



## Branson, Missouri April 21-23, 2023

Friday morning started with uncertain weather for a few of us, but whether by car or by plane, we all made it to Branson safely. Fly in members were shuttled from the airport to the Lodge the Ozarks, which was about a half hour drive of beautiful scenery. After check in, several members ventured out to the “Highway 76 Strip” on their own to grab a bite to eat or just to explore.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- SWBS 2023 Annual meeting Conroe, TX 5/27/23
- Amarillo, TX Fly-in lunch 6/24/23
- Oshkosh AirVenture Oshkosh, WI 7/22/23
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta 2023 10/6/23
- Possible Poker Run 11/23

For more information on any of these events check out [SWBS website](#).



Later, we all gathered at 5:30pm for a cocktail at Botanas Mexican Restaurant, followed by a delicious and authentic Mexican meal. Everyone enjoyed drinks, dinner and great conversation with old friends and making new friends. A big plus was that the restaurant was a short 6 minute walk from our hotel.

Most of us were tired after such a long day but we still had enough energy to set up an impromptu cocktail hour in a small gathering area inside the hotel. It was a great time to catch up with friends!

Saturday morning we were greeted by a beautiful, clear, and sunny day which we all took advantage of to either explore Branson by train, foot or car.

The old downtown area of Branson was very beautiful, nestled right next to the river and had lots of cute and charming shops along with dining choices.



## **SOUTHWEST BONANZA SOCIETY**

### **NEXT EVENTS**

**SWBS 2023**

**Annual Meeting  
and lunch**

**Conroe, TX**

**Galaxy FBO and  
Black Walnut**

**Café**

**11:00 a.m.**

**5/27/23**

We all reconvened at the hotel around 2pm for a “SWBS photo shoot” and quickly start-



our departure for our evening meal and entertainment. Group reservation was at the Showboat Branson Belle right on scenic Table Rock Lake. The show was highly entertaining and we even had our very own Jim Clement participate in the show which made it even

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more enjoyable! After such a fun evening, we once again gathered up in our “private

area” over a few cocktails to discuss the weekend experiences and the show. Conversation groups included flight plans, aircraft, and just good old chatting.

## **SOUTHWEST BONANZA SOCIETY**

**Get ready..  
Plans are  
underway for  
the  
2023 SWBS  
Christmas Party!**

**What will this year’s  
ornaments be?**



## **SOUTHWEST BONANZA SOCIETY**

**Members Ron and  
Yvette Taglieri  
from Mississippi**

Sunday morning was another gorgeous day. Everyone was shuttled to the airport where we said our good byes and wrapped up another amazing SWBS Fly In!

I cannot end this newsletter without thanking Ron Nelson for helping Charles with the shuttle vans for the weekend. Another big shout out goes to Nancy Faust for helping and guiding Charles and I in hosting our first event.

See everyone at the next Fly In!

Written by Vanessa Hoffman



**New members Jason, Terra, Ty and Trace enjoying the dinner cruise. The boys putting at the airport and racing at the track.**

