

# Fly the High Country - the 2019 180/185 Skywagon Convention

**Steamboat Springs, Colorado | 24 - 28 June 2019**

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## Hotels and other Accommodations

- Main convention hotel: The Steamboat Grand, **877-306-2628**, 2300 Mt. Werner Circle, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487 ([map](#)).
- Alternate hotel: The Holiday Inn, **970-879-2250**, 3190 South Lincoln Ave, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477 ([map](#)).
- RVs (not the airplane kind), see note near bottom under NOTAMs

**Airports:** the "kSBS" Steamboat Springs Bob Adams field is the main convention airport. For more information on airports please scroll down.

## Events

### Planned events include

- Meet-and-greet lunch at the airport, and a buffet dinner as well, on Monday
- Grand tour of Rocky Mountain National Park on Tuesday
- A fly-out to a delicious breakfast at the Glenwood Springs airport Wednesday, with optional activities once onsite in Glenwood
- Tech Night and Ladies Night, also Wednesday
- Optional river rafting/float Thursday morning
- Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Thursday morning June 27
- The usual and spectacular Thursday night silent auction and banquet, including banquet speaker author Steve Coonts (Flight of the Intruder, Cannibal Queen)

Participation in the above activities require Convention Registration. **Convention**

**Registration is open now.** Please find the **Register Now!** button to register, thank you.

**Hotel Reservations are available as well.** This is a resort town, we advise making hotel reservations early, as soon as you can. Convention registration does not include hotel reservations, see more on reservations immediately below.

To make your room reservation at the main hotel, call the Steamboat Grand at their group reservations number **877-269-2628**, and use the group name "Skywagon Group – International 180/185 Club". Expect to make a one night deposit. Final payment will be due 7 days prior to arrival. You may cancel up to 48 hours prior with a \$25 penalty. Cancellations within 48 hours are not refundable due to the hotel's status as a resort facility.

There is a relatively complicated set of rates for upgrades or a larger room or penthouse, if available, that you may discuss with your Steamboat Grand reservations coordinator. Our basic guaranteed rates for Sunday through Friday are \$136/night for a "run of the house" King, double Queen or Studio, and \$159/night for a standard one bedroom Condo. Add to these rates 19.41% for taxes and resort fees. No pets allowed at the Grand.

At the Steamboat Grand there is a 60 room block. Early reservations are strongly encouraged because of the popularity of the area. Should we exhaust our room block or if you wish to bring a dog, an additional 20 rooms are being held at the Holiday Inn 1.2 miles away.

To make your room reservation at the Holiday Inn, call the Holiday Inn at **970-879-2250** and use the group name "Skywagon Convention 2019". For cancellation they need 30 days notice, otherwise the reservation is subject to one night's payment (which will be charged on 24 May 2019). Rates are \$140 Standard Double or King, \$145 Two Queens or a King on the Courtyard. A patio or balcony is available for slightly more. Add to these rates 12.65% taxes/fees (i.e. no resort fee at the Holiday).

Dogs are welcome at the Holiday Inn for a fee of \$25/night, slightly more for upgrade rooms. Please register your dog; room restrictions do apply. Again, no pets at the Grand.

## **Airports**

- **SBS:** Our main airport is Steamboat Springs Bob Adams Field, kSBS. Please bring your own tie downs; they might not be needed but if they are I really don't want to be searching for tie downs for you as the airport will be very full and busy. Airport manager Stacie Fain, herself a 180 owner, and her staff, especially Mike, are working to install and configure additional airport parking for us, develop the Monday arrival luncheon, and generally ensure a great experience. Please do exercise caution for high density altitudes. Right traffic for rwy 14. Please avoid noise over the city.
- **HDN, DIA:** Coming to convention via airliner?? The closest airline airport is Hayden Yampa Valley kHDN. It may be less expensive to travel to the Denver airport

(ICAO=kDEN, DIA to everyone else) - your airline destination is up to you. Expect a 4 hour drive from DIA. (Of note: DIA is the largest airport in the US by total land area. Its 16R/34L is the longest US public use runway at 16,000'.)

- **HDN:** It is remotely possible that we will overflow kSBS airplane parking so we are providing for this contingency. Overflow parking is at kHDN, 16nm west of kSBS, or at 1CD4 (see next paragraph). If you are parked at HDN we plan to bus you back to Steamboat Springs, but expect delay it's a slow winding road. There is also a regular bus schedule between kHDN and the hotels.
- **1CD4:** Camping with your airplane and overflow parking will be available at Ray Selbe's Eagle Soaring dirt strip 1CD4, 5 miles west of kSBS. Transportation will be limited, it takes 15-20 minutes each way. Your own tiedowns will be a requirement here. Arrange transportation via mobile phone call to Jim or Linda (numbers above).

## Local Area

There will be plenty of free time for you to explore the Steamboat Springs area. You can rent a car (see below) if you wish to explore. One of many websites you may wish to visit: [TripAdvisor](https://www.tripadvisor.com).

## Transportation and Rental Cars

Three 15 passenger vans will be available for most group transportation needs for the duration of the Convention, per the Convention schedule. Steamboat Springs is accessible by the free Bus operated by Steamboat Springs Transit. The transit offers several routes around Steamboat with stops at hotels, attractions, Main Street, and so on. The orange line bus stops at both of our hotels, but no line goes to the airport. More info available at <http://steamboatsprings.net/166/Transit>. If you do wish to rent a car, they are available from:

- Enterprise: **970-879-7442**
- Steamboat Motors (availability not verified or confirmed): **970-879-8880**

## Parking

Complimentary parking at the Steamboat Grand Hotel is available at the Ski Time Square garage opposite the hotel. All parking at the Holiday Inn is free of charge.

## Additional NOTAMs

- SBS: as you all know, this airport is in the vicinity of mountainous terrain. Please take the appropriate precautions.

- SBS: some see an optical illusion conveying the sense that the kSBS airport is uphill to the north; this is not the case, it's pretty level throughout.
- LXV: the Leadville airport manager Robert Hartzell advises that the Leadville Lake Co Airport (LXV) may be closed for runway upgrades June-Sept.
- RVs: Are you bringing a Recreational Vehicle? Ray Selbe strongly recommends that you call your preferred RV Park for reservations on April 01, the day the RV parks open. One good location is Ray's Soaring Eagle RV Park, **970-879-0164**. It is immediately south of 1CD4 Soaring Eagle Airport on State Route 40, mile mkr #125, ~ 5 miles west of town (bring your burro!). Contact info: phone# above, eaglesoaringrvpark.com, eaglesoaringrvpark@gmail.com
- Sadly, the restaurants at the top of the Gondola will probably be closed for the duration of our Convention due to renovation.

## Activities Details

- **Monday Arrival Lunch Hosted by Civil Air Patrol** – no fee but please do select during registration in order to attend  
24 June, 11:30am. The Civil Air Patrol will host a Welcome to Steamboat Springs and thank you for your support! BBQ lunch at the Steamboat Springs Bob Adams Airport kSBS, under the awning on the north side of the FBO building.
- **Monday Night Arrival Buffet** – no fee but please do select during registration in order to attend  
24 June, 6pm, Steamboat Springs Grand. The Convention arrival and welcome buffet is Monday evening at 6pm in the Steamboat Grand Hotel's Pavilion room. Please ensure that you select this option if you plan on attending, so we can have an accurate count for catering. We are honored that Beegles Aircraft Service is again offsetting our cash bar expenses on this night and at the banquet on Thursday. Thanks Beegles!
- **Tuesday day tour of the gorgeous Rocky Mountain National Park**, by tour bus  
25 June, 7:30am, full day narrated tour. We've obtained a couple of the best tour guides in the park! Includes lunch, RMNP entrance fee, and all gratuities. We will depart the Grand Hotel between 7:30-8:30am, more info onsite. Our destination is the Alpine Visitor Center in Rocky Mountain National Park, accessing the west slope road in the Park. Transportation will be provided by coaches with onboard restrooms, overhead carryon and underneath luggage. Each bus will have a very knowledgeable local tour guide onboard to provide historical narration from start to finish. A box lunch will be served in Grand Lake. We will return to the Grand Hotel at 5-5:30pm; if it's a bit of a long day we assure you it will be worth it. The RMNP Tour cost will be \$25 more beginning June 01, please register early.

- **Tuesday dinner:** Tuesday's evening meal is on your own.
- **Wednesday Breakfast Flyout to the Glenwood Springs Airport**  
26 June, 7am. Expect more information on the flyout to Glenwood at the Monday evening buffet dinner. Join us for a fly out to the Glenwood Springs kGWS airport. The Glenwood Springs airport plans to serve us breakfast. Transportation into the historic downtown or to the hot springs will also be available, weather permitting (see separate entry).
- **Wednesday optional hot springs visit** – no fee but please do select during registration in order to attend. Transportation into the historic downtown or hot springs will be available at the flyout. There may a fee but this is not yet determined and will be payable onsite. If you plan at this time to go to the world's largest hot springs pool at Glenwood Springs (weather permitting), please indicate that here. There is no charge from the Convention. Please also note that the hot springs facility itself will charge an entrance fee, currently \$23.75 per person. Locker rooms are available; bring sun screen, towel, swim suit and flip flops.
- **Wednesday Ladies Night at the Holiday Inn**  
26 June, Holiday Inn Rex's American Grill, 6pm. A delightful dinner with friends and colleagues who might want to talk about something other than airplanes for a bit. Any conventioneer is welcome. Cash bar. Transportation will be provided to the Holiday Inn from the Steamboat Grand Hotel.
- **Wednesday Tech Night at the Steamboat Grand**  
26 June, Steamboat Grand Hotel, 6pm. Join us at the Steamboat Grand Burgess Creek room for dinner and discussions that will include AOPA on current aviation issues including fuel and/or ADS-b as appropriate, Greg Lucas and a Beegles rep on Greg's experience taking his tail apart at Beegles for the service bulletin inspection complete with photos, and of course, Tailwheel Tom.
- **Thursday morning Club Board of Directors meeting** – no fee but please do select during registration in order to attend. If you are a board member please attend. Room: Saddle Creek I.
- **Thursday morning River Rafting** – no convention fee but expect a separately collected fee and please do select during registration in order to attend. River rafting will be available, if river and weather conditions permit. (Cross your fingers – the river was closed to rafters all last year due to low volume.) The charge will be \$20 cash per person which we will collect from you on Thursday morning. If there is sufficient interest then we should be able to get a group rate. Note: it may be difficult or impossible to attend this event if you also plan to attend the Board of Directors meeting. More information onsite.

- **Thursday Convention Banquet, Silent Auction and Guest Speaker**

June 27, 5:30pm. Join us in the Burgess Creek room at the Steamboat Grand for our annual banquet and silent auction, including our banquet speaker, aviation author Steve Coonts (Flight of the Intruder, Cannibal Queen, etc.; bring your copies!)

Preview of the auction begins at 4pm. We are honored that Beegles Aircraft Service is again offsetting our cash bar expenses. Thanks Beegles!