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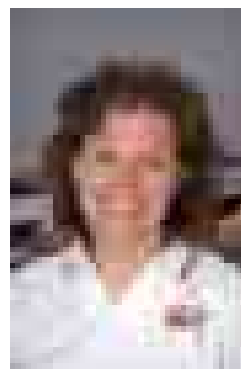
I'm writing this month's Prez Post from my tent at Oshkosh. What an amazing event and terrific gathering of people and planes all in one place. If you haven't been, you have to add it to your list of things to do as the enormity of it can't be understood without actually being there. While there were many great things to see, including the Global Flyer with Steve Fossett at the controls, and Space Ship One and the White Night with Mike Melville at the controls, as well as all the new light jets and a terrific display and tribute to Curtis Pitts, we were also pleased to see the announcements of next year's slate of IAC leadership. In particular, our own Vicky Cruse and Allyson Parker-Lauck are now President and Vice-President respectively. This is fantastic news and both Vicky and Allyson should be thanked and congratulated on their roles for the coming two years. Congratulations, guys!!

On a related topic, Allyson will be sharing her experiences at last month's World Aerobatic Competition (WAC) in Spain. For those of you who tracked the trials and tribulations via the Exploder, you know it was anything but a low key experience. Please come to our next meeting on Sunday, August 14th to hear Allyson share the details of her experience and get all the nitty gritty that wasn't included in her daily

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Don't Miss Our August Chapter Meeting

WAC Review



Allyson Parker-Lauck will tell us about her recent adventure as a participant in the World Aerobatics Competition held in Burgos, Spain

**Attitude Aviation
Livermore Airport
Sunday, August
14th, 2005, 4pm**

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Editor's Column

Peter Jensen



Read about the Post Paso Party, Gordon's flight to Alaska, Update on the box renewal struggles, IAC Election Results, and more

Enjoy this newsletter.

Peter

Pilots Currently On The Waivers

As of 5/1/2004 our TCY waiver has expired. No one are allowed to fly in the TCY box until the waiver gets renewed. Please observe this temporary restriction. The New J waiver has been renewed. Please contact one of the designated briefers, if you wish to fly in the box (below 1,500 feet).

Pilots on the TCY Waiver (8/1/2005)

NO ONE. Waiver is expired. Awaiting renewal.

Pilots on the New J Waiver (8/1/2005)

Greg Pettit
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Peter Gillcrist

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Howard Kirker

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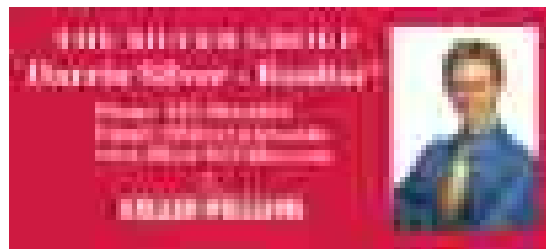
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Heard It On The Ramp

Marilyn Dash

July, where have you gone?

Post Paso Party

This summer seems to be breezing by and there is still so much to do. We did have a successful Post Paso Party at my hangar a few weeks ago. I'm still recovering. The majority of the attendees had a good time - all except Lauren Pleasance who clearly would have preferred to be elsewhere.

I learned several things from this party. Lunch is at noon at my airport. No one was interested in waiting until 3pm for a burger. So - I think we should start BBQs at noon. This also affords us more daylight at pre-marine layer hours to frolic.

I learned that it's hard for people to bring something for a pot luck when they are flying an aerobatic airplane. Tom Myers brought a bag of Mother's Cookies - Chocolate Chip. I also picked up a bag of Mother's Iced Oatmeal Cookies - assuming Tom would bring the Chocolate Chip. Of all the fly-ins - I believe he is the only one that was able to bring something. Of the drive-ins, Peter did make his Danish Meatballs - which were gone too fast. Drew brought a watermelon - which was a terrific idea and Don and Lee brought same great salads. Chips and Salsa arrived from the Pleasances. But that's all I remember - Oh... and the beer. Or lack thereof. To beer or not to beer, that was the question.

Lee also brought that little darling dog of his... and the Pleasance's brought their big, goofy, Golden; Rocky.

I was impressed with the number of fly-ins we had. Andrew brought 117PS - all spiffed up from his beautification efforts. Mike Davis, Darren and Biff Motta brought in a beautiful Three-Ship. Mike Egan, Brett and his buddy joined the gang and Tom Myers brought Moose. My tower just loved it - in fact, the entire ATC staff was fed thanks to George Foreman and IAC38, so they better love us! ;-)

Did anyone know that Tom Myers has a FAA Field Approval for his Fuzzy Dice? I believe that's what he said - I wonder if he has a FAA Field Approval for his ponytail also?

August Chapter Meeting

So, on the agenda for August include Allyson's memories from Spain and the WAC. August 14th @ Attitude. Also, the Santa Rosa Airshow is the following weekend August 20-21 - Chapter 36's Jon Nash will be performing. I'll be heading up there to help Brother Nash out. It's such a great Airshow - if you get a chance - head on over to STS.

Delano

Otherwise, we are just getting ready for Delano! Are you going to Delano? Have you made your hotel reservations yet? You don't want to get stuck at the Pioneer again - or do you? It should be a fun contest - hope you are all ready!

Reno

Also, Chapter 38 will be represented at Reno again this year. Mike Davis and I are both entered in the Biplane Class. Who's coming? Who's interested in crewing? Driving tools, etc. ?

New Job - New House

Besides all the flying fun - I started a new job last month and moved from my condo in San Mateo over to Hayward to be closer to my airplanes. You can tell that your passion has become an addiction when you move closer to your airport and start calling your hangar, your "vacation home".

Oh... and I ran for the National IAC Board and lost by an enormous margin - but I'm not deterred. At least they know my name and more people will know me in the future and perhaps vote for me as well. I will continue to dedicate my spare thirty minutes per month to helping Chapter 38 and the other California IAC Chapters be the best place to learn about aerobatics, to fly competition and to socialize with others with the same passion/addiction as we have.

Thanks for being such a great group of people - you've made my volunteering efforts lots of fun!

Marilyn



North Bound

Gordon Sorenson

Being a charter pilot allows me to fly to interesting destinations. I have been south of the border a couple times, this time I was North bound. The owner of one of the aircraft I fly has his boat in Alaska for the summer. Not just a boat, but a 125' boat. We have been taking him and his friends and family to and from stops in Alaska about once a week.

Looking at the weather on the computer, it was not showing any major weather in Northern California. There was, however, a low layer of cloud from the Oregon border all the way to Ketchikan, Alaska, my destination. Luckily, at altitude it was going to be sunshine and blue skies. For the flight to Alaska, I needed to file an ICAO Flight Plan. This is very similar to the U.S. version, just a little more detailed. The route was IFR along the JET airways via Red Bluff, Rogue Valley (Portland), Seattle, Victoria, Annette Island and into Ketchikan. The distance is 1092 nm straight line. Flight time would be about 4 hrs.

The departure out of Sacramento was smooth without any bumps as we climbed up. Contacting Nor-Cal Departure for the initial climb, I was cleared to 11,000 feet, and then



told to contact Oakland Center. Climbing to FL260 was a little slow because of the midday temperature and the fact the aircraft was fully loaded. Only had a few other aircraft on the TCAS (Traffic Collision Avoidance) but nothing visual. Transferred to Seattle Center, I levelled out and was cleared direct to SEA. From altitude, all I could see was a solid low layer of cloud that stretched across the horizon. We were above the clouds the entire flight until the descent into Ketchikan.



The weather in Ketchikan was 3500 Scattered 5000 Broken, so this was going to be an easy approach. Starting the descent, I still had fuel for another 1 1/2 hrs. There are not a lot of alternate airports to go to if the weather is bad at your destination, this is always a concern when planning these kinds of flights. Once below the clouds, I cancelled IFR and finished the flight VFR. The airport is on an island across from the town. There was a lot of floatplane traffic taking off and landing in the harbour beside the airport. Off the runway, you taxi to the General Aviation ramp in the center of the airport which is down a hill, beside the airline terminal.

After leaving Sacramento and 90+ heat, it was a welcome change of the mid 60s that Ketchikan had. After getting the passengers on their way, I was off to find some fresh fish to take home!

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emails. This month's Chapter meeting should be a ton of fun.

On the perennial "box renewal" front, we continue to chip away at it. We're now scheduled to meet, face-to-face later this month with the Oakland FSDO to directly respond to their rationale for box denial, and see if we can sway them to reinstate our waiver. If we are unsuccessful in this meeting, we've already got the plan in place to escalate to the Region. All signals from the various folks who've looked at our waiver request seem to suggest we should ultimately prevail on this. However, it may still take a series of escalations to eventually get there. So, for now, Angie and Don have been doing a great job at building the case for renewal, while identifying areas of compromise that would help address the concerns of the FAA, while meeting or aspirations of being good neighbors as well. Keep your fingers crossed that we actually make some headway on this later this month.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Marilyn for hosting another wonderful Post Paso Party this year. We had ~20 people in attendance, including a fairly large contingent of "fly-ins" from Livermore and elsewhere, which made for a fun event with lots of good hanger flying stories and great company. This party was a nice capstone to a hugely successful Paso Robles contest. Thanks, Marilyn, for hosting!

Well, I think that's about it for now. I hope to see all of you at our next Chapter meeting coming up soon on Sunday, August 14th at Attitude Aviation in Livermore. Allyson's WAC presentation should be a ton of fun to see.

Blue Skies,

Darren

Box Renewal Update

Don Gutridge

While Darren and Angie and I have a meeting set up with Oakland FSDO this month in pursuit of recovering our regular permanent Tracy box, two other back ups, make that three including New J, are in the works. Incidentally, Byron looks dead without a battle.

Conversations have been engaged with two ag strip owners in the Tracy area to explore the possibility of locating a box next to one of them. Both seem ideally suited as they are surrounded by ag land and no obstructions appear present to the runways. One runway is 2700' and the other is 2500'. Length is no problem but the 2500' one is only 30' wide which is likely too narrow for some skill levels and jumpy planes. Don't know the width of the other one.

Biggest challenge with the ag strips seems to be, believe it or not, traffic. During their busy times they can have as many as eight to ten operations hourly which made one operator say no to even considering it. I'll be talking with the other one soon. The good news is there's no traffic at all in the off season months.

The one that's still talking is located parallel to a river making water sports cool down a very real possibility. Imagine taking a swim or ski break between rounds.

Another possibility we all know about is rejuvenating New J runway making that box more useable. Though repair funds have been applied for, Rod Buchanan, airport manager, sent out an RFP offering the property and opening up business partnership or purchase possibilities last week. If we have any business minds in the club with a glimpse of what might be possible there with a combination of several businesses partnering to serve the community and aviation, we should get together and talk. I've found a few pieces but don't have a whole picture with out some other minds and perspectives. This is worth pursuing if the desire is present. The clock is ticking on this with submissions may be delivered up to the hour of 5 p.m., on the 29th day of September, 2005. Call me if you want to kick it a round.

That's where we are on the back up box. Meanwhile, here's a moving proposition: Think out of the box, fly in the box.

With Synergy,

Don

2005 IAC Board Election Results

Ann Salcedo

Total membership valid votes: 923

Total invalid votes: 6

President: Vicki Cruse, votes: 865

Vice-President: Allyson Parker-Lauck, votes: 834

ELECTED DIRECTORS

David Martin.....votes: 393

Tom Adams.....votes: 392

Greg Dungan.....votes: 360

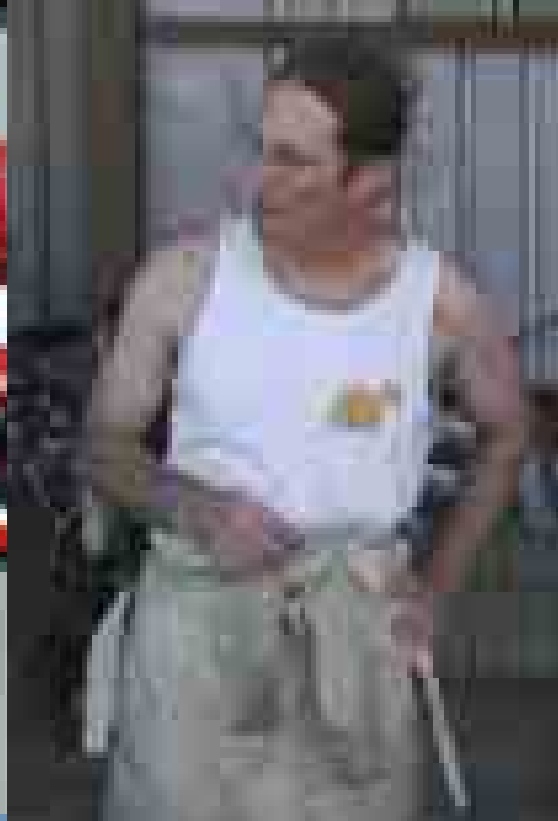
2004 Southwest Regional Series Final Results

Tom Myers

Sportsman		
1	Gray Brandt	87.09%
2	Randy Owens	86.04%
3	Jenner Knight	85.77%
4	Gary Meermans	84.03%
5	Howard Kirker	83.57%
6	Jeff Jewell	82.90%
7	Bill Hill	81.39%
8	Norman Manary	79.93%
Intermediate		
1	Bob Blackwood	86.81%
2	Todd Whitmer	85.98%
3	Melissa Andrzejewski	85.52%
4	Malcolm Pond	85.15%
5	David Hermance	83.39%
6	Gil Tellier	80.90%
7	Peter Jensen	68.38%
Advanced		
1	Dennis Foster	82.59%
2	Robbie Gibbs	81.26%
3	Steve Smith	77.61%
4	Diana Towne	73.40%
5	Jim Peebles	72.94%
6	Micky O'Brien	71.06%
7	Tom Myers	68.22%
Unlimited		
1	Bob Meyer	85.71%
2	Norm Dewitt	84.69%
3	Marta Meyer	81.86%
4	Vicki Cruse	80.85%
5	Allyson Lauck	74.23%

Post Paso Party Pictures

Peter Jensen



Pre-Registration for 2005 U.S. Nationals

Ann Salcedo

Pre-registration is open for the 2005 U. S. National Aerobatic Championships which will be held at Grayson County Airport, Sunday September 25th through Friday, September 30th, 2005. Power and Glider categories will be flown.

Pre-registered competitors with paid reservations will be automatically invited to sign-up for a PRACTICE SLOT!

AWAC TEAM ASPIRANTS..... pre-registered competitors trying out for the team will have the opportunity to vote for their Advanced Category Judges, providing you pre-register before the August 20th deadline. The Judges Ballot form is readily available immediately on-line upon registering. An Advanced World Aerobatic Team will be selected at Nationals. If you have further inquires, please contact Cliff Hurley, Contest Director, or Tim Carter, Assistant Director.

ALL NATIONAL JUDGES.....If you are planning on attending this years National Championship, please respond to me prior to the August 20th deadline. Only the AWAC team pilots will be voting on Judges for their category. ALL other Judges are now selected in accordance to the Judges performance and experience. If you have not received the Judges invitation, please contact me. (Ann)

Nationals website: www.usnationals.net

VIP's to contact for more information:

Cliff Hurley, Contest Director at: cliff@usnationals.net
Tim Carter, Assistant CD at : Tim@usnationals.net
Kate Kyer, Assistant CD at: Kate@usnationals.net

It's a fun contest! Don't miss it! See you there

*Ann,
Vol. Coord.*

Pilots' Hell

Submitted by Marilyn Dash

Mac died at the controls of his plane and went to pilots' hell, where he found a hideous devil and three doors.

The devil was busy escorting other pilots to various "hell rooms."

"I'll be right back--don't go away," said the devil, and he vanished.

Sneaking over to the first door, Mac peeked in and saw a cockpit where the pilot was condemned to forever run through pre-flight checks.

He slammed that door and peeked into the second. There, alarms rang and red lights flashed while a pilot had to avoid one emergency after another. Unable to imagine a worse fate, Mac cautiously opened the third door.

He was amazed to see many beautiful, scantily clad flight attendants answering to a captain's every whim. He quickly returned to his place seconds before the devil reappeared.

"Okay, Mac," said the devil, "Which door will it be, number 1 or number 2?"

"Um, I want door number 3," answered Mac.

"Sorry," said the devil. "You can't have door number 3. That's flight attendants' hell."

2005 Happiness Is Delano Contest

September 3-4, 2005

Tom Myers

Happiness is Delano Contest sponsored by IAC 26. The competition will be held at Delano Airport - locator DLO. Primary thru Unlimited Power categories will be flown; Gliders if enough interest is shown.

hangaring with the helicopter spraying operation. Tie-down and sun-shade fees are waived for the contest.

The pattern is normally left traffic for runway 32. The box is on the east side of the airport. Avoid overflying the city of Delano.

Schedule

Thursday Set-up crew
 Friday Registration, tech inspection, box practice, pizza party
 Saturday Contest flights and BBQ
 Sunday Contest flights and banquet
 Monday Clean-up crew

More Info Contact Contest Director

Tom Myers
 tom.myers@stanfordalumni.org
 650-328-2141
 650-473-0200 x108

Briefing is at 07:00 sharp Saturday and Sunday morning.

Fees

Entry fee is \$75 (Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced, Unlimited) and \$35 (Primary).

Pizza, BBQ, And Banquet

Pizza and beverages party at the Shilo (Coachman's) pool when practice flights conclude at sundown. Cost is \$10.

We will BBQ at the airport on Saturday when the contest flights conclude. Food is marinated chicken and ribs, veggie options, etc. Beverages provided. Cost is \$10 for competing pilots and \$15 for all others.

The Banquet is at the airport Sunday evening. Food is prime rib and veggie options. Cost is \$25. Catered once again by Mary's Heavenly Bites.

Shirts

Contest shirts will be available for approximately \$25 (TBD).

Miscellaneous Info

There is limited shared open-air overhead sun-shade aircraft parking, and unlimited tie-downs. Occasionally individual pilots have been able to arrange



T-Shirts For Sale

We still have plenty of the Chapter 38/Paso T-shirts/polo shirts available. They go for a paltry \$25. A real steal. Our chapter model donned one. Check it out.

Contact Darren if you want to purchase one:

darren_pleasant@mckinsey.com



Contest Results

Peter Jensen

2005 Okie Dust Devil July 8-9, 2005

Thomas P. Stafford Airport, Weatherford, OK
Contest Director: John Creswell

Sportsman

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Bill Denton	24	1242.25	1233.88	1258.00	3734.13	85.84%
2 Andrew Macha		1212.88	1225.00	1216.13	3654.00	84.00%
3 John Watkins	24	1200.75	1229.25	1218.75	3648.75	83.88%
4 D.R. Bales	24	1210.75	1211.88	1213.38	3636.00	83.59%
5 Steve Watkins	24	1227.13	1179.75	1202.38	3609.25	82.97%
6 John Hillerman		1192.63	1188.63	1197.50	3578.75	82.27%
7 Sarah Tobin	12	1170.00	1160.38	1188.13	3518.50	80.89%
8 Tim Baker	72	1170.88	1134.38	1181.38	3486.63	80.15%
9 Chip Gibbons	10	1118.25	1138.13	1197.25	3453.63	79.39%
10 Toby Smith		1136.50	1148.50	1164.13	3449.13	79.29%
11 Kelly Pietrowicz	59	1156.00	1116.50	1099.38	3371.88	77.51%
12 J. P. Thibodeau	12	1012.75	1060.75	1116.50	3190.00	73.33%
13 David Estes	24	1198.38	605.75	1227.00	3031.13	69.68%
14 Mark Berrong	59	1032.50	1005.75	657.25	2695.50	61.97%

Intermediate

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Mark Jacobson	24	1717.00	1632.75	1319.50	4669.25	82.64%
2 Tony Wood	24	1641.75	1687.88	1296.25	4625.88	81.87%
3 Julia Wood	24	1592.25	1688.63	1213.63	4494.50	79.55%
4 Paul Reader	12	1682.38	1623.25	1160.38	4466.00	79.04%
5 Tom Edwards	12	1508.50	1559.25	1199.63	4267.38	75.53%
6 Randy Reed	24	1548.38	1065.50	1176.88	3790.75	67.09%

Advanced

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Don Peterson	107	2054.63	2630.75	2250.13	6935.50	82.57%
2 Todd Whitmer	38	2085.25	2556.63	2291.88	6933.75	82.54%
3 Bobby Phillips	72	2120.75	2573.13	2180.63	6874.50	81.84%
4 Mike Gallaway	24	1965.50	2538.50	2107.75	6611.75	78.71%

Unlimited

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Dan Clark	24	2248.25	3562.80	2525.50	8336.55	74.97%
2 Norm DeWitt	38	2091.88	3671.66	2315.63	8079.16	72.65%
3 Bob Freeman	12	1999.13	2943.39	2840.50	7783.02	69.99%
4 Dick Bevington	12	1672.75	2911.13	1473.63	6057.50	54.47%

Calendar of Events

August	14	Chapter Meeting - 4pm <i>WAC Review - Allyson</i>
	26-27	Beaver State, Pendleton, OR <i>grhoward@hotmail.com</i>
September	3-5	Delano Contest, CA <i>tom.myers@stanfordalumni.org</i>
	11	Chapter Meeting - 4pm <i>Advanced Spin Recovery</i>
	14-18	Reno Air Races, NV
	25-30	2005 Nationals, Grayson Co., TX <i>CWHurley@aol.com</i>
October	9	Chapter Meeting - 4pm
	14-15	Borrego Akrofest, San Diego, CA <i>N77TW@aol.com</i>
November	3-6	Tequila Cup Contest, Tucson, CA <i>mic@MicroImportService.com</i>
	13	Chapter Meeting - 4pm
December	2-4	AZ State Championship Contest <i>(proposed dates)</i>
	??	X-Mas Party

FOR SALE

Share in Unlimited Aerobatic Monoplane




Looking for partner(s) in the Sabre, a high-performance monoplane designed by Dan Rihn, built by Alan Geringer, and modified by Zivko Aeronautics with advice from Leo Loudenslager. Has Edge wing and Lycoming AEIO-540 built by Dick DeMars and top-overhauled by Lycon. Airplane has won medals at World and National Aerobatic Championships.

Prefer to base it at Tracy or Livermore, but will consider anywhere in the Bay Area.

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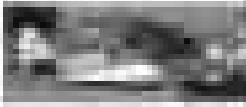
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Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail 1: _____ E-mail 2: _____

IAC #: _____ EAA #: _____

Certificate #: _____ EAA Expiration Date: _____

Judge: Regional National

Competition: None Basic Sportsman Intermediate Advanced Unlimited

Aircraft: _____ N #: _____

Referred By: _____

Dues: Single Membership (\$25/year) Family Membership (\$30/year)

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