

# Post Reunion Survey Results

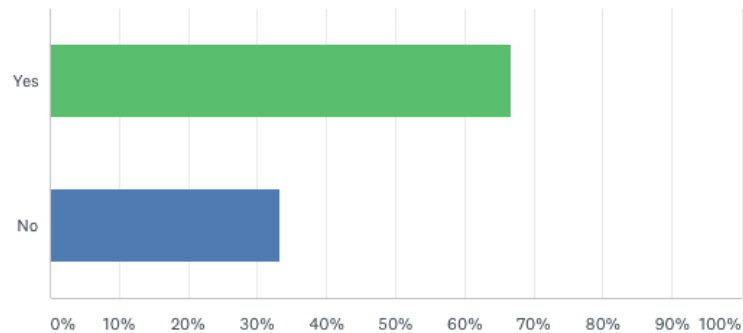
The following are results and input received from the online survey offered to the membership of FTLPA from May 19 to August 15, 2019. The officers and planners will use this feedback in the planning of future reunions.

## Question #1

### Did you attend the 2018 Reunion in Palm Springs?

*Exactly 2/3's of the 129 who took the survey attended the last reunion.*

Answered: 129 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.67%	86
No	33.33%	43
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>129</b>

## Question #2

### If so, please let us know how future reunions can be improved.

- Have online registration and payment available.
- cost of hotels less money
- Some place where we have not been.
- more planned activities.
- I thought this reunion was great.
- I only attended the Friday night happy hour but I thought it was very well done!
- No improvement needed!
- No suggestions for improvement. It was all good!
- Keep the Dinner quiet. Music in another room That worked well
- My wife and I thought the week went very well and all the events were well planned.
- No complaints except everyone at our table agreed the formal dinner was overpriced. Maybe a more informal gathering would work better. Something that promotes mingling.
  
- Would like one on the East Coast. Not really interested in a drinking fest which I hear it is.
- 112 degrees is to hot!!! lets find a cooler place.
- All is good

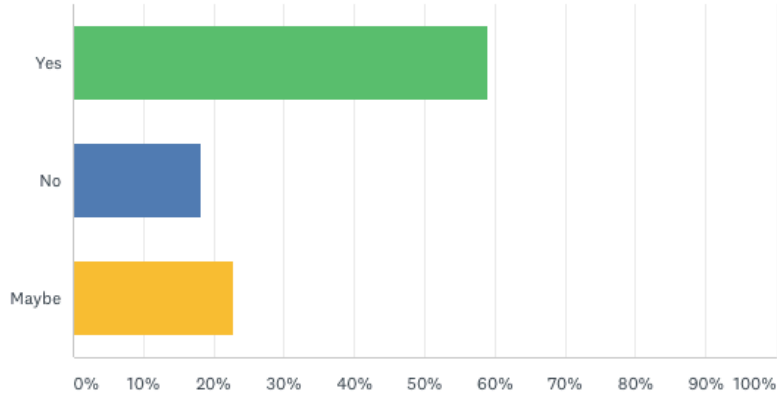
- It was a great reunion. I think everything went well so I don't have too much to add. Thanks to all the officers for the great work.
  - No idea!
  - I think the team is doing a great job, keep up the good work! I know it is not easy and I appreciate your efforts!
  - more mixing time for all to catch up and talk.
  - That one, especially the hotel was the best we have done. Great mix of social, airplanes and local activities. New Orleans was a close second.
  - Provide regular Coors Beer!! Everything else is just Great!!
  - Open bar (Duh)
  - It was excellent as always. Control the microphone when people are reminiscing.
  - Nothing that I can think of at the moment. We had zero complaints.
  - The Reunion this year and all the past reunions were all such wonderful get together sand events planned were all so enjoyable it is beyond me to add anything to them.
  - I'm completely satisfied with the way the events are carried out
  - Keep doing the same great job.
  - I enjoy the story telling season in the hospitality room. Everyone get up and tell the favorite Tiger Story.
  - We're are completely happy with all the reunions we've attended. We do not have any suggestions.
  - no change
  - HAVE MORE THEN 2 HOTELS WITH TIGER RATES
  - more booze, more women... Oppps... actually a way to talk to more people but that can only be accomplished with longer ones... the bigger room with more tables seemed better this time.
  - Keep it up!!
  - Umm...I don't think it's possible.
  - Midwest cities.
  - Guided tours of museum would be great.
  - I loved the Palm Palm Springs format and location.
  - The Committee is doing great and I am happy. Keep up the great work
  - I did not attend
  - I am very easy to please. You guys work so hard that I am honored by the fact that you do so much every year to make our reunions special! Thank you
  - Pretty darn perfect ahead
  - More people attendin
  - Think of switching from Marriott
  - No improvements necessary
  - It was pretty damn perfect!
- 
- only attended Friday night and it was great.
  - Reunion was great....A/C problem at Hangar was not acceptable on the part of the Museum....(I would complain if I was you...just saying)
  - so far so good
  - I realize it is best to hve reunions in cities at or near where people live. I live in Chicago. So a reunion is \$2500 anyway and eats a full weekend, and I don't play golf. It's not that I am avoiding them, but I live a busy, busy life and it's hard to get away.
- www.thestringwizards.org
- Naked Dancing Girls
  - The reunions are perfect as they are now

- Place the in other parts of the country aside from the west coast.
- Can't help. I thought Palm Springs was great
- It was a great time! I don't think it could have been better!
- It would be hard to beat the Palm Springs reunion. One thing that I think made it so successful and fun was the wearing of Military attire to the Aviation museum party. I was trying to figure out a way to play on that and the only thing I could come up with was wearing styles that were in fashion during the era you were hired, or the era you enjoyed the most during your flying career. Also thought the open mike was fun and perhaps a sort of trivia pursuit about people, , places or events during your flying career.
- I thought the reunion was very well planned. I don't really have any suggestions. If I think of something, I will drop a note or email.
- Get rid of the loud music and lousy food at the banquet
- Didn't attend but it looks like the theme nights are always awesome!
- You did great
- Doing a great job : well done!!
- This was such a great reunion.....best I have been to yet! Good work.
- It was our first reunion. I found the hospitality room to be too loud and conversation was difficult. I doubt if that could be improved. We liked the free beer and wine!
- You did a fantastic job.
- keep Dickson.
- I liked the open mike idea. Perhaps that could be advertised better so more participants would be ready with their stories
- Is there any way to soften/lessen the NOISE level when everybody is in the hospitality suite? It's impossible to have a conversation. Perhaps have access to an outdoor space, so everybody's not crammed into one room
- For an additional charge at attendees expense, a resort fee to include breakfast?
- This one was a real success. I see no way to improve on it.
- no suggestion
- Biggest and only complaint is BACKGROUND music only during dinner. There are folks who won't come to the banquet next year only for that reason. BM must be strictly limited to 2 hours. No lengthy speeches or personal projects like the motorcycle cross countries. That was way too much info. Otherwise, best reunion yet. Certainly best hotel venue yet....

Question #3

**Do you plan to attend the 45th Anniversary Reunion in Long Beach from May 2nd to May 5th, 2019?**

Answered: 127 Skipped: 2



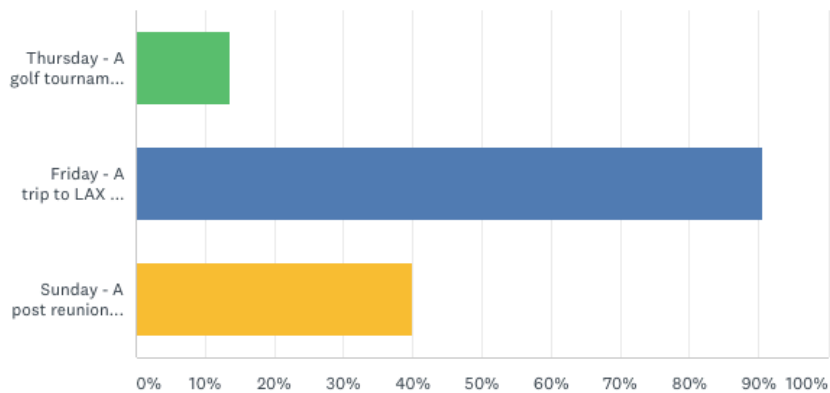
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Yes	59.06% 75
▼ No	18.11% 23
▼ Maybe	22.83% 29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127</b>

Question #4

**If so, please check which of the following activities you might be interested in.**

*38 of those taking the survey are interested in the Catalina post activity*

Answered: 95 Skipped: 34



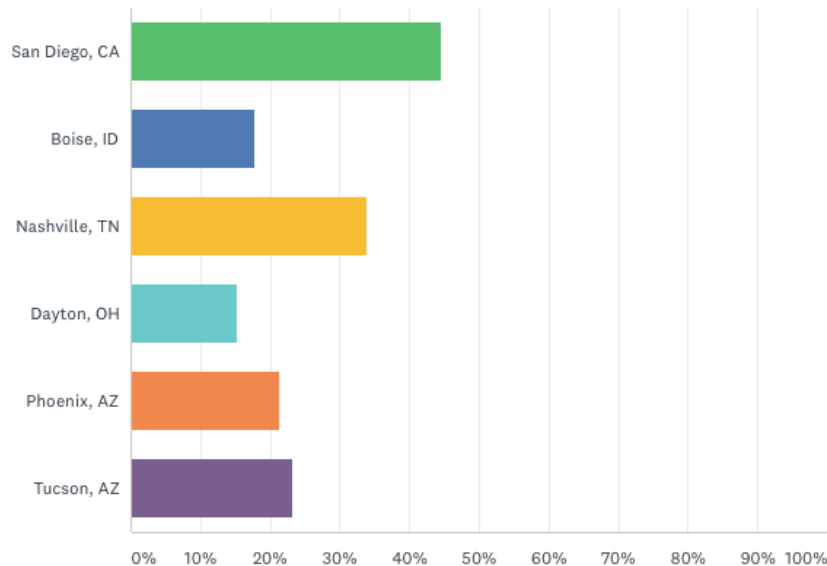
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Thursday - A golf tournament (approx \$60)	13.68% 13
▼ Friday - A trip to LAX for lunch at the renovated Proud Bird restaurant and happy hour at the Flight Path Museum. (approx \$70)	90.53% 86
▼ Sunday - A post reunion 3-day excursion to Catalina Island, transportation & lodging included (approx \$500 single, \$800 couple).	40.00% 38
<b>Total Respondents: 95</b>	

Question #5

**The 2020 Reunion will be held in San Antonio, TX. Which of the following cities would you like to see considered for the year 2021?**

*San Diego seems to be the winner by a pretty good margin followed by Nashville*

Answered: 112 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ San Diego, CA	44.64% 50
▼ Boise, ID	17.86% 20
▼ Nashville, TN	33.93% 38
▼ Dayton, OH	15.18% 17
▼ Phoenix, AZ	21.43% 24
▼ Tucson, AZ	23.21% 26
Total Respondents: 112	

*There was an option for Other City which are listed below.*

- Chicago, New York, Orlando
- Anchorage
- denver
- Durango, CO
- East Coast - BOS, PHL, DCA/IAD @Air and Space Museum
- Charleston, SC and/or Savannah, GA
- Anchorage
- San Francisco
- DFW
- Cody Wy

- Santa Barbara, CA Check out the Four Seasons. The Fess Parker/Marriott is available as well but doesn't have the great reviews (food) as the Four Seasons. There are several other new hotels in downtown SB as well.
- Fort Lauderdale
- reno
- SAN JOSE CAL
- Memphis (Just kidding)
- New Orleans
- New Orleans
- las vegas nv
- El Segundo, CA
- Ft. Lauderdale
- Chicago
- Reno
- San Francisco, Miami
- NYC/Rhinebeck Aerodrome (would be good for another Seaboard affair), also Houston and a visit to NASA would be awesome...
- A city with a baseball team so I can catch a game while I'm there
- San Francisco. San Mateo. Santa Rosa. Lake Tahoe.
- na
- San Francisco

#### Question #6

**The Hangar Store was a huge success in Palm Springs. Please list any new logo merchandise that you would like to see offered.**

*There were 50 responses to this question*

- Large tote bags, or maybe a beach bag. Beach towels
- Loved the sun hats. Wish I had bought more.
- new and different T shirts
- There is a lot of items, anything is good. We give away cups, golf towels, bag tags etc... all affordable and easy to transport.
- more child size T-shirts for grand kids...
- better quality golf towel, my didn't last long
- n/a
- Flying Tiger hats with the name Flying Tigers over the logo.
- Maybe some small kids T shirts ( like 3 to 8 yrs).
- Wine glasses, more cotton T shirts. Loved the flags.
- FTL "in-flight/toiletries bag" purse size/style...?
- hats long sleeve mens shirts. used cars with "TIGER" logo on the door. marine foul weather gear for sailing with TIGER logo Mens pajamas with TIGER logo
- More shirts with the P40 and also the blood chit.
- the items were great.
- tee shirts, hats coffee cups
- Golf shirts with FTL logo
- The Tiger hat that says Flying Tigers across the front.
- none
- More shirts.
- flying tigers flags
- Old style ("camouflaged" Tiger face design) shirts.

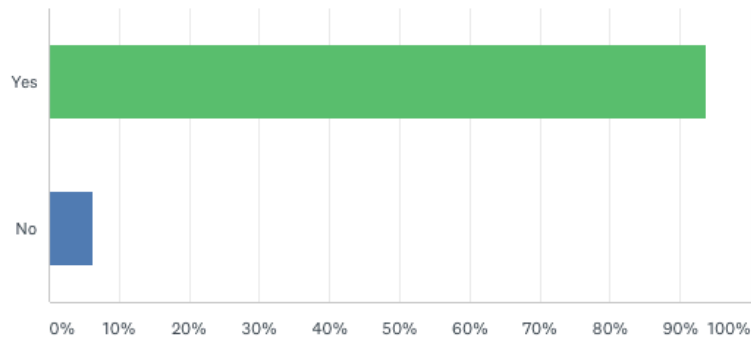
- Wine glasses and beer glasses. More T-shirt options!
- Maybe beach towels, cosmetic cases, air travel accessories like neck pillows, eye shades, etc.
- Christmas ornaments. Shot glasses ?
- x
- The circle "T".
- as in the past continue - drink glasses, baseball hats, photo prints of our old aircraft taken by (retired pilot in Seattle), heavy duty polo shirts.....
- Larger variety of Coffee Cups, Men's Tie's, Lapel Pins, Auto License Holders, Emblems for trunk lid.
- Grocery bags
- Flying tiger t shirts
- ?
- Round old fashioned glasses
- More Children's close available
- I loved all the merchandise! My regret is that I didn't buy more!
- T shirts
- Did not make it to the Hangar Store. Everything FTL is good by me!
- circle T golf shirts
- I like the circle T and arrow stuff over the latter day Tiger Face. If it just says "Tigers" you could mean somebodys high school mascot. It has to say Flying Tigers...or that's my 2 cents. After that I'm fine with baseball hats, teeshirts, sweatshirts.
- Golf shirts that are not cotton. They will be more expensive, that is ok.
- 45th reunion
- Golf towels
- No suggestions
- Pilot hats, pilot t-shirts
- All good!
- all is well..
- Garment bags.
- Denim shirt for men Small flasks
- Tiger hat from sport's. A few of us had it and everyone wantes to know where we got it.
- The selection was great.

### Question #7

**The "Open Mike" time in our Hospitality Suite seemed to be a big hit. Would you like to see something like this organized for future reunions?**

*Apparently this was a hit, although 6 respondents did not like it. We'll have to make sure that there is a moderator in the room to control the session a little better.*

Answered: 96 Skipped: 33



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	93.75% 90
No	6.25% 6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96</b>

### Question #8

**Thanks for taking this survey. Please provide any input or general suggestions that you would like the officers of FTLPA to consider in the future.**

*60 of the 129 respondents answered this question*

- john -- keep up the great job
- You are doing a fabulous job. Thank you.
- Good job gals and guys, we love going to cities we have not been to, ever.
- would like to see some different cities
- Keep up the great work!
- Thank you all for your time and efforts.
- Why are they always West of the Mississippi? I wasn't Seaboard but in an ode to them how about an East Coast location. Washington IAD and the Space Museum.
- Great job.
- Thanks for the great work you guys do!!! Ernie
- Palm Springs was a blast. I don't know how it could be improved. I've got nothing but a huge THANK YOU to John Dickson and the rest of the board for their tireless efforts!
- Good job
- you are doing a great job keeping the group together
- San Diego has an OVER 20% tax on hotel rooms. It's WAY too much.
- Looking forward to the next one...!
- more time to mix and gather together to catch up with all members.
- You've think of everything .....wish Fredex was managed this well!



- Great job! Thank you for all your efforts
- The theme nights are great. How about a "in uniform" night.
- Discuss how we can keep it going into the future.
- Cody wy is a good bet. Big Buffalo Bill Museum with and large ballroom. Tours of Yellowstone national park..A rodeo every night.
- One of the keys to a successful event is to keep going to superb location(s) hotel/resort. Think about it-if things did go wrong (which they didn't) in itself the Palm Springs resort location would have taken the "sting" out of deficiencies. That was the problem at Napa. Even though it was NAPA, the location was not superb. If the location was in Yountsville, for example, (right up the road but still in NAPA) many of the short comings of the event could have been defused because by walkable attractions, ie. diversions. Keeping this in mind, SB would be an idle location. A Five Star resort such as the Four Seasons (there are others) is a good starting point because of it proximity to attractions: walk; hike; boat rides; beach walks, and close to business district for those who like a little more action.
- Just hang in there, and keep up the great work!
- Again, keep up the fantastic work everyone has been doing to make our reunions such a great event.
- A special and grand THANK YOU TO ALL THE OFFICERS AND HELPERS [WIVES]!!
- Thanks to all of you who do such great work!
- good job
- THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL TIME SPENT FOR THE TIGER REUNIONS
- it would be nice if you could stop working so hard but then the quality would go down... anyhow an appreciative thanks for all you do.
- Thank you!!
- Thank you all for your generous commitment and exceptional organizing of (pilot and flight attendant) cats.
- I can't think of any, but thank you officers for the good job you've all done.
- Thank you for serving us.
- Great job. I know it is a lot of work. It is appreciated. John Snidow
- Open mike needs a moderator to keep it moving.
- Thanks for the great work.
- keep up the great work!
- Anything that was a big hit should be repeated like question 9 "Open Mike". Maybe Karaoke?
- ?
- Keep it up
- none
- The last FTL reunion I attended was in Las Vegas 1997! I was way overdue to attend another and was happy to finally make it to Palm Springs. I had a blast especially at the business meeting! Thank you for EVERYTHING!
- That was one special Reunion...Thank All of You soooo much!!!!
- Open mike could be good, but I go to lot of reunions and after a few beers the open mike thing can get vary considerably by who controls the mike and the speakers.
- Keep up the great work!!!
- the leadership now in charge is doing a great job. John is superb
- I loved the open mike get together! Thank you! Great idea!
- Committee to plan an event for ladies things to do or outing
- Give yourselves a pay raise
- Thank you for all your hard work every year! It is greatly appreciated!

- We who live on East coast would like one here, sometimes its hard or too expensive to travel....just a thought...
- Eliminating the Saturday night band altogether is a drastic measure eliminating the joy of dancing together. starting the band 1.5 or 2hrs after dinner begins would be perfect: quiet conversation while eating followed by joyful dancing..