

## SOUTHWEST SECTION I.F.F.R. MEMBERS

There will be a southwest section fly in April 16, 17, 18, 2010, to the Santa Cruz/Watsonville area. Our fly in will be held in conjunction with the annual "Day in the Sky" program for handicapped children. "Day in the Sky" is a truly great program and I urge you to find out about it at [www.dayinthesky.org](http://www.dayinthesky.org). Several of our local IFFR members have been host pilots with the program for many years and always find the day very rewarding. "Day in the Sky" needs additional pilots and so it seemed logical to have a fly in at the same time as some of our members may wish to participate.

### PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Friday April 16. Arrive at Watsonville (WVI) approximately 3 to 5 p.m.. where transportation will be provided or you may secure car rental on the field. (transportation is still being worked on and more details will follow). Get settled into lodging and refresh from trip. Members can gather and go out to some of our fine restaurants, we will recommend several later, **or** local members Larry Wolfsen, Sam Bishop, and Chas. Eldridge will be attending a **QB**s (Ancient and Secret Order of Quiet Birdmen) dinner meeting and would be happy to invite any fellow IFFR members to attend, sorry ladies this is a stag event. Not to be out done, Diane, Elena, and Sandy (the better halves) will be organizing the ladies evening if so desired. More on this later.

Saturday April 17. For those wanting to be part of "Day in the Sky" please see the schedule as presented on their web page [www.dayinthesky.org](http://www.dayinthesky.org). I hope several of you will participate as pilots, however they also need non pilot people to help with the program as explained on their web page, so some of our non pilot companions can help. Those not participating in the "Day in the Sky" will be free to sleep in and then enjoy the amenities Santa Cruz has to offer. Tour UCSC, visit boutique wineries, beach and boardwalk, etc. Saturday evening members can again gather for dinner at any of several nice restaurants **or** Santa Cruz Rotary is holding it's annual fund raising dinner that evening and all are invited to attend. This year the event is being held at the Seymour Discovery Center, at the Marine Lab. run by UCSC. This is a fascinating building located on the water front at the Marine Lab. It is always a gala event enjoyed by all. Cost is \$100 per person.

Sunday April 18, Morning at leisure (finally) and return to the airport for departure at your convenience.

## GENERAL

Weather, Unsettled in Santa Cruz at that time of year. Not unusual to have morning fog so strongly advise arriving Friday. Last year some pilots wanting to arrive Saturday morning could not get in early enough to meet the "Day in the Sky" schedule.

Transportation, Still being worked on so final details later, however we expect to be able to provide some rides back and forth and rentals are available on the field.

Lodging and Cost. Santa Cruz is a beach side destination for summer fun seekers and as such has a multitude of lodging facilities. April is before the "summer rates" kick in so lodging cost are not "summer excessive". I will be trying to get some discounted rates for any who come and will provide more info later. ALSO AS A BONUS, for those IFFR members who attend the Santa Cruz Rotary fund raiser Saturday night, a number of Santa Cruz Rotarians have offered to host a "home hospitality" night and house from one to four of our IFFR members at no charge, somewhat balancing out the cost of the fund raising dinner. As we have a limited number of "home hospitality" rooms they will be available on a first come first served basis so please think about attending and reply soon.

Registration Set aside the dates now and register with [www.dayinthesky.org](http://www.dayinthesky.org). Pilots be sure to study and fill out the pilots registration form as it has all the requirements necessary to participate. NOTE that all pilot must be members of EAA. I think it has something to do with insurance coverage but I will check. In any case the cost is small and well worth it. We will get out a sign up sheet for rooms, QB's, SC Rotary party etc. soon so keep tuned in but set aside the date now.

Stay Tuned. More information will follow in the next several days but for those of you who just can't wait contact Larry Wolfsen at [ljwolfsen@aol.com](mailto:ljwolfsen@aol.com) or call 831-429-8340.

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