

Dear PIA Members,

We have some updates for the 2025 First Regular Meeting and the PIA Symposium.

The First Regular Meeting will be held at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel in Portsmouth, VA from Thursday February 6 to Saturday February 8 2025.

The PIA Symposium will be held at the Hilton Daytona hotel, but the dates have changed. **The event will now take place between March 10 and March 14.**

As a matter of background: Daytona Beach holds an event called “Bike Week” early in the year. The event attracts motorcycle enthusiasts from all over the country with over 500,000 people attending each year. We reserved the Hilton hotel and convention center in late 2022/early 2023, and had set the original dates between February 28 and March 7 inclusive of the regular meeting. Unfortunately, the dates for the Superbowl had not been announced yet, and the Superbowl determines the dates for Bike Week.

It is the opinion of the Executive Committee and the Symposium Chair that holding the event concurrent with Bike Week is impossible. We have negotiated a delay with the hotel that would allow us to hold our Symposium after the end of Bike Week, between March 10 and 14.

Unfortunately, as we were going through the process of re-scheduling the event, it became clear that it was impossible to hold the PIA meeting adjacent to the Symposium event, as the earlier dates would conflict with Bike Week and the later dates will conflict with Symposium teardown activities. We have asked Meeting Logistics to look into other venues that can be signed on short notice, hence the Renaissance Hotel in Norfolk.

We realize that changing dates and splitting the event is a departure from our usual practice, but these are unusual circumstances. The PIA staff and volunteers spend countless hours re-negotiating contracts in order to bring you the best possible events for both the meeting and the Symposium. We hope you will be able to join us at both events, but we also recognize this might be an impossibility for some.

We will be holding the Second Regular Meeting as scheduled in Frisco, TX (just outside Dallas). More information is available at the link: <https://www.pia.com/event/2025-second-regular-meeting/>.

We hope to see you in Frisco, Norfolk and/or at the Symposium event, and we thank you for supporting the Parachute Industry.

Best regards,

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