

2015 MECA EXPO XVI Sept. 11, 12, 13 2015

Why such an early announcement? It is becoming apparent that MECA membership alone can not financially support an EXPO. Consequently, we must reach out to all modelers to attend the 2015 EXPO XVI, which will be held in Ontario, California.

We plan to heavily advertise this event on the West Coast, starting with the *Academy of Model Aeronautic* annual show in Ontario, California during the second weekend of January 2015

The 2015 EXPO XVI will be held at the Ayres Hotel & Suite, in Ontario. Sleeping rooms are \$102 per night. For those who wish to stay extra days, the same rates apply for the two days before and two days after the EXPO. Be sure to state that you are a MECA member. This hotel is located a stone throw from the Ontario Convention Center, which conducts on going events. It is important to make reservation at Ayres Hotel as early as possible.

Traditionally, MECA members wait until the last weeks of August to submit their application for the EXPO. We urge all MECA members to submit their application as soon as possible. If you wait until the end of August, there may not be any room at the inn. We will have 44 six by three foot tables for the Sunday Collecto.

This is a beautiful hotel and the wives will love staying at this site. Included in the room rate is a free hot breakfast, free parking and internet access. Also included is free shuttle service to and

from Ontario International Airport, Ontario Mills (a huge indoor shopping mall) and anywhere else within five miles of the hotel. There are also a fitness center with state of art equipment, heated pool and spa, room divider and a couch that folds out to an additional bed, satellite television, restaurant that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, a bar, and more. To make room reservation, telephone 800-248-4661.

Like many hotels, for safety reasons, they have changed from eight foot tables to six foot tables. Be sure to take this change in size in consideration if you plan a display or sell at the collecto.

Because this EXPO will be advertised extensively, we have changed the word Grando to Convention, and the word Collecto to Swap meet. The changes will be better understood by the general public.

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