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Prez' Post

Darren Pleasance

Greetings Chapter 38ers:

I can't believe the summer has come and gone so quickly. Fortunately for us, the next couple of months provide some of the best flying weather of the year so we've still got a lot of great aviating opportunities in front of us. I hope you'll find a way to get in the air with some of your friends over the coming weeks and perhaps we can even orchestrate a Chapter 38 fly-out before the winter rains set in.

Speaking of Chapter 38 fly-outs, we had what looked like a Chapter 38 "fly-in" at Attitude Aviation for last month's Chapter meeting. For those of you who missed last month's meeting, you missed an all-time record attendance of aerobatic enthusiasts who were on hand to hear Allyson Parker-Lauck share her experiences at the World Aerobatic Contest in Burgos, Spain. We had standing room only, with people flowing out into the Attitude Aviation lobby as Allyson shared a terrific slide show on her first-time adventure at the WAC. The presentation was terrific with lots of drama, excitement, and sheer entertainment for all of us in the room. It was great to see such strong attendance, particularly in August which has historically been our lowest attendance Chapter meeting every year. I guess we'll have to have Allyson as our star attraction every August from this point forward.

In other news, Angie, Don, and I finally had a face-to-face meeting with the Oakland FSDO a couple of weeks ago to discuss the opportunities to renew the Tracy Aerobatic Box. We brought with us a compelling set of facts and supporting materials, including a letter of endorsement from the City of Tracy, with the intention of addressing every one of the FSDO's stated concerns with our box. To make a long story short, the meeting was over before it even started. The head of the FSDO walked in before we'd even opened our presentation and apologized for not being able to stay, but that he wanted to just stop by and say "no". The rest of the meeting didn't go much better, with the only positive note that we now have so much evidence of their overt bias and lack of willingness to tie their denial to written regulations that we feel we could make a very strong case further up the chain at the Region or National level to expose Oakland's disgraceful practices, and perhaps incompetence. However, we're looking for guidance from other sources in the FAA as well as from IAC National before we take our next step. In the end, we want to make sure we do whatever we can to not just "win the battle", but also make sure we "win the war" in our quest to establish a local aerobatic box we can practice in. I have a lot more detail that I'd be happy to share regarding our ongoing discussions with the FAA so will simply summarize by saying that Tracy is not dead as of yet,

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IAC38 Welcomes

Macarena Parra - Sunnyvale

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Editor's Column

Peter Jensen

I didn't have much for the September newsletter, so waiting until the Delano contest had happened was a good idea. It was a fabulous contest with lots of great flying and fun. Tom Myers and his team of volunteers did a fabulous job keeping things rolling. I really enjoyed being fed all days. This is the first contest I've ever been to where food is taken care of every night of the contest. Pizza, Ribs, Chicken, and Prime Rib. I think all the major food catagories got taken care of.

Good job everybody!

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 (9/1/2005)

NO ONE. Waiver is expired. Awaiting renewal.

Pilots on the New J Waiver (9/1/2005)

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Ben Freelove
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Howard Kirker
Marilyn Dash
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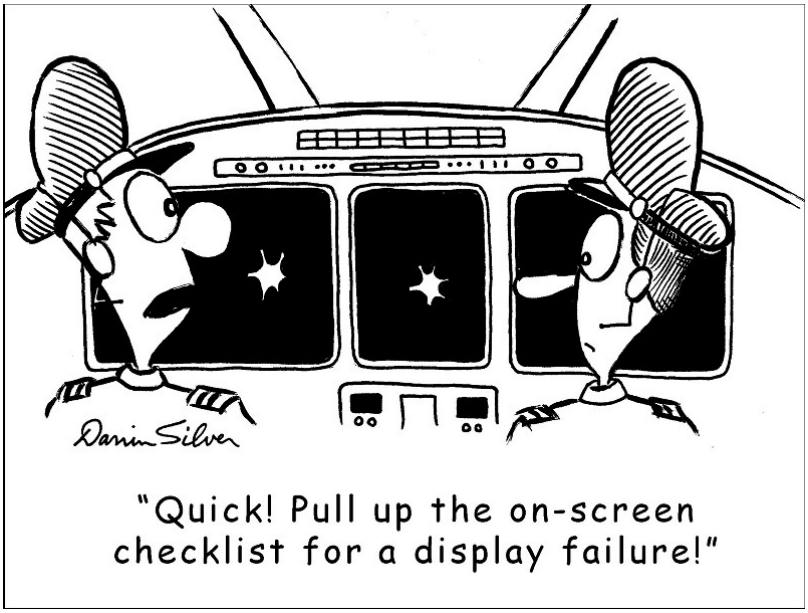


Heard It On The Ramp

Marilyn Dash

Delano Contest

Labor Day Weekend has started to mean Delano for many of the Aerobatic Competitors in the Western US. Apparently it takes 11 months for the pain of Delano to diminish and for us to plan our trek back to that thriving metropolis. I'll never forget my first trip to this garden spot. We asked someone in the terminal building, "Where is a good place to eat around here?" and he paused briefly and said, "Bakersfield".

It's hot, it's dusty, it's buggy and did I mention it's HOT? There are few hotels and fewer restaurants – but for some reason, we go – and we have fun. This is because of the wonderful group of competitors that we are lucky enough to compete against, fly with and learn from at each contest.

Memorable moments from this year's event include running over the snake on the runway and then brainstorming with my fellow pranksters about how to make the most of this golden opportunity. Wayne Handley really needed a hood ornament on that brand new Extra, don't you think? My hope is that Wayne doesn't read this newsletter and continues to think that Bill Stein was behind this little gift.

It only took ten minutes after the 7am Pilot Brief was completed to have our first hissy fit. I can't remember which came first – the hissy fit or the arrival of our final competitor, Doug Jardine. Oh, what a beautiful morning!

We have Dave Watson to thank for many memorable moments. I'd never seen a head go through a canopy like that before. I also never got to see the "best marked aerobatic box in all the world" from the ground level. Gee, thanks Dave!

Spencer's truck was about the dirtiest thing at the contest – after Jim Nahom's and Tom Myers' minds! Or was that Spencer's mind? Or was it Keith Leedom's voicemail message that we shared with our buddies. Hard to remember who told the most dirty jokes this weekend. I am pretty sure it wasn't me!

Watson was also our recipient of the Smokey the Bear Award – for not setting fire to the field, despite his best efforts! Dave learned many things – but he also learned that he had many friends in Chapter 38 that were there to support him, to help him, to carry his canopy back in her Cherokee, and to introduce him to many new traditions.

Speaking of traditions, there was no Beacon riding this year, much to the delight of the FAA. However, the Judges' Line Beer Bash tradition was in full form and drew an impressive crowd for year two. If we could only come up with better beer…. What kind of beer can you get in Delano? Bud, Bud Light, you know – everything!

Allyson earned a dollar. She also flew beautifully and was her cheerful self – despite her continuing rise to fame in the IAC Management – she proved that she is still "one of us!" I'm thrilled she and Terry moved to California. We are lucky to have her around – even if she doesn't want to get involved in the really bad pranks! ;-)

Each year Chapter 26 gives out a lovely competitor gift. One year it was a "Happiness is Delano" Chamois Cloth, the next year it was a duffle bag and this year – it was wheel chocks – which is coincidentally just what most of us needed after last year's contest. Someone, who shall remain nameless (yeah, right!) drove his truck over every set of wheel chocks on the ramp last year – much to the entertainment of the spectators. So, when we saw the competitor gift – we couldn't believe our luck! Hopefully – our new chocks can make it through the punishment!

This year's contest was the smallest one I can remember. Where was everyone? Freestyle? Che? Darren? Lee? ET? Jacquie? And where was Chapter 36? No Church, Nash, Frisby, Meermans, Stonehouse, Bancroft, Micky, et al… where was Arizona? We had one competitor from AZ – and that was Jeff Boerboon – or bourbon.

We did have three new competitors – all potential Chapter 38 members – father and son team Dan and Tommy and Tom Myers' protégé Vess! Tom and Vess are two long haired hippie freaks – and terminal sleepers! Which one should we make the CD for Paso 2007?

Several Chapter 38 competitors moved up – including Vicki Benzing, Sal Webber, David Platt and Spencer Suderman. All flew beautifully. Howard Kirker and Todd Whitmer were Chapter 38's shining stars – their performances were terrific – as usual!

Three airshow pilots graced our contest with a visit. Wayne "The Snake" Handley, Bill "Red Baron" Stein and Bill "The Hitman" Cornick. We also had a fly-by (near miss) by John Harmon of Harmon Rocket Fame. And the IAC President and Chapter 38 member, Vicky Cruise, also joined in on the fun.

Reno

September means Reno to many of us. Mike Davis and I are heading up to compete again in the Biplane Class. If you are planning to go – let us know! We need someone to help wash and wax our airplanes every day! Actually, it's always nice to see a familiar face

Marilyn

Delano Trophy Winners

Peter Jensen

Primary: Vess Velikov, Conrad Nordquist (absent)

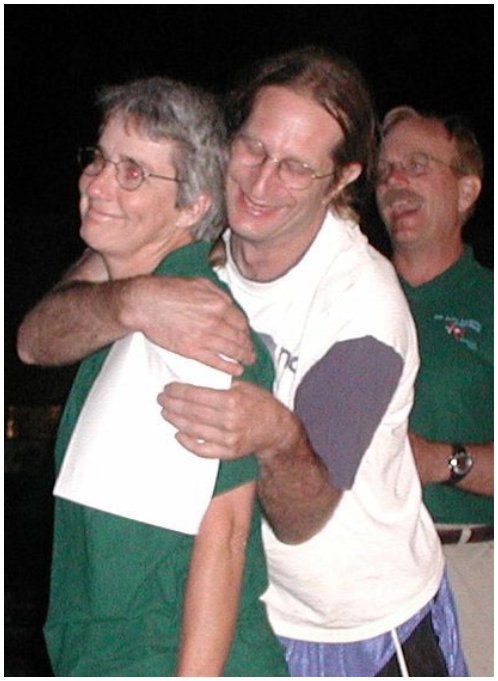
Sportsman: Howard Kirker, James Pratt, Doug Burr

Intermediate: Bob Blackwood, Gray Brandt, Reinaldo Beyer

Advanced: Dennis Foster, Todd Whitmer, Jeff Boerboon (absent)

Unlimited: Allyson Parker-Lauck, Bob Meyer, Marta Meyer

A Hugging CD



Contest Results

Peter Jensen

Happiness Is Delano
September 3-4, 2005

Delano Municipal Airport, Delano, CA
Contest Director: Tom Myers

Primary

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	Total	% PP.
1 Vess Velikov		352.83	385.50	385.83	1124.17	83.27%
2 Conrad Nordquist		349.17	221.83	359.50	930.50	68.93%

Sportsman

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	Total	% PP.
1 Howard Kirker		1276.33	1263.67	1279.17	3819.17	87.80%
2 Doug Burr		1202.17	1213.00	1247.33	3662.50	84.20%
3 James Pratt		1183.50	1247.67	1190.83	3622.00	83.26%
4 Norm Manary		1224.67	1164.67	1189.17	3578.50	82.26%
5 Mike Eggen		1167.83	1116.33	1217.67	3501.83	80.50%
6 William G Hill		1173.17	1133.17	1167.17	3473.50	79.85%
7 Tommy Franscioni		1112.00	1107.50	1227.33	3446.83	79.24%
8 Jenner Knight		1212.50	1113.17	1047.67	3373.33	77.55%
9 Andrew L Connolly		1117.33	1133.00	1112.00	3362.33	77.30%
10 Ron Rapp		1167.00	1133.67	986.00	3286.67	75.56%
11 Sal Webber		1072.33	958.83	1127.17	3158.33	72.61%
12 Joshua Muncie		909.00	1135.33	1075.67	3120.00	71.72%
13 Dan Fransioni		707.67	516.00	795.00	2018.67	46.41%

Intermediate

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	Total	% PP.
1 Reinaldo Beyer		1884.67	1809.50	1347.33	5041.50	90.19%
2 Bob Blackwood		1858.67	1699.33	1391.33	4949.33	88.38%
3 Gray Brandt		1765.00	1711.33	1327.83	4804.17	85.94%
4 Dave Hermance		1696.67	1720.17	1310.17	4727.00	84.56%
5 Vicky Benzing		1679.67	1689.67	1253.00	4622.33	82.69%
6 Jeff jewell		1672.17	1650.50	1293.83	4616.50	82.58%
7 Jason Diestel		1724.33	1673.00	1170.33	4567.67	81.71%
8 Yuichi Takagi		1580.33	1621.33	1296.83	4498.50	80.47%
9 David Platt		1673.33	1501.67	1253.00	4428.00	80.07%
10 Spencer Suderman		1571.50	1676.17	1160.33	4408.00	78.86%
11 Peter M. Jensen		1366.67	1640.50	1207.67	4214.83	75.40%
12 Dave Watson		1402.33	0.00	0.00	1402.33	35.59%

Advanced

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Jeff Boerboon		2001.67	2584.83	2363.33	6949.83	82.05%
2 Todd Whitmer		2067.50	2614.83	2266.67	6949.00	82.04%
3 Dennis Foster		1982.00	2678.50	2271.67	6932.17	81.84%
4 Tom Myers		1605.00	2497.67	2087.83	6190.50	72.74%
5 Tim Just		1925.17	2530.33	0.00	4455.50	52.60%

Unlimited

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Marta Meyer		2444.83	3863.26	3035.50	9343.60	84.03%
2 Bob Meyer		2212.00	4033.64	3050.67	9296.30	83.60%
3 Allyson Parker-Lauck		2368.83	3896.80	2796.33	9061.97	81.49%
4 Doug Jardine		2182.67	3444.34	2031.33	7658.34	68.87%

Special Awards

Grass Root Award:	Howard Kirker
American Champion Trophy:	Vess Velikov
Best First Time Sportsman:	Tommy Franscioni
Ernst Belt:	Dan Franscioni
Best School Trophy:	Sunrise Aviation
Best Chapter Trophy:	Chapter 36

International Council of Air Shows Foundation SCHOLARSHIPS

Sean Paul DeRosier was a born aviator. He began flying with his parents, Ben and Doris, as soon as he was able to sit up in the seat, and soon after was taking such an active role in flying, that he could land a tailwheel airplane by the time he was 9 years old. He soloed a glider when he was 14, a power plane at 16, and began flying self-taught aerobatics at 18, inspired by his life-long idol, Art 'The Professor' Scholl.

Sean's talents extended far beyond the cockpit, and his creativity and meticulous craftsmanship became apparent early. He designed his first instrument panel layout as a high school drafting project, while refurbishing a Cessna 140 after school and on weekends. After graduating from high school, and while earning his A&P license through Solano Community College, Sean recovered a Pitts S2B with a classmate. In this same Pitts, Sean began his romance with extreme aerobatics. After earning his A&P license, Sean went to work for Woodland Aviation, and again in his spare time, refurbished an Ercoupe 415-E, which he sold to buy a Cessna 150 with lifelong friend Brant Seghetti.

Having established a trend of working full-time in aviation to earn a living, then working late into the evening on his own projects, Sean left Woodland Aviation to join Blue Ridge Aeronautics, and later Goodfriend (both at Nut Tree Airport in Vacaville, CA and closer to home), restoring and maintaining aerobatic airplanes. It was during this period that Sean bought a $300 set of plans for Dan Rihn's DR-107 One Design. Over the next 3 years, Sean and his father Ben built the airplane that Sean later used in his professional airshow routines. Sean debuted his One Design at the 1999 Oshkosh Air Venture, earning the prestigious Outstanding Workmanship Award for a Plans-Built Airplane. Returning to California, Sean entered the intense world of airshow aerobatics with his first professional performance at Travis AFB's annual Open House and Airshow.

Always dreaming, and willing to work hard to achieve his dreams, Sean started his own business High Voltage Enterprises, which specialized in building and maintaining classic and modern aerobatic airplanes, and flew his own extreme airshow routines. While looking for ways to make his airshow performances unique, Sean and his father Ben pioneered the use of model jet engines as wing-tip smoke generators in his One Design. He gave his audiences a fresh, new perspective into the ballet of aerobatics as he wove his twin skeins of smoke into an elaborate aerial tapestry to the energetic music of his favorite musician and sponsor, Sammy Hagar and Cabo Wabo. Sean performed his extreme routine on the West Coast from Seattle, WA's SeaFair to Miramar, CA's MCAS airshow. Though he numbered among his friends and clients airshow performers and icons including Kent Pietsch, Eddie Andreini, Jim 'Bulldog' LeRoy, Sean 'Oracle' Tucker, and his mentor Wayne 'Raven' Handley, Sean possessed an unassuming humility, and was genuinely surprised to be asked for his autograph after flying his airshow routine.

Throughout this time, Sean continued advancing his career as an aircraft maintenance professional, earning his IA to go with his A&P. Always willing to lend a hand when needed, Sean was an essential ingredient in the adhesive that binds an aviation community together. He was a meticulous craftsman whose show-quality restorations, kit and plans-built projects still turn heads, and inspire other homebuilders and mechanics to strive for the attention to detail that came so easily to him.

Sean had a huge thirst for adventure, and made time in his busy career for snow skiing and motorcycle riding with his fiancé Tami, boating and water-skiing with his family and friends, and flying whenever, however, whatever, to wherever.

Sean DeRosier lost his life in October 2004, doing what he knew and loved best - flying. The Sean DeRosier Memorial Scholarship honors Sean's spirit by assisting other young men and women in their aviation goals. The Scholarship selection committee consists of Sean's parents, Ben and Doris, and his fiancé Tami. ***"Sean was our candle that burned twice as bright, and our world is dimmer by his loss."***

Qualifications: The recipient must be male or female with a private pilot's license,
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The scholarship monies must be applied towards aerobatic flight training
or schooling towards obtaining his/her A&P license.

2005 Application Deadline: September 30, 2005

*Please attach a **one-page essay** on why you want to receive the Sean DeRosier Memorial Scholarship, how the funds will be used, your goals, and why you wish to further your flight training. Also attach a **short biography** of yourself, no more than one paragraph in length.*

DO NOT SUBMIT PHOTOGRAPHS OR DRAWINGS *with your application.*

*Return your completed application form by **September 30, 2005** to:*

International Council of Air Shows Foundation, Inc.
Att'n: Sean DeRosier Memorial Scholarship
751 Miller Drive SE, Suite F-4
Leesburg, VA 20175

Or e-mail your completed application form, application essay and short bio to: **scholarships@icasfoundation.org** *using the subject line "Sean DeRosier Scholarship Application."*

Thank you for your interest.
We wish you the best of luck in your aviation endeavors!

Applications can be downloaded from:

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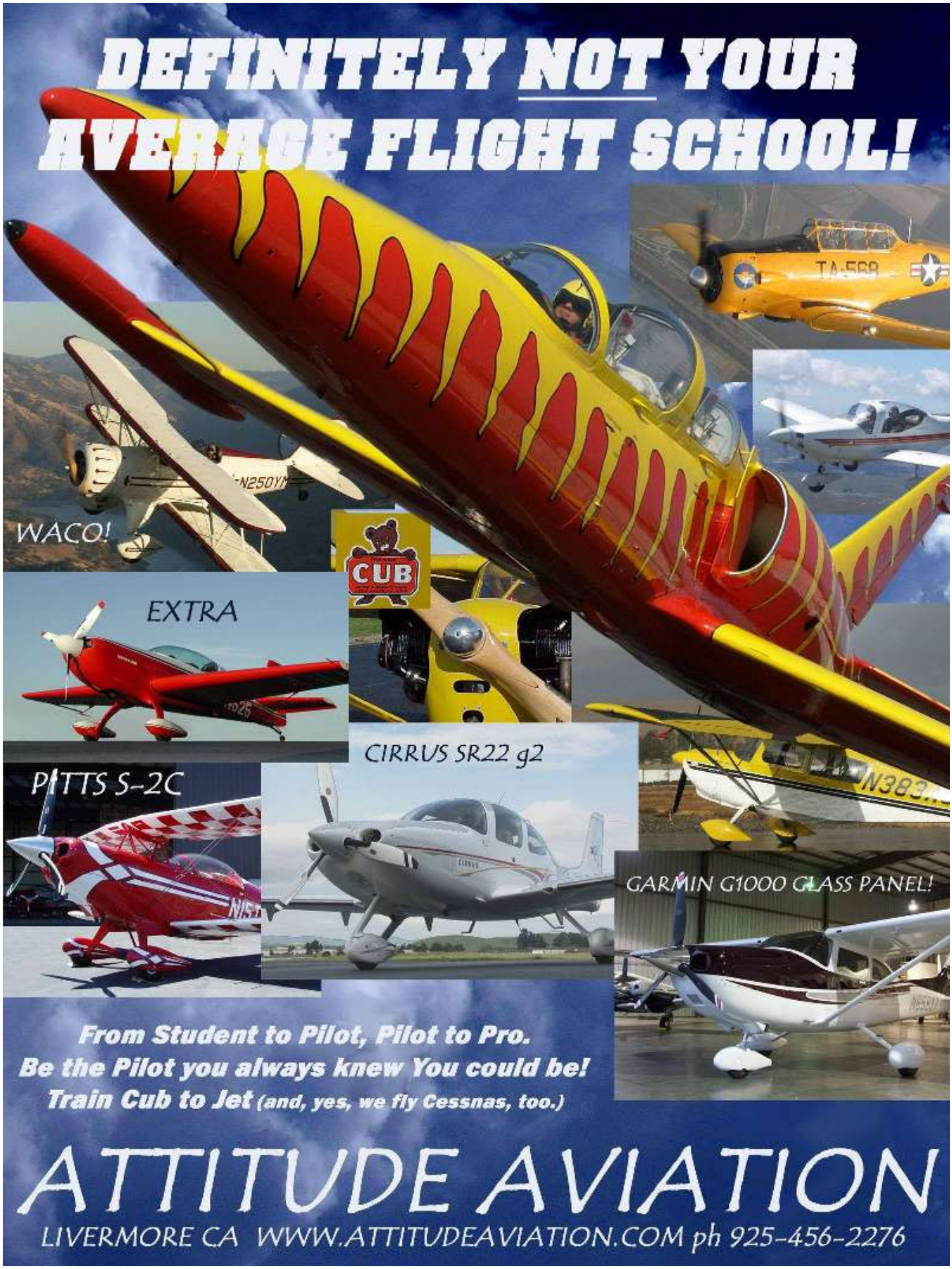
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Calendar of Events

September	3-5	**Delano Contest, CA** *tom.myers@stanfordalumni.org*
	11	Chapter Meeting - 4pm *Making In-Flight Video*
	14-18	Reno Air Races, NV
	25-30	**2005 Nationals, Grayson Co., TX** *CWHurley@aol.com*
October	9	Chapter Meeting - 4pm
	14-15	**Borrego Akrofest, San Diego, CA** *N77TW@aol.com*
November	3-6	**Tequila Cup Contest, Tucson, CA** *mic@MicroImportService.com*
	13	Chapter Meeting - 4pm
December	2-4	**AZ State Championship Contest** *(proposed dates)*
	??	X-Mas Party

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and the facts themselves support our rights to have the box renewed, but we also need to be redoubling our efforts to identify alternative sites in case Tracy takes a long, long time to resolve. Suggestions for alternative sites are always welcome and will augment the efforts Don Gutridge has already put in with a myriad of airports and sites around the Central Valley.

Lastly, we have a bunch of fun things coming up that I hope you can all participate in. For example, our next Chapter meeting (9/11) will feature Peter Jensen sharing his prowess at creating in-flight videos from his Pitts. Peter has tried a wide range of filming equipment and camera mounting options which has allowed him to develop some very cool videos which should make for a fun and interesting session next Sunday. In addition, I'd like to see us host another Chapter Fly-out sometime over the next several weeks so come to the Chapter meeting to help determine a destination of choice.

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Well, that's about it for this month.

Hope to see you all at the Chapter meeting next Sunday at Attitude Aviation.

Blue skies,

Darren

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Certificate #: _____ **EAA Expiration Date:** _____

Judge: ☐ Regional ☐ National

Competition: ☐ None ☐ Basic ☐ Sportsman ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced ☐ Unlimited

Aircraft: _____ **N #:** _____

Referred By: _____

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<u>Chapter Meeting:</u>
Sunday September 12th, 2005, 4pm
Attitude Aviation
Livermore Airport
"Making In-Flight Video"