

# THE ACRONAUT

## President's Post

Brad Oliver



Greetings...it has been a while since I last wrote. The holiday season is upon us, and my term as president is drawing to a close. What a year it has been! The chapter faced many challenges this year, and while it sometimes felt like the issues were insurmountable, with the help of volunteers, we always pulled through. When I think back on all we accomplished this past year, I am amazed...

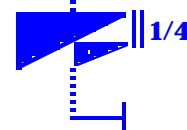
We started the year with a Judges School. We were able to get the Tracy Box renewed for one more year. Young Eagles was a huge success, flying many kids and attracting some very positive press. We had an amazing contest, with lots of fun, food and friendship. As a follow-up to the contest, we had an amazing BBQ. We had a formation fly-over for the City of Tracy's 4th of July Celebration. A British television production company interviewed and filmed several members for a television show. An amazing article was written about us in the Tracy Press and the reporter was taken for his first aerobatic ride. We were given a walking tour of the U.S.S. Hornet by several of our members who are ex-navy aviators. Finally, we closed out the year with another great Holiday Party. The secret to these events being such a success is simple... Volunteers! None of these events would have happened without the hard work and dedication of the people who volunteered to organize them. In some cases these volunteers were Chapter officers and Board members, but in many cases they were members, family, or just friends. While there are just too many names to list I want to express my gratitude to all who made 2002 such a huge success...THANK YOU!!!

As we enter 2003, the chapter faces many new (and some old) challenges, not the least of which is finding a replacement for our Tracy box. The chapter has great leadership in place for 2003, but the only way the year will be a success is with your help. It is hard work putting on all these events, but unfortunately most of the work seems to get done by the same volunteers...we need to change that. Large or small, we need your help in 2003, so please take a moment to email [president@iac38.org](mailto:president@iac38.org) (or call) and let us know you are willing to volunteer.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve you during 2002; it has been a rewarding experience!

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## Chapter 38

### Statement of Purpose

The purpose of Chapter 38 is to:

- Promote safety and education in sport aerobatics
- Promote and encourage individual proficiency and competition in sport aerobatics
- Promote and encourage aviation safety in the design, construction, and operation of all types of aircraft
- Foster and promote aviation education to the local community, particularly to school-age children
- Encourage research for the improvement and better understanding of aviation and the science of aeronautics.



### IAC—Statement of Purpose

- The core purpose of the International Aerobatic Club is to promote and enhance the safety and enjoyment of sport aerobatics through the following core values:
- Openness and inclusiveness
- A passion and responsibility to educate and share our knowledge both inside and outside the IAC
- A commitment and responsibility to safety and excellence in every aspect of our sport
- Fair play and sportsmanship.



# Young Eagles Day

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

***Pilots & Coordinators***

***Support Chapter 38 Events!***

WHEN: Saturday, February 1  
10 AM to 4 PM

WHERE: Tracy Flight Center  
Tracy Municipal Airport

CONTACT: Terry Ridgway  
youngeagles@iac38.org



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## **Minutes—Chapter 38 Board of Directors Meeting**

December 14, 2002

Attendance: Alex Drobshoff, Darren Pleasance, Angie Niles, Graham Bird, Ben Freelove, Marilyn Dash, Brad Oliver

We had no formal agenda for the board meeting. Brad suggested establishing a regular meeting schedule for the Board of Directors in 2003. In the past we have met on the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM with the chapter meeting on the first Sunday of the month at 4:00 PM. It was suggested that we combine the two meetings with the a Board of Directors meeting taking place just before the chapter meeting.

We discussed board member assignments outreach, competition coaching, the box, etc. We need to get an application in to the FAA for a new box by February 2003.

Next year's meeting schedule will include:

Angie's space shuttle slides, Darren's Alaska slide show, Visit to a military tank collection  
Aerobatic safety seminar, Paso contest and post Paso party, FAA safety seminar  
May meeting in Jackson, CA, High altitude chamber certification, Talk on how to get an aerobatic box (Bill Finnegan or John King), Holiday party (fresh in the minds of the board)

We are interested in sponsoring the EAA B-17 Aluminum overcast. Ben offered to look into it and reported that he has requested a sponsor application for the 2004 tour.

Alex Drobshoff, Secretary

## JANUARY 2003 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

The January Board of Directors Meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 4, 2003 at the home of Cecilia Aragon. Please call Cecilia at (510) 527-4466 for her address and directions. Board of Director meetings are open to the entire membership and we encourage everyone to attend and provide input and feedback to the directors. A major goal of the Board is to increase member participation and these meetings are the cornerstone of all chapter activities and events planning.

Angie Niles  
President, 2003

### 1. Secretary's Report

- 1.1. Reading & Approval of December 2002 Board of Director meeting minutes

### 2. Treasurer's Report

- 2.1. Account Status
- 2.2. Signature Authority for 2003
- 2.3. Federal ID tax

### 3. Paso Robles Contest

- 3.1. Status Report
- 3.2. Issues

### 4. February 2003 Young Eagles Day

### 5. Board of Directors & Chapter Meeting Dates for 2003

- 5.1. Keep as is, or:
- 5.2. Combine both meetings to same weekend
  - 5.2.1. Move Chapter meeting to Board of Director weekend
  - 5.2.2. Move Board of Director meeting to Chapter weekend

### 6. 2003 Chapter Meeting Topics, Chapter Programs, Chapter Events

- 6.1. FAA Vern Dalman's Memorial Aerobatic Safety Seminar, Privately owned military tank collection in Portola Valley (field trip), High Altitude cards (field trip), May chapter meeting in Jackson (Cris Flint), Feb chapter meeting - Flying in Alaska slide show (Darren Pleasance), January chapter meeting - slide show Oct 2002 space shuttle launch of STS-112 (Angie & Alex), Paso Robles contest, Post Paso contest party, Chapter 38 hosted FAA Safety Seminar (Cecilia spin Recovery??), invited guests to speak about forms & process to get FAA waived aerobatic box (John King or Bill Finnigan), Young Eagles Day, monthly \$100 burger flights?

### 7. Newsletter

- 7.1. Submissions due dates and publication dates
- 7.2. Re-evaluate newsletter contents

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## Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

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- 7.2.1. Regular monthly columns: Editorial comment, Presidents Post, Treasurer's Post, Secretaries Post, Calendar of Events, Chapter Meeting topic, Upcoming Board of Director meeting agenda, Tech Tips?, Coach's Corner?, Pre-event or activity write-ups.
- 7.2.2. Other inclusions: Comics?, Statement of Purpose?, stories - factual or fictional?, Post event or activity write ups, competition results, For sale adds?, website of the month?, plane of the month?, relevant re-prints from AvWeb?, other.
- 7.3. Solicitation for columnists responsible for monthly newsletter content.
- 7.4. Review Kevin Crane's workload in producing a newsletter
  - 7.4.1. If appropriate, solicitation for contributing editors, layout, publishing & distributing help required to meet newsletter deadlines.

### 8. FAA-waivered aerobatic boxes

- 8.1. TCY box
  - 8.1.1. Should we even try to renew?
- 8.2. New Jerusalem box
  - 8.2.1. Begin renewal paper work
  - 8.2.2. Status of airport use, and sale
- 8.3. Crows Landing
  - 8.3.1. Submit paperwork for waiver even though airport is restricted from landing
- 8.4. Schellville box ?

### 9. Chapter Fundraising

- 9.1. Paso Robles
- 9.2. Pasta feed or BBQ during chapter sponsored FAA Safety Seminar
- 9.3. 2004 sponsorship of EAA's B-17 Aluminum Overcast
- 9.4. Sales booth at Vern Dalman's Memorial Aerobatic Safety Seminar
- 9.5. Chapter Promotional Video for sale through EAA

### 10. Chapter Asset Inventory & Acquisition

- 10.1. Asset Inventory
  - 10.1.1. Chapter Merchandise inventory
  - 10.1.2. Scales, overhead projector, coolers, coffee machine, lawn chairs, judges shade stations, box boundary citing devices, ???
- 10.2. Asset Acquisition
  - 10.2.1. cockpit mounted camera & video system
  - 10.2.2. hand held radios
  - 10.2.3. shade station for New Jerusalem box

### 11. Chapter 38 logo redesign contest

- 11.1. Is the membership interested in modernizing the IAC Chapter 38 logo to make it present better?
- 11.2. If yes, should we hold a logo contest?

## SLIDES AND VIDEO OF THE STS-112 ATLANTIS SHUTTLE LAUNCH

Presented by Alex Drobshoff and Angie Niles



Chapter 38 Monthly Meeting  
4:00PM  
January, 4th, 2003  
Livermore Terminal Building

On Oct. 7, 2002 3:46 p.m. EDT the space shuttle Atlantis launched from launch pad 39-B for a 10 day, 19 hour, 58 minute mission. The primary goal of this mission was to install a starboard strut containing solar panels, communications equipment and a new capability to bring the Canada arm out of the shuttle bay and onto a conveyor outside the shuttle to work on exterior structures.

Dave Wolf, in addition to being an IAC member and competition aerobatic pilot, is a NASA astronaut and was the principal space walker for this shuttle mission. Dave is a good friend of Chapter 38 member Kurt Haukohl and generously extended an invitation for Kurt, Erlinda, Alex and Angie to attend the launch as formal guests of Dave Wolf and NASA.

Let me tell you that it was wild! Come to the chapter meeting to see the slides and video of the launch and the Kennedy Space Flight Center.



## Judges School—March 2003

Are you currently current? To be a Judge, that is?  
IAC Chapter 38 is sponsoring a Judges' School!  
Become a Judge!!

Chapter 38 (Northern California Bay Area Chapter) is proud to announce that we are hosting Judges' Schools again this year! Here is your chance to start earning that coveted position of IAC Contest Judge. Would you like to learn more about what happens at Aerobatic Contests? Would you like to critique your friends flying? Would you like to know what the Judges are looking for? This class is GREAT for new aerobatic pilots or our spouses or significant others! IAC membership is not required.

### INTRODUCTION TO AEROBATIC JUDGING

This course presents the basic concepts of aerobatic judging. In this 2-day class you will learn:

1. What are the roles and responsibilities of the judges for the contests?
2. What is the Aerobatic Zone?
3. How do you read a competition sequence?
4. What are the judging criteria for each figure and sequence?

Upon completion of this course you will be qualified to volunteer as an Assistant Judge at any Regional IAC Contest and you will have completed the first requirement towards becoming an Aerobatic Judge.

Who should attend this course:

- IAC members who would like to become Regional Judges
- Companions/spouses of competition pilots who would like to learn to critique
- Newcomers to the IAC who would like to learn the basic rules behind judging aerobatics
- Competition pilots seeking a better understanding of what judges are looking for in the figures
- Judges who would like to brush up their skills or who need to satisfy recurrency requirements for attending a judges' school (only need to attend 2nd day).

We are also sponsoring the:

### ADVANCED AEROBATIC JUDGING CRITERIA SEMINAR

This one-day seminar is a more in-depth session than what is covered in the 2nd day recurrency portion of the Introduction to Aerobatic Judging. The seminar is geared towards judges who wish to improve their judging skills. The curriculum is less formal than that of the traditional judges school in order to encourage open discussion of difficult or controversial judging criteria. Attendance at this seminar will fulfill recurrency requirements for attending a judges' school.

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## UNDERSTANDING HANGAR LEASES

AOPA's Airport Support Network is frequently asked about hangar leases and what can and can't be required of the lessee and lessor. A good lease document will try to protect the interests of both parties while complying with all local, state, and federal guidelines. Ownership of the airport (public or private) and whether it has received federal funding will have a big effect on those guidelines. A good sample lease is available on AOPA Online:

<http://www.aopa.org/members/files/avfax/4477.html>

Members of the AOPA Legal Services Plan ( <http://www.aopa.org/info/certified/lsp.html> ) get a free annual review of their hangar or tie-down lease. If your airport proposes a lease agreement that seems inappropriate, discuss it with your airport's ASN volunteer

( <http://www.aopa.org/asn/> )

...and if your airport doesn't have one, consider volunteering today.



## Judges School

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Dates: Saturday, 1-March and Sunday, 2-March 2003

Times: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM on Saturday, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM on Sunday

Location: San Carlos Airport (SQL), at the Hiller Aviation Museum.  
([www.hiller.org](http://www.hiller.org))

Cost: \$75 for new judges. Judges wanting recurrency may take either the Advanced course or the Sunday portion of the Basic course for \$45.00. Includes a basic materials packet with the Student Handbook, Home Study Course, Judges' Log, and the IAC Rule Book Revisions for 2003.

Instructors: Alan Geringer and Brian Howard

Additional Materials Available For Sale:

FAI Aerobatic Catalogue (Insert and binder) \$20.00

FAI Aerobatic Catalogue 2003 Insert \$10.00

IAC Rule Book \$20.00

IAC Rule Book 2003 Revision \$10.00

2003 Known Sequence Calling Primer  
(Audio Cassette Tape & booklet) \$15.00

Bag lunch, coffee & donuts (morning) \$10.00/day

The FAI Catalog can be downloaded off the Internet in PDF format at:

<http://www.fai.org/aerobatics/catalog>.

Please contact Marilyn Dash (650-578-1560 or 650-401-7815) for more information. You may also pre-register with our online signup form. Go to:

[www.iac38.org](http://www.iac38.org). See you there!



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# IAC Chapter 38 Membership Application/Renewal Form

New Member

Renewal

Address/Phone Change

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail 1: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail 2: \_\_\_\_\_

IAC #: \_\_\_\_\_ EAA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate #: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge:  Regional  National      Newsletter:  E-mail (Adobe PDF)  Postal Mail

Competition:  None  Primary  Sportsman  Intermediate  Advanced  Unlimited

Aircraft: \_\_\_\_\_ N #: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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2003 Chapter 38 dues are due!  
Please support your chapter by submitting your dues today. Thank you.