



12th ANNUAL West Coast Formation And Ground Marshaller Clinics

1-2-3 May 2009
Castle Airport (MER), Atwater, CA

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The 2009 Clinic is fast approaching.
Mark your calendars for 1-2-3 May 2009!



DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: APRIL 1, 2009



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Marshalling Detachment,
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TRAINING

The 12th annual **TRARON Clinic** will be held at the former Castle AFB (MER), California on 1-3 May 2009. This year's event is again open to members of FAST (Formation And Safety Team) including CAF, NATA, Red Star, T-34 Assoc., and WOA. However, to participate, you **MUST** be a member of the CAF. Formation flight training (basic and advanced) and ground school for Initial and Lead candidates will be available. Curriculum for flight training will be based on the F.A.S.T. Formations and Principles ver 20.1 which can be found on the F.A.S.T. website (<http://flyfast.org/publications.htm>). Also, please review the Lead and Wing requirements on the TRARON website, (<http://traron.org>).

For those wishing to get a head start with formation training, please indicate on the Registration Form that you will arrive early (by 10:00 am Friday or Thursday afternoon), in order to insure instructor availability. **No guarantees**, but we will do our best to work with you.

Anticipated Check/Instructor Pilots include, but are not limited to: Rick Hosking (TRARON Lead), Jim Booth, Stu Eberhardt, Bill Montegue, Larry Gayler, Marv Quaid, Doug Schuster, Carter Clark, and Duane Doyle.

The **GROUND MARSHALLER Training Clinic** will also take place dealing with movement of aircraft on the ramp, safety of the aircraft and pilots, safety of the spectators, and working with aircraft crews. Marshaller candidates **MUST** pre-qualify with CAF Marshalling Detachment.

NOTE — FAST minimum requirements for Wingman are: Private Pilot license; 3rd Class medical; 500 hours total time and 100 hours in complex. Your aircraft **MUST** be airworthy and comply with all applicable FAR's. You **MUST** have a **FULLY FUNCTIONING** 2-way com radio with an operable intercom (prefer back seat transmit capability), headset, fully functioning dual controls, and parachutes for each occupant. Recommended equipment includes, but is not limited to, helmets, fire-retardant clothing and gloves.

REGISTRATION

Your registration form and fees need to be **RECEIVED** by **April 1, 2009** to insure a reservation and avoid a **\$50 late registration fee**. Space may be limited based on instructor availability. The date your paperwork is received will determine your eligibility. Refer to the registration form for clinic costs. *There is no rain date and fees are nonrefundable after April 15, unless the clinic is canceled due to weather.*

There are 4 Clinic Participant categories: 1) **Pilot**: Initial Training, Wingman Qualification, Requalification, Lead Qualification, Currency, and Practice; 2) **Backseater**: Non-pilot or non-flying pilot attending clinic intending to ride in the backseat of an aircraft; 3) **Pre-Approved Instructor/Check Pilot**: actually training other pilots in Clinic; and 4) **Pre-Approved Support Staff**: Marshaller, Air Boss, Approved Drivers, Registration, Hydration, Photo/Videographer, etc.

✿ CURRENT CAF COLONEL MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED ✿

PLEASE NOTE: ANYONE riding in the front OR backseat of an aircraft during the Clinic **MUST** be a COLONEL in the Commemorative Air Force! This is due to insurance requirements for the Clinic. If you need to join, you can do so either by going to <http://www.commemorativeairforce.org> or use the Registration Form for the Clinic and complete the CAF Application when you check in. All Pilots MUST belong to CAF-TRARON as well. Pilots also MUST BE CURRENT with his/her CAF and TRARON dues. In addition, all carded Pilots MUST have and show 2009 FAST cards or be prepared to go for a Check Ride. These requirements come from CAF Headquarters, Midland due to insurance and FAA regulations.



SCHEDULE



Friday

4:00 pm – NuB Ground School
 – LEAD Ground School
 6:00 pm – Dinner
 7:00 pm – **MANDATORY**
 Safety Clinic briefing
 Break-out sessions

Saturday

6:30 am – 7:15 am – Breakfast
 7:15 am – 7:30 am – Briefings
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm – Flying
 11:30 am – 2:00 pm – Lunch
 6:30 pm – Dinner, Carding, etc.

Sunday

6:30 am – 7:15 am – Breakfast
 7:15 am – 7:30 am – Briefings
 8:00 am – 3:00 pm – Flying
 11:30 am – 2:00 pm – Lunch
 3:30 pm – Departure

The first 20 reservations have of choice of the BOQ on base (at a reduced rate) or the Applegate Inn.

HOUSING

If you wish to share a room with a particular person or persons, *please submit all Registration Forms together* to ensure the shared room cost. If they are not submitted together, your room will be listed as a Single and you will be expected to pay for the entire room. If you find someone with whom to share your room, after you send in your registration form, please call me.



TRANSPORTATION

A bus will be available early morning and in the evening after the sessions which will take everyone to and from the field and your quarters. If you would prefer to rent your own car, point of contact for a rent-a-car is Gemini Flight Service at (209) 725-1455. **Cars will NOT be allowed to drive on the Ramp. They MUST be parked at Gemini.**

For cars driven to the Clinic, they also MUST be parked at Gemini and cannot be driven on the Ramp without escort. To be eligible to drive on the Ramp you must carry \$1M insurance and receive a special access pass from the Merced Airport Manager. Call Scott Malta at 209/385-7686 for more information.

MEALS

Times are listed above. *If you have any dietary requirements, please let us know.*

There is a Denny's next to the motel for anyone wanting a late night snack.

Across the street is the Almond Tree Restaurant that also serves alcoholic libations in their lounge.

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As a reminder, the CAF is a 501(c)(3) organization. COLONEL Membership in the CAF and attendance at WCFC can save you tax \$\$.

Come fly with us on 1-2-3 May 2009 at Castle.

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