bear Lake, CA  
You're staying right across from the Big Bear Visitor Center, so any questions can be readily answered by our team of experts. Our lodging is also located across the street from the Big Bear Marina where you will find boat rentals, jet skis, kayaks, paddle boards, and a fishing pro shop. Later, join the Big Bear Pilots Association for a welcome reception and dinner in their FuseLodge hangar at the Big Bear Airport. This warm hospitality harkens back to deepest parts of Americana and is not to be missed!



### Friday, September 18th

Enjoy an early breakfast at one of the restaurants near the Village, followed by one of the alternate individual excursions. Meet up for an afternoon boat tour on the Miss Liberty. Wrap up the day with the group for a private dinner at Nottingham's Tavern.

### Saturday, September 19th

Enjoy breakfast on your own in The Village followed by an individual excursion. Meet up for a Horseback ride on the PCT. Prost! Be sure to pack your lederhosen and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the best Oktoberfest this side of Munich. Enjoy traditional German beer and food, fun competition games and live music.

### Sunday, September 20th

Enjoy a leisurely check-out. While you're out in Southern California, check out another destination to extend your trip. Suggestions include Palm Springs (31nm SE), Oceanside (67nm SW), Catalina Island (93nm SW). September is a great time at a SoCal beach!



Check out some of the alternate individual activities:

- Play nine at Bear Mountain Golf Course
- Charter a fishing captain for rainbow trout fishing
- Drive a jeep on an off-road tour
- Mountain Bike through the National Forest
- Shop and dine in The Village
- Zipline through the trees or take a Segway tour

## TRINITY FLY-IN

Location: Truth or Consequences, NM & Socorro, NM  
Date: October 2-4, 2020  
Hosts: Bill Marvel



Scan the QR code to register for this event.

For registration or additional information, please visit:  
<https://tinyurl.com/ttwkbbxl>

Join our trip both back in time and forward into the future the weekend of October 2-4, 2020. We will be visiting two venues -- Richard Branson's futuristic Spaceport America launch facility from which space tourists will venture into earth orbit and also Trinity site, where the world's first atom bomb was detonated on July 16, 1945.

On arrival at Truth or Consequences airport (KTCS) October 2, you'll receive "event unique" name badges and will be met by a private tour bus company and driven to Spaceport America for about a 4-hour tour. The cost for that is \$60 per person but practically free compared to the prohibitive cost of landing on the spaceport's runway -- several thousand dollars. Time constraints require us to have lunch in the bus on the way to the Spaceport but that beats missing lunch altogether! Their tour buses hold 13 passengers, so the two available for us set the maximum number who can attend at 26. Our buses will be dedicated to CPA members only.



Afterwards, the buses will return us to the airport for the 50-mile flight north to Socorro, NM (KONM) where city provided transportation will take us to the hotel, to and from Trinity Site the next day and then back to the airport the morning of the 4th for departure. There are no rental or courtesy cars available in Socorro but with a little ingenuity I plan to solicit some local pilots to help out with transport in and around this small town. Regardless, we'll be staying at the Holiday Inn Express near restaurants and a brew pub so all of the necessities will be close by. Our Colorado Pilots Association group room rate is \$129 a night.

Trinity Site is open only two days a year and is located in the White Sands Missile Range within both ground and air restricted areas. We'll actually stand on ground zero and see the many artifacts brought to the site for the event. We'll also visit the McDonald house where the plutonium core was assembled and which contains rarely seen photos of that day. It is located several miles from the blast site. Docents are at both locations to answer all of our questions. Are you aware that the second bomb, dropped on Nagasaki, was the type tested at Trinity but the first bomb, dropped on Hiroshima, was never tested beforehand?



And of course, we'll have the ever-popular CPA Happy Hour events as well as a Saturday night group dinner in our own room at the Jackson Ranch Steak House.

Sunday morning, city transport will return us to the airport for departure homeward. Don't miss this rare opportunity to fly both backward in time and forward into the future!



