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Prez' Post

Cory Lovell



Welcome to April everyone! Chapter 38 definitely had a busy March. We kicked it off with the judges school the first weekend of the month. The attendance was the largest any schools had in a couple of years, with a total of 37 people the second day. Brian Howard did a great job teaching, and packing in all the materials even with the facility time constraints. Thanks for everyone who attended, and thanks to the Hiller Aviation Museum for letting us use their conference room. The next weekend after the judge school, Martin did a great job putting together a critique session for the new judges to go practice. Although the weather didn't cooperate, some folks still managed to get a few flights in. Finally, at the end of March, another great critique session and Skyview Aviation hosted a BBQ for the chapter. Thanks to everyone who helped this be a huge success.

For April, we'll be moving the Chapter Meeting to the 19th of the month at Attitude Aviation. Ben Freelove will be giving a presentation around his in depth research on spins. Ben's spent many hours recording in-cockpit videos of various pilots to determine the best technique for snap rolling a particular aircraft. Since this is going to be a pretty good presentation, I will be setting up a web conference and broadcasting/recording it to post on our website. He will also be talking about a new course he'll be iving around snap rolls down at King City.

Lastly, I would like to welcome all the new members who joined last month.

April Chapter Meeting

Featuring: Ben Freelove
 Location: Attitude Aviation, KLVK
 When: Aril 19th, 2009, 4pm

Ben will be sharing from his vast aerobatic experience. He's currently part of the Collaborators 4-ship team led by Sean Tucker, and an instructor with the Tutima Academy in King City. An all-around awesome guy... Here's his bio...



Since moving to California in 2001 to pursue his life long passion for aviation, Ben has logged over 5,000 hours in more than forty different types of aircraft. One of the San Francisco Bay areas most popular flight instructors, Ben has joined the Tutima Academy Team in order to continue his dream of flying aerobatics. He is a serious aerobatic competitor flying in the Advanced category. Ben flies the Tutima Extra 300L as right wingman for the Collaborators.





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New Members

Anthony Lam



I'm 22 years old and originally from San Francisco but am currently residing in Davis, CA. I'm currently an undergraduate senior at UC Davis, majoring in Music. Music inspired me to become an adventurer, and hence sparked my interest in aviation. I started flying when I was 19, and sold my car to fund my private pilot training. I earned my PPL in the summer of 2008, and although I don't fly nearly as much as I'd like to, I'm glad to say that I've thoroughly enjoyed taking up passengers and sharing with them my passion as much as I can. Although I'm currently pursuing a career in the airlines, I'm very pro-GA. I love piston aircrafts. I'd love to fly more tailwheels. I'd love to get a glider rating one day. I'd love to see, feel, and fly a Piper Cub some day. "General Aviation is not the stepchild of modern aviation...It's the Father" as I'd often like to say and remind myself. I also work at the FBO in KEDU, Cal Aggie Flyers, as a flight ops administrator. I fly C-152's mostly, but occasionally fly 172's.

Tailwheels are fascinating to me, and so are dirt and grass strips. Although I'm not into flying aerobatics necessarily, I strongly advocate developing skills and experience necessary to broaden my "comfort zones" as a pilot (something that I think all pilots should think about). From that, I can certainly see and understand how flying aerobatics can help me with that, so it's no doubt something that I'd like to continually know more about, perhaps even flying aerobatics myself one day. All this really started when I met my AOPA Project Pilot Mentor and aerobatic pilot, Brett Goldsmith. Brett and I got to know each other back in 2006 when I found him through the AOPA Project Pilot program. He was listed as a mentor, and at that time he was already mentoring a few other mentees.

Brett was in the Davis area and so was I. Since that day, Brett has been an immense help to my becoming a pilot, and not only that but more importantly, a safer pilot. For that I am very grateful. Not long ago after I got my PPL, Brett and I flew to KLVK and I had an intro to aerobatics in a Super Decathlon (see attached photo, which was taken after we landed). We did aileron rolls, loops, hammerheads and other maneuvers - I followed through with him on the controls and needless to say, for a first-timer my stomach was still turning after I got back down, but I came out feeling different! Seeing all kinds of unusual attitudes was a valuable experience - at the very least I now feel that I'm no longer fearful of the unknown. I'm now an AOPA Project Pilot mentor myself, currently mentoring another student pilot. With my limited experience, I hope I can at least contribute what I know back to the GA community.

Right now I'd like to fly a Citabria and getting a feel for flying tailwheels, meanwhile building XC/hood/night time (budget permitting) for experience as well as toward the instrument rating.

Having said all that, I look forward to learning and meeting you all from IAC 38!

Michael Hsing



I learned flying in a C182 (with canards). After I had my license, I found flying was very boring and scary., without really knowing how to get out of a spin or an inverted situation. I got into Aerobatic about 13 years ago, which has really elevated my interest in flying. I've had my Extra300L for 11 months. I practice regularly. I was trained as an engineer and still think of myself as an engineer, although I am an executive in a semiconductor company.

New Members

Dan Fitzpatrick



I live in Santa Clara with my wife and 2 y/o daughter (and another one on the way - not sure how that one counts). Work as a part-time as a controller at an advertising media company and part-time as a software developer supporting the semiconductor industry.

I got my private pilot license license back in 2001, but it didn't see much use for a long time as I had moved overseas. After moving back to the bay area in 2006, I joined West Valley. The bulk of my 200 hours is with Cessna 182s and Piper Archers. I only recently started a transition to tailwheel planes and aerobatics, but training with some great instructors (including Cory) on Citabrias and a Super Decathlon. Tricycle gear planes are easier to fly, but they just aren't as fun. I am not sure how I will focus my training in the future, but will I am looking forward to meeting and learning from other pilots who share an enthusiasm for aerobatics.

Brian Branscomb

I live in El Granada, 1/4 mile from the Haft-Moon Bay Airport. I hope to compete in the Sportsman Class using a friends Yak-52. This will be my first year flying in any IAC class.

Chris Combs



- 1) I fly an RV-8 and an Edge 540T
- 2) I live in San Carlos CA
- 3) I work as an Investment Advisor and Portfolio Manager
- 4) Married with 3 kids
- 5) Just getting started in aerobatic flying
- 6) Photo of my son Christopher and myself

I grew up on the Shady Cove airport, located just north of Medford Oregon. I rode my bicycle around this airport dreaming of the day I would have my own airplane. I was most inspired the day me and my brother saw a RV-4 do a high speed pass over our air field. I told my brother that day at the age of 12 that I would own an RV. Over 20 year later I bought a kit and with the help of my Dad built my RV-8.

New Members

Francis Brennan



I'm a local, born and raised in San Carlos but currently living in Milpitas. For a living, I'm a software engineer. I got my start flying hang gliders and paragliders beginning when I was 18 and transitioned a few years ago to powered aircraft. I am an instrument rated private pilot with a few hundred hours split between and 172s, 182s, Archers, Arrows, Bonanzas, Citabrias. Flying has always been a fairly natural activity for me, though aerobatics wasn't quite the same. Technically, my first experience with aerobatics was flying wingovers in my hang glider and my one and only attempt at looping it (aborted while inverted due to the horrific sounds of creaking and shrieking aluminum and steel). My first aerobatic flight in a Citabria resulted in my taking home a "souvenir bag" of my lunch and at the time I thought that would also be my last aerobatic experience! Upon reflection, I became even more determined to conquer the queaziness since I wanted to be comfortable and capable of handling my plane in any attitude with confidence. Now I really have come to enjoy aerobatics and am working to polish my skills with hopes of entering into my first competition.

2009 R&C Online Exam

IAC Judges, The 2009 Revalidation and Currency (R&C) Exam and the 2009 Regional Judge Exam are both now available from the Members page of the IAC website. Remember, you must use the 2009 rulebook when taking these exams! The only exam not yet ready is the 2009 National Judge Exam so Regional Judges needing that exam will need to wait just a little longer. Best of luck!

-Greg Dungan

Here's the link:

<http://members.iac.org/judges/exams.html>

The rule book can be downloaded from here:

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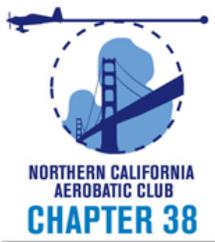
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June 5th - June 6th, 2009
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Online Pre-Registration

You are encouraged to pre-register for the contest. If you pre-register by Tuesday June 2nd we'll print out all the forms and have them waiting for you to sign at registration. Click the link below to pre-register. If you don't want to pre-register, you can still use the link to create all the forms and print them out yourself.

www.iac38.org/paso2009.htm

Schedule

June 3, Wednesday	All day	Setup. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED . Setup. Box is CLOSED
June 4, Thursday	All day	Registration, tech inspection, & practice. Box open until sundown
June 5, Friday	07:00am (SHARP) 08:00am - sundown	Briefing Contest flights
	07:30pm	Pizza party at the airport
June 6, Saturday	07:00am (SHARP) 08:00am - sundown	Briefing Contest flights
	07:00pm	Awards banquet (location TBD)
June 7, Sunday		Make-up flights, if weather is a factor

Cost

Primary	\$40
Sportsman through Unlimited	\$105
Banquet	\$35
Boxed lunches from Matthew's	approx. \$15
Friday night pizza party	free if sponsored. Approx. \$10 if not

Contest Director

Tom Myers
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More Information

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Borrego Minifest 2009

Location: Borrego Springs, CA L08

Registration/Practice: Friday, April 17 (0900 – Sunset)

Contest: Saturday, April 18

Power Primary, Sportsman, and “Sportsman II”

(Sportsman II is a single unofficial fun flight for higher category pilots: see www.iac36.org)

Pilot Briefing at the airport café 0700

Breakfast Available at the café (on airport) at 0630 Saturday

Awards Reception on Saturday Afternoon at the café

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Judge: Regional National

Competition: None Basic Sportsman Intermediate Advanced Unlimited

Aircraft: _____ N #: _____

Referred By: _____

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Peter Jensen
Editor, IAC 38



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