

Field Trip - Castle Air Museum, The Big Boys

Tuesday March 11, 7:00am (departure), on-site at 9:30am

Address: 2150 Shuttle Dr, Atwater, CA 95301

The history of military flight can be a fascinating photo opportunity, especially when you're photographing the "big boys". By big boys this means bomber aircraft like the Boeing B-52 and B-36 Peacemaker along with many more. For you James Bond fans that remember the movie Thunderball, Castle has an Avro Vulcan (only one I have ever seen) that was seen in the movie.



Source – Castle Air Museum

Additionally, Castle offers many other fighters, tankers, cargo and reconnaissance aircraft. It is a large outdoor collection. [Our Collection – Castle Air Museum](#)

Castle's indoor exhibit collection of war-time memorabilia, including an outstanding array of Army Air Corps and Air Force uniforms, and the once top-secret Norden Bomb Sight is first rate.

Hours are: Open Daily 9 AM to 4 PM with last admission to the aircraft exhibit area sold at 3:15 PM. During inclement weather please call ahead of your planned visit. Entry Fee is \$20 for seniors or retired/active military (65+). \$25 for adult

Camera/Equipment/Other Photography Suggestions:

- Full frame and/or smartphone.
- Wide angle, medium and telephoto lens.

Taking pictures of static aircraft on the ground may not seem challenging. But read some of these articles. They offer some unique perspectives in getting the most out of this photo op.

[Van Gilder Aviation Photography, Static Aircraft](#)
[Getting Better at Static Aviation Photography](#)
[Aviation Photography Tips](#)
[24 Tips on How to Photograph Air Shows | B&H eXplora](#)

Back in March 2024 at the General Meeting we had a presentation by Moose Peterson on “Aviation Photography – Growing the Passion!”, you might want to revisit the presentation which can be found on the Club’s website at [GenMtg 3/13/2024 Archive | lhphotoclub](#)

Logistics:

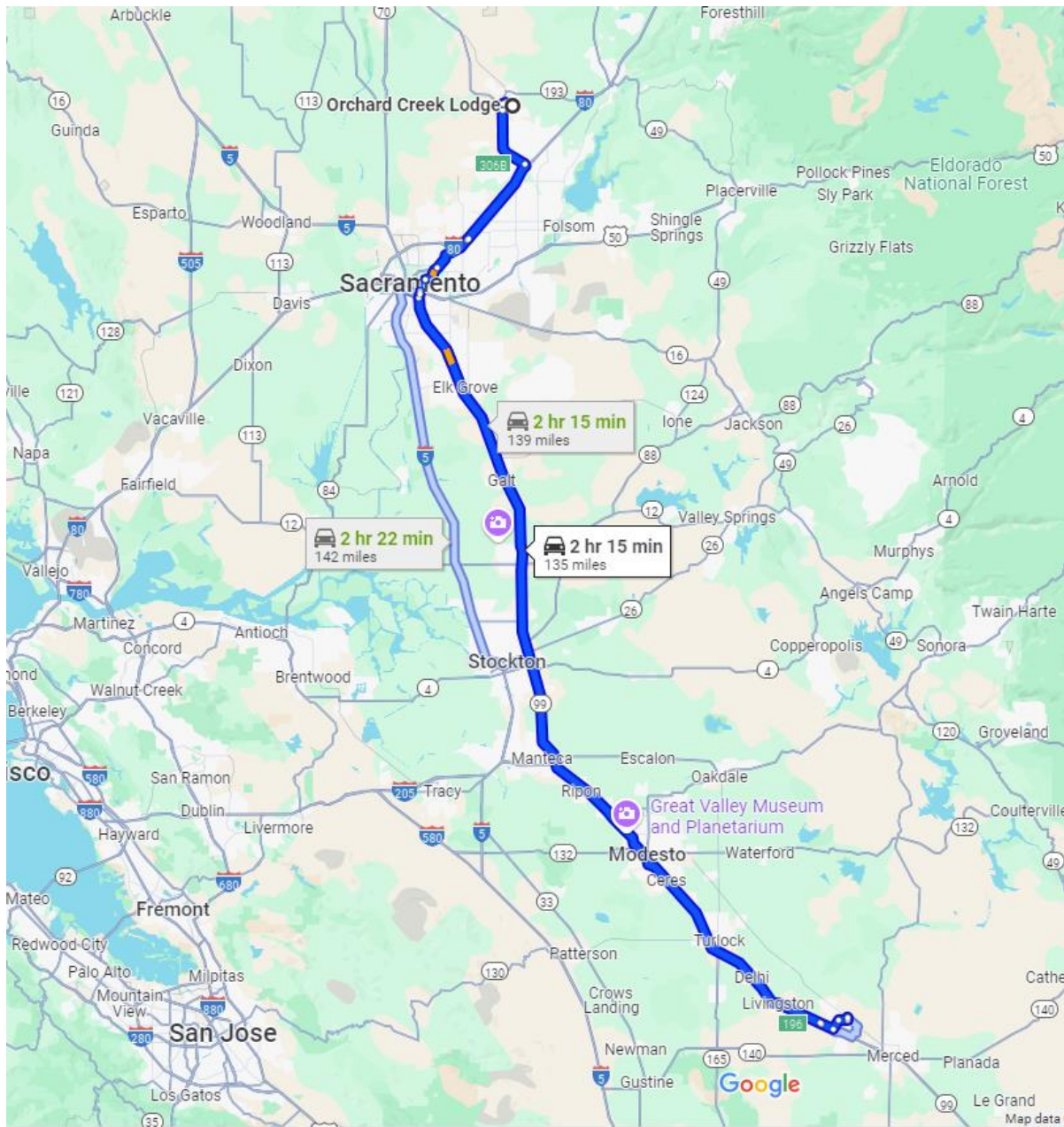
We plan to meet at Orchard Creek Lodge at 7am, leave at 7:15am and arrive on site at 9:30am. Doors open at 9am. Given the drive distance we encourage carpooling.

If you are going direct here are the directions to the location.

Castle Air Museum is located at 5050 Santa Fe Drive, Atwater, California, 95301, in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley, adjacent to Castle Airport. Drive time is approximately one hour from Fresno, two hours from Sacramento, and three hours from San Francisco.

Northbound Highway 99: Exit Merced-Atwater Expressway. Left on Green Sands and right onto Buhach Road. Travel approximately 1 1/2 miles to Santa Fe Drive. The Museum will be on your left after crossing the Railroad tracks.

Southbound Highway 99: Exit Atwater-Merced Expressway and proceed to Green Sands. Make a left turn onto Green Sands and proceed to Buhach Road. Make a right turn onto Buhach Road and travel approximately 1 1/2 miles to Santa Fe Drive. Upon crossing the railroad tracks make a left turn onto Santa Fe Drive and the Castle Air Museum entrance will be on your left.



Lunch Social

After doing the shoot, let us go out for lunch. **Isabella's Bar & Grill**, Mexican food. 2811 Shaffer Rd, Atwater, CA 95301 [Isabella's Bar & Grill](#)

Please confirm your attendance and if you would need to ride-share with Jim Sakaguchi at: jimlhpc@gmail.com