Fab Feb Items

Golf cart Rental Update

We spoke with All carts

They have not received any reservations from the fliers as of now. They are willing to supply carts and were familiar with the LH location.

Prices ranged from $60 a day for a two passenger, 85 for a four passenger. Delivery for up to six carts(he can carry six at a time) would be $150. Prices on the entire Fab Feb week is negotiable.

All Carts

1636 S Union Avenue

Bakersfield, CA 93307

Phone: (661) 836-9800

AMA Affiliate License Update

This concerned the AMA Affiliate license that International Visitors, except Canadians, need to fly in Model Airplane events in the USA. Some of the regulars call this "American Insurance". The form is very complicated because it covers all types of AMA membership with many options. We have worked with the AMA to have a simpler form for International visitors. A copy is in this packet.

For the international visitors who pre-entered the event we will have the form pre-printed with your information so all you have to do is sign it and pay the fee. We need ; Name, address, FAI Country and License. If we don't have all of these item you will be able to write it on the form.

Fab Feb Q&A

questions about the Weather and Health

Weather and Colds and Flu

The past year has been the driest year in California on record. Using all kinds of techniques going back to 900 AD Lost Hills also has had minimal rain, this means it is very dry. There has been some rain in December an a green fuzz is showing in a few places. he State authorities consider it to be drought conditions and extreme fire danger in some places. Be sure to drink plenty of water. While we always need to be careful at Lost Hills, there is not very much fuel for fires at the moment.

The winter has been one of the warmest on record in California with some days going into the 80s F , almost 30 C, with not many clouds in the sky. It is still sometimes cold in the morning before the sun comes up. You may need sunblock. If the current weather continues it will be the warmest Fab Feb event ever. Can't say what it will do to the thermals, that's for you to find out!

Of course the weather is the weather like anywhere else so could change between now and the contests so make sure that you check the weather closer to the date and bring the right clothes. Most people have their own favorite web site for weather. A number of the locals use www.wunderground.com and specify Lost Hills, CA. This site gives an almost hourly break down.

Just because the sun is shining does not mean it is not cold and flu season so you should take the normal precaution that you would traveling anywhere else in the Northern Hemisphere at this time of the year. As in other parts of the country local medical professionals are suggesting that people get flu shots, so do what you would do at home.

Valley Fever

With Lost Hills there are always questions about Valley Fever, this is because it is something that not known in other parts of the world. It is more common in the south west of the USA and parts of Mexico. Also in recent months there has been more news articles because it was discovered that some ethnic groups were more susceptible and these groups of people get valley fever more frequently if they are in a prison in certain parts of California. Much more has been written lately , including some articles that are possibly overly alarmist. People wanting more information should start with the following web site from the State of California Dept of Public Health

http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Documents/VFGeneral.pdf

this site gives a good plain language summary with links to further information.

While at Lost Hills it is common sense to minimize how much dust you breath by always driving your car with the window up and not following in the dust of other vehicles especially when walking or on a motor bike. It is also common courtesy not to drive a car or bike as to raise dust close to people who might be out flying or walking.

Lost Hills Mapped

A number of readers have made observations about the current satellite view of Lost Hills as shown by Google Maps. If you go to Google Maps and type in Lost Hills, CA USA you will see the town of Lost Fills. It is easy to follow along Hwy 46 in a westerly direction to Holloway road and then follow this North and you will see the Holloway Gypsum works and our flying field. When you switch the view from Map to Satellite and zoom in you will see a number of vehicles and a flight line. The Satellite view shows the San Valeers Annual contest from about a year ago. Kind of appropriate as the San Valeers was the Bob Hunter's Club, Bob was the creator of the probably the best known AMA gas model the Satellite.

No need to Panic for the Banquet.

I got an email from an international visitor who was worried that everyone had to wear ties and jacket to America's Cup Banquet held during the MaxMen. This guy is allergic to ties .. :-)

No need to panic , you only need to wear a tie if you are collecting an America's Cup Award, not the case for international visitors! So no required for you for a jacket and tie that might push your bag over the airline limit