

Southwest – Western Chapters Joint Fall Meeting

International Balloon Fiesta Albuquerque, New Mexico

October 6-10, 2015

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Albuquerque, New Mexico transforms the skies for a week of brilliant color during the nation's best-known ballooning event. For ten days the RV Park attached to the ballooning fields becomes the second largest city in the state.

For ballooning fans worldwide, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is a pilgrimage. There is something for everyone to enjoy . . . whimsical special shapes filled with equal parts of hot air and wonder, and Balloon Glows that create a magical night landscape for spectators to wander. Over 600 balloons from around the world participate.

Southwest and Western Chapters join together to host a joint fall meeting during this event. Hotels around the city and as far away as Santa Fe fill quickly, and many are sold out already. Schedules for the CME activities permit attendees the time to be on the balloon fields for a Morning Patrol and Ascension, one of the biggest events of the fiesta, where all participating balloons launch in two waves, filling the sky with hundreds of balloons at once and for an Evening Balloon Glow – the highlight events of the Fiesta.

GETTING AND STAYING THERE

AIRPORT: Double Eagle II Airport (KAEG) is located on the west side of the City near the Petroglyph National Monument and is accessible from both Interstate 40 and Interstate 25.

HOTEL

MEETING SITE:

Hyatt Regency Albuquerque, 330 Tijeras Avenue NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Rates: \$169 (Tues-Thurs) / \$199 (Friday)

Reservations via passkey reservation web link, set to the special discounted room rate: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/FlyingPhysicians2015> or call 1-888-421-1442 (toll free)

RESERVE YOUR GUEST ROOM ASAP.

CUT-OFF on Reservations: When FPA block is filled or September 8.

PARKING: Overnight self-parking \$16 and Valet \$20.

Hyatt Regency Albuquerque is steps away from a downtown district with over 30 restaurants, entertainment and nightlife and it is within walking distance to Old Town Albuquerque. The hotel is 4.2 miles (8 minutes) from Albuquerque International Sunport. Guest rooms have complimentary high-speed internet access, 24-hour access to the fitness center

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PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Tuesday October 6

FPA Arrival day – Welcome Reception

Wednesday October 7

Depart Hotel early AM to field, arriving by 5:30 am Dawn Patrol, Morning Glow and Flight of the Nations Mass Ascension

Afternoon FPA CME Session at the Hotel

Thursday October 8

Morning FPA CME Session at the Hotel

Depart Hotel in afternoon to field
Special Shape Glowdeo and AfterGlow
Fireworks Show

Friday October 9

Depart Hotel early AM to field, arriving by 5:30 am Dawn Patrol, Special Shape Rodeo and Flying Competition

Afternoon FPA CME Session at the Hotel

Saturday October 10

Group on own. Members may extend guest room stay through the weekend when making reservations with the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

OPTIONAL SPECIAL GROUP ARRANGEMENTS

Balloon Fiesta offers an exceptional package for a group. Why and what is included?

You can enjoy Balloon Fiesta from one of the most picturesque locations in Balloon Fiesta Park. The Gondola Club is a reserved area that lets you get away from the crowds with seating indoors and out, delicious food, local entertainment, courtesy shuttles from the Gondola Club parking area, and luxury restrooms just for Gondola Club attendees!

The Balloon Fiesta is a truly unique experience, and Gondola Club tickets allow guests to experience this world-class event in a very special and private setting. Just imagine being able to have a private seat complete with wonderful food while looking out over a Mass As-



cension, Special Shapes Rodeo, a balloon glow, competition or fireworks.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Admission to Balloon Fiesta
- Parking pass to nearby, private Gondola Club parking (INCLUDES 1 car pass per 4 people)
- Gourmet buffet meal (breakfast or dinner buffet, depending on session attended)
- Host bar
- Prime location for viewing hot air balloon launch
- Shuttle transportation to and from parking area and Balloon Fest "Main Street"
- Dedicated luxury bathrooms
- Live entertainment at evening sessions

HOURS OF OPERATION

Morning Sessions: 5:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Sessions: 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

FPA PROPOSED GROUP GONDOLA CLUB PARTICIPATION*

Weds. OCTOBER 7 – AM Session

\$70 pp/\$140 couple

Thurs. OCTOBER 8 – PM Session

\$70 pp/\$140 couple

Fri. OCTOBER 9 – AM session

\$70 pp/\$140 couple

*Gondola Club participation is by individual session (AM or PM), is optional and is NOT included in the FPA Meeting registration fee. Arrangements for an FPA Group Gondola Club Package is dependent on participation by no less than 7 couples/14 individuals. You may indicate your interest in the optional Gondola Club Package by checking the session on the registration form. Reservations for a group must be confirmed and paid no later than September 7.

We anticipate seeing you in Albuquerque during the International Balloon Fiesta!

Tim Cole & Mark Thoman

CHAPTER MEETING REGISTRATION CANCELLATION: Call or email registration cancellations with the FPA Headquarters office 14-or-more-days prior to the meeting commencement. Call 936.588.6505 or ahenderson@fpadrs.org. Call or email cancellations to the chapter planners in the 2 weeks immediately preceding the meeting. Cancellations fees may include nonrefundable deposits, event guarantees, and other charges. Following completion of meeting finances, the Chapter officers determine the amount charged for late cancellation.