

INVITATION FOR OSTIV-TRACK SPEAKERS AT THE SOARING SOCIETY OF AMERICA (SSA) CONVENTION, RENO, NEVADA USA, FEBRUARY 2012

Dear OSTIV members and friends of OSTIV:

Hello, we're seeking speakers for the OSTIV track at the 2012 SSA Convention, which is a full Convention with everything! It was agreed with the SSA last year that OSTIV would conduct a speaker track again at the forthcoming SSA Convention. As well, the SSA agreed to an OSTIV Nite, Thursday, as before, which we are organizing.

This invitation mirrors ones sent for previous Conventions, e.g. Little Rock (LIT) AR (2010) and Philadelphia PA (2011). It would be great if any of you can come to be a speaker, or even send a paper for someone to present for you as was done at LIT. I am hoping to receive some positive responses from at least some of you. Thanks a lot for reading on.

WHAT, WHERE & WHEN:

SSA Convention, 2 – 4 February 2012
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
3800 S. Virginia St., Reno NV 89502 (www.atlantiscasino.com/ssa2012)
Complimentary transport between airport and Hotel

SCHEDULE:

31 January – 1 February 2012: Soaring Safety Foundation (SSF) Certified Flight Instructor-Glider Clinic (8hrs/day)
1 February 2012: SSF evening Safety Seminar
2 – 4 February 2012: OSTIV track concurrent with SSA track (all day each day)
2 February 2012: OSTIV Nite - reception, dinner and speaker
3 February 2012: SSA Nite - surprise in the works
4 February 2012: SSA Banquet - reception, dinner and speaker

EXHIBIT HALL:

The Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 4590 S Virginia St, Reno NV 89502, is directly across from the Atlantis Hotel, with up to 70 booths (OSTIV will have one and so will SSF) and two dozen sailplane displays. Conveniently, the Convention Center and Hotel are connected by the enclosed Atlantis Skybridge.

HOW:

Reno has non-stop and/or one-stop airline service from many major USA cities and international cities. Fares look attractive for that timeline.

OSTIV NITE:

Lots of possibilities: a dinner with show?...a famous after-dinner speaker?....

SPEAKERS:

Speakers will have the usual 50' time allotment, including question-time, for which we again need about 21 folks - 7/day. Speakers will receive complimentary Convention registration and complimentary drink tickets. Sorry, SSA can't provide transport, hotel and meals for speakers. Here are the speakers as of press-time (1 Sept 2011):

Loek Boermans
Goetz Bramesfeld
Rich Carlson
Steve Dee

Helmut Fendt
Matt Gillis
Ward Hindman
Daniel Howell
Kempton Izuno
Dan Johnson
Mark Maughmer

Dr. Johnson may talk about early recognition of cognitive dysfunction, (probably using me as an example). If the world comes to an end, I might do a talk.

SECRET:

There will be no run-down, scary-looking, seedy, I'd never-go-in-there steak house like at LIT. But, as usual, if we can find time, what with so many fun activities on the schedule, I hope to have a special thing planned as something unique for the first 15 OSTIV folks to commit as speakers!

Bernald S. Smith, the old curmudgeon, hectoring again who hopes to hear from you asap!

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A winter cloud jamboree over Reno, Nevada

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