

April 2015

IAC38 NEWSLETTER

President's Report



Elated to find this upon returning to LVK from Borrego. A congratulatory note taped to the hangar door. Thanks, Tyler!

I found myself in three very unlikely places the last week of March:

1. Modesto Juvenile Hall
2. Guest speaker for a FAAST Safety Seminar, presenting to a group of 40 pilots, (most of them CFIs) on stalls and spins.
3. Borrego Springs, flying a new plane in a new category without a hell of a lot of preparation.

How did these things happen?

By saying **yes**.

Yes to my client who asked me to come speak to the girls in Juvenile Hall for some inspiration. Marion volunteers every week. She wants the girls to know that people on the outside care. That there is more to life than the sad situations that led them to this place. That there are possibilities undreamed of in this world.

Yes to Vince Nastro who asked me with four day's notice to speak at the FAAST Safety Seminar on emergencies he was hosting the night before I had to fly to Borrego. Yes because Vince is our chapter champion and I pounce on opportunities to address audiences of pilots about the immense value of unusual attitude and spin recovery training.

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Yes to not just ferrying a plane to Borrego for the team, but to step up and compete even though looking like a sh*tshow was a very real possibility. I knew I could fly safely and decided that as long as the planes were THERE... I heeded some sage advice: "flying for the judges is ALWAYS a good thing. You don't always have to win, you know."

I feel so incredibly lucky to have role models, teachers, mentors...people who believe in me, support me, and help lift me up. It is my unending ambition to pay it forward, pay it forward, and pay it forward. In whatever ways large and small that present to me.

Yes.

March IAC38 TCY practice day



IAC38 shared the sky with gliders

11 pilots flew our IAC38 Tracy critique day Saturday on Saturday, March 28. Sky Candy was out in force! Vince Nastro, the DPE and FAAST Safety rep based at TCY told me afterwards "If more pilots were like you guys, the aviation world would be a better place. Let

me know next time you will be here. I'm buying you all pizza." WOW! Thanks everyone for your exemplary professional piloting skills. Winning hearts and minds...

Thanks [Tyler Jorgensen](#) for the great photos.

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Ms. Michelle makes her first IAC38 appearance



Howard and the Great Lakes

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Stanley's Pitts



Beth taxiing out the Lazer

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Brian Branscomb brings new acro pilot Steve into the fold



Greg bringing in his Pitts

Wild and Precious

Beth Stanton

This was really jail. I announced myself at a locked door on an intercom. After I was buzzed in, I walked through an unattended metal detector and found myself alone in a cavernous room filled with a hundred plastic chairs bolted to the floor. I was early; my client who had invited me to speak to the girls at juvenile hall had not yet arrived. Not sure where to go now that I was in, I wandered about the room while waiting for her. The first thing I noticed was the artwork. There is a Stop Child Abuse campaign in California and grammar and high-school age kids had entered drawings for an

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?”

- Mary Oliver

art contest. They were chilling and graphic and hauntingly beautiful. I have lived a charmed and sheltered life on many levels, and I was never more acutely aware of this than when I looked at those searing

pictures. I was transfixed by the powerful images rendered so poignantly by children. My stunned heart broke. I muttered to myself, “you’re not in Kansas anymore, Toto.”

The next thing I noticed were multiple doorways in the front of the room with the signs “probation hearings” over them. Ah, so this was where family and friends waited and

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hoped. The misery and drama steeped into the shabby furniture was palpable.

Client Marion arrived and helped me carry in my briefcase and a large plastic bin with my 'props'. I had brought my computer and speaker to show some aerobatic video. At the last minute, I thought it would be fun to bring along a parachute, headset, captain's hat, sectional charts, compasses, and other pilot stuff for hands-on show-and-tell.

As we got buzzed through into the girl's unit, I had my phone in my hand sending a text. The guard said with alarm, "no cell phones or purses are allowed inside!" She then mentioned that every item brought into the unit, every pen and paperclip, must be accounted for upon departure or the unit would go into lockdown and all inmates searched. "Everyone will be mad at you if that

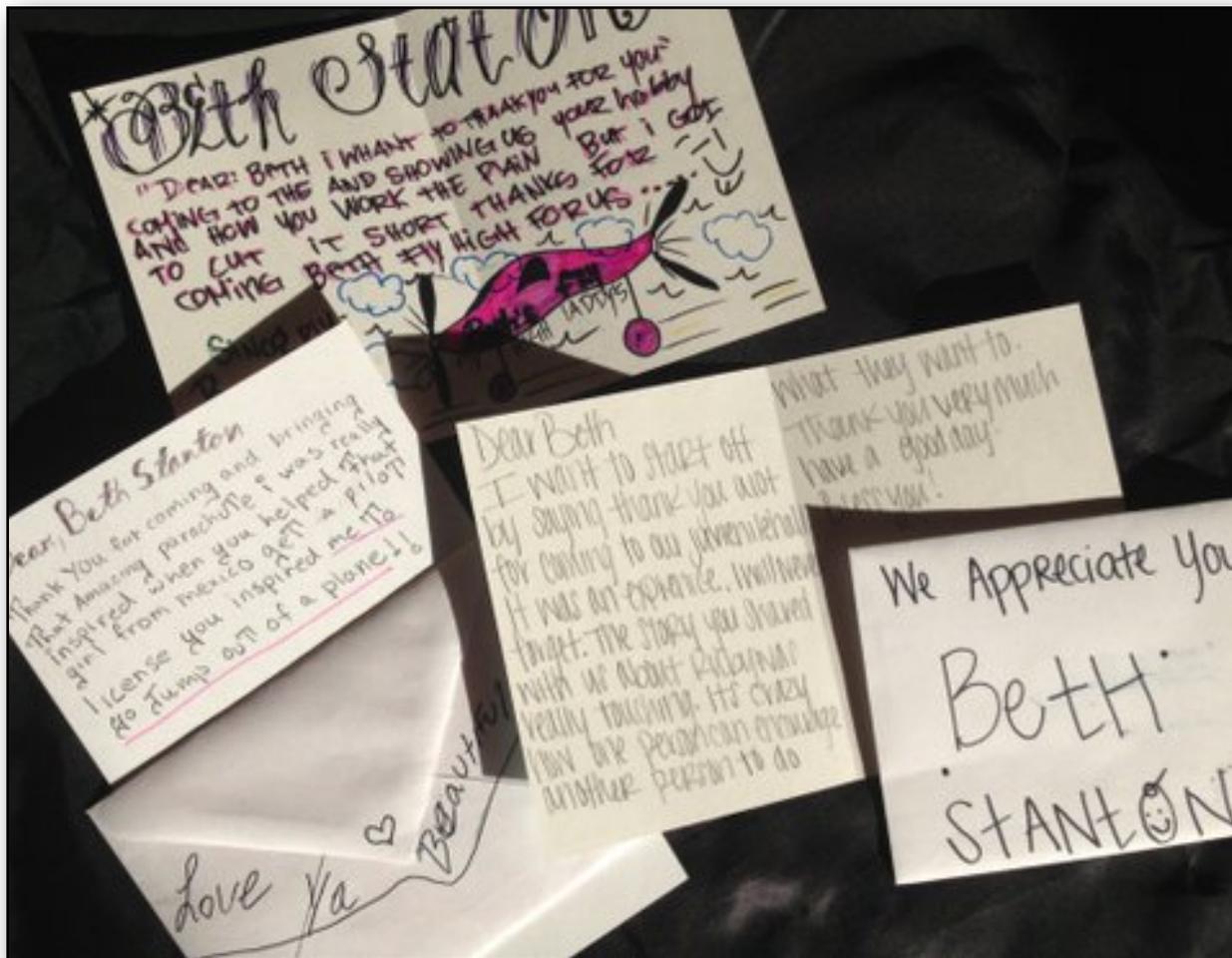
happens." I re-evaluated quickly what I would bring in and left all the rest outside in a locker.

The girls were gathered in what looked like a recreational room. The facility already had a projector, but I understood they procured a screen just so I could show my video. Marion confided, "They are so excited to meet you. They never met a pilot before."

As I unpacked my gear, noting very carefully what I was taking out, I watched the girls watching me. They would look at me shyly, and then smile back when I smiled at them. For lack of a better description, they seemed, well,...sweet.

Two girls were fussing like mother hens over the projector and my computer, taking very studied care getting it set up. When I went over to check on the progress one of them

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blurted, "Aren't you scared?" Astonished, I exclaimed, "No, why?" "Because we are locked up!" was her reply. "Whatever", I laughed. They grinned.

Nothing went according to plan. As I started to show some photos and video, they barraged me with questions. I abandoned that plan and herded the conversation so that one person would not dominate the questions. As fast as they could ask, we tobogganed down multiple slopes of topics at dizzying speed.

The parachute particularly fascinated them. One of the girls could not stop looking at it or asking about skydiving. Show-and-tell time had arrived. I invited her up to try on the parachute. She leapt from her seat, belted it on and jumped around the room. Now they all wanted to try it on, even the painfully withdrawn girls who earlier had their eyes cast to the floor.

They also loved the headset. After donning it and hearing the silence, one girl exclaimed, "It's so quiet, I can't hear anything. We need these for in here!"

The toy captain's hat I received as a Christmas gift soon after I got my pilot's license made the rounds. Seeing it perched proudly upon their heads, with some even pulling their ponytails though the adjustable back strap left me strangely and deeply touched.

"Flying changed everything, didn't it? You have a smile about you. I want to learn to fly."

Marion is a talented graphic artist and had made up some fun rock-star autograph cards with my photo to sign for the girls. They approached the table and gave me their names. A petite girl with dark eyes said: "Rodriquez". Startled, I looked up. "We use our last names in here," she replied.

Another asked, "could you make mine out to my son instead of me?" A vision of a young mother's sacrifice; always giving to her child first flashed before me. "I'll make one for each of you," I declared. I penned, "Jonathan, your mom rocks." Her eyes filled with tears as I handed her the two cards. "Thank you" she said with heartfelt gratitude. Such a simple thing, such profound impact.

I told them the story of Rubi from Mexico, who found the confidence to get her pilot's license after some fleeting words of encouragement. They were very excited to hear her success story.

At one point in the evening, wise young Jackie gazed at me thoughtfully and stated, "Flying changed everything, didn't it? You have a smile about you. I want to learn to fly."

Spending this evening with these young ladies was a singularly remarkable event in my life. Somehow, somewhere, in the course of an hour, it all got turned around.

They inspired ME.

Borrego Results

A small but mighty IAC38 contingent made the trek to the desert for the first California contest of 2015.



The 2015 cast of characters

Primary Power

Pilot	Airplane	Known	Free	Unknown	Total
★ Zinnia Kilkenny (38)	Super Decathlon 8KCAB 59AC	442.10 78.95% (1)	446.90 79.80% (3)	450.10 80.38% (2)	1339.10 79.71% (1)
★ Patrick Daly (36)	Extra 300S 25EX	420.10 75.02% (2)	458.70 81.91% (1)	458.80 81.93% (1)	1337.60 79.62% (2)
★ Anthony Oshinuga (36)		402.90 71.95% (3)	455.10 81.27% (2)	447.70 79.95% (3)	1305.70 77.72% (3)
★ Pawel Mikolajewski	Great Lakes 502GL	372.26 66.48% (4)	438.60 78.32% (4)	408.60 72.96% (4)	1219.46 72.59% (4)

Sportsman Power

Pilot	Airplane	Known	Free	Unknown	Total
★ Kevin Elizondo (120)	Pitts S-1S 427RD	1071.20 78.76% (1)	1157.90 85.14% (1)	1161.90 85.43% (1)	3391.00 83.11% (1)
★ Zachary Niles (36)	Pitts S2B 34PZ	1069.00 78.60% (2)	1111.80 81.75% (3)	1108.80 81.53% (3)	3289.60 80.63% (2)
★ John Scruggs (36)	Pitt S1-S 240SM	1047.80 77.04% (4)	1121.40 82.46% (2)	1117.28 82.15% (2)	3286.48 80.55% (3)
★ Barry Hancock		1064.70 78.29% (3)	1068.30 78.55% (4)	1072.20 78.84% (4)	3205.20 78.56% (4)
Stanley Peters (38)	Pitts S-1S 99AK	750.30 55.17% (5)	837.00 61.54% (5)	895.20 65.82% (5)	2482.50 60.85% (5)

Intermediate Power

Pilot	Airplane	Known	Free	Unknown	Total
★ Stephen De La Cruz (26)	Pitts S1-T	1412.20 78.46% (1)	1748.50 88.31% (1)	1517.28 83.37% (1)	4677.98 83.54% (1)
★ Jim Bourke (36)	Extra 330LX 330FZ	1346.60 74.81% (3)	1661.98 83.94% (2)	1449.50 79.64% (2)	4458.08 79.61% (2)
★ Beth Stanton (38)	Laser 210 230DP	1343.36 74.63% (4)	1628.18 82.23% (3)	1332.40 73.21% (3)	4303.94 76.86% (3)
Barrett Hines (49)	Extra 300 410WB	1351.20 75.07% (2)	1494.66 75.49% (4)	1109.60 60.97% (4)	3955.46 70.63% (4)



Flight line



Desert. Hydration.



In line to start



Zombie Apocalypse



Stanley!

Advanced Power

Pilot		Airplane	Known			Free			Unknown			Total		
★	Michael Hartenstine (26)	Extra 300EA 300XA	2528.48	82.63%	(1)	2689.70	86.21%	(1)	2155.00	75.35%	(1)	7373.18	81.56%	(1)
★	Gray Brandt (36)	Panzl S-330 88ZG	2337.38	76.38%	(2)	2446.30	78.41%	(2)	2143.98	74.96%	(2)	6927.66	76.63%	(2)



Gray's Panzel. It flies!



Endo pumped to fly Unlimited

Unlimited Power

Pilot	Airplane	Known	Free	Unknown	Total
Malcolm Pond (36)	Edge 540 540SA	3006.10 71.40% (1)	3389.70 76.00% (1)	2716.78 64.69% (1)	9112.58 70.80% (1)
Dave Watson (38)	Laser HB-a 230DP	2534.48 60.20% (2)	3216.00 72.11% (3)	2573.44 61.27% (2)	8323.92 64.68% (2)
Hiroyasu Endo (120)	Extra 300 300UY	2464.70 58.54% (3)	3272.30 73.37% (2)	2441.64 58.13% (3)	8178.64 63.55% (3)



Stanley, Dave and Andrew after Dave's victorious Four Minute Free

Four Minute Free

Pilot	Airplane	Known	Total
Dave Watson (38)	Suoerf Decathlon 8KCAB 59AC	2855.00 71.38% (1)	2855.00 71.38% (1)
Malcolm Pond (36)	Edge 540 540SA	2451.68 61.29% (2)	2451.68 61.29% (2)



Dave flies Super D in the Four Minute Free precisely within the +6/-4 limitations for single pilot operation



Ms. Zinnia



Circle of Friends



Long evening light

2015 Coalinga Western Showdown

May 28- May 30st, 2015
New Coalinga, California, C80



Schedule and General Information:

Wed, May 27, Setup. ***Those who participate in morning setup may practice in the box Wednesday afternoon until sundown!***

Thu, May 28, Registration, tech inspection, & practice. Box open until sundown.

Fri, May 29, Contest flights. Briefing at the terminal building. Box open until sundown.

Sat, May 30, Contest flights. Briefing at the terminal building. Awards banquet at Harris Ranch.

Costs:

Registration: Primary, \$150; Sportsman through Unlimited, \$225. Includes snacks, lunches and a t-shirt.

Banquet at Harris Ranch: \$50. Extra box lunches: \$10. Extra t-shirts: \$10.

Aeroshell 100 Plus oil: \$10 per quart.

Credit card payments will be accepted at the contest site.

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Web Pre-registration:

<http://www.iacusn.org/acrs>

Contest Directors:

Martin Price, 510-579-3407 (c) martin@pull.gs

Tom Myers, 508-506-2967 (w) 650-328-2141 (h) 650-799-6854 (c) tom.myers@stanfordalumni.org

New Coalinga Airport (C80) info:

<http://www.airnav.com/airport/C80>

Runway 01 uses RIGHT traffic and Runway 19 uses LEFT traffic when the box is open.

Hangars and Ramp Parking:

Hangars are very limited, first come - first served, prices TBD.

Ramp parking, free and plentiful, but bring chocks and/or tie down ropes.

Hotels, Motels, & Inns:

You are highly encouraged to make your reservations early, as the contest is during their busy season.

Harris Ranch, 24505 West Dorris Ave, 800-942-2333. Use "International Aerobatic" for group rate upon reservation.

Motel 6 Coalinga East, 25008 West Dorris Ave, 559-935-1536.

Best Western Big Country Inn, 25020 West Dorris Ave, 559-935-0866.

Coalinga Travelodge, 25278 West Dorris Ave, 559-935-2063.

Baker House B&B, 190 Mountain View Pl, 559-934-1900.

Royal Lodge, 800 E Elm Ave, 559-935-1664.

Cambridge Inn, 100 Cambridge Ave, 559- 935-1541.

Camping:

Camping out at the terminal building is ok.

Fuel:

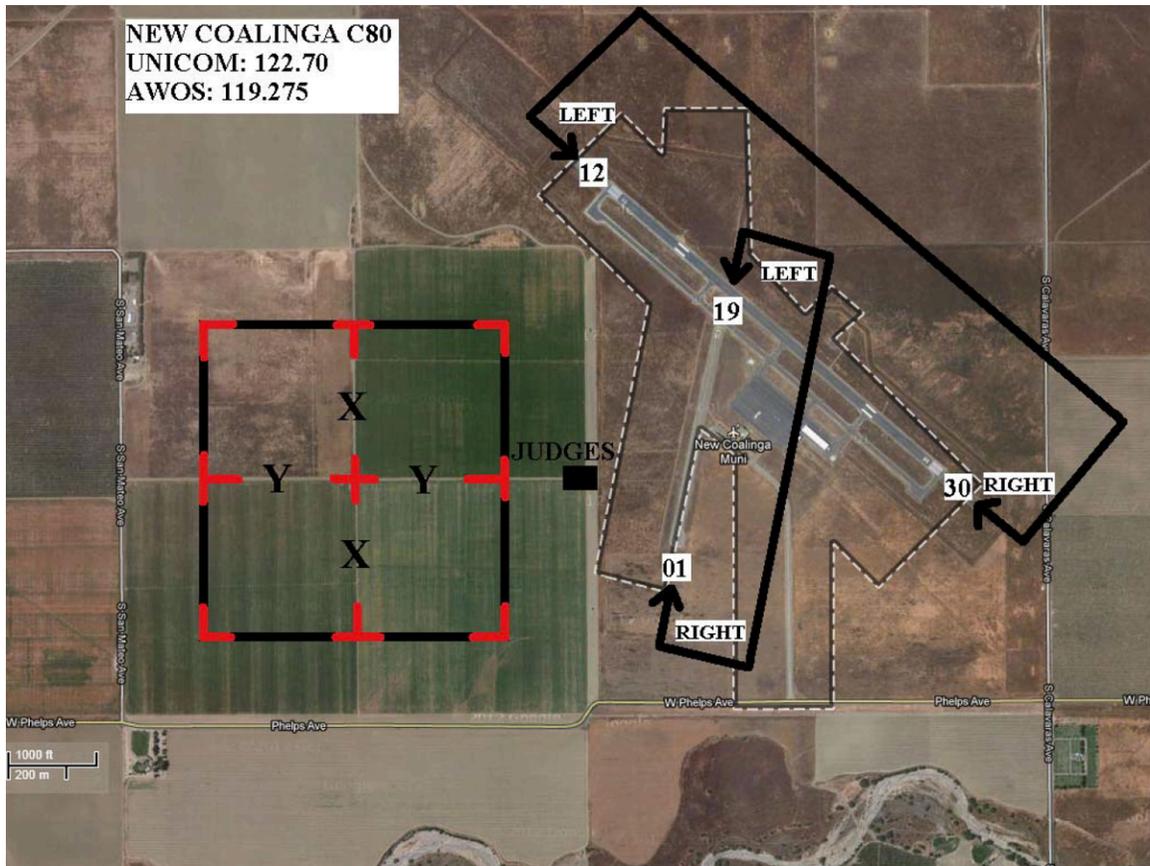
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Transportation:

There is no public transportation or on-airport car rental.

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Airport and Box:



IAC38 April Chapter Meeting

We will meet at Tracy for our chapter meeting/critique day on Saturday, April 25, starting at 10 a.m.

Remember to RSVP to bethestanton@gmail.com to reserve your space in the line-up.

April 25, chapter meeting/TCY critique day to prepare for domination at Apple Valley the following weekend. Weather dependent, updates as we get closer.

April 30-May 2, Duel in the Desert, Apple Valley, APV

May 23 or 24, Memorial Day weekend, chapter meeting/TCY critique day to prepare for domination at Coalinga the following weekend. Weather dependent, updates as we get closer.

May 28-30, Coalinga Western Showdown, New Coalinga Municipal, C80

June 28, IAC38 chapter meeting, Jump and Stay Safe: recreational vs. emergency parachute techniques, Drop Zone, Byron, C83. This meeting will be preceded with skydiving for any members who wish to jump out of a perfectly good airplane.

July 26, IAC38 chapter meeting

August 22 or 23, chapter meeting/TCY critique day to prepare for domination at Delano the following weekend. Weather dependent, updates as we get closer.

August 28-30, Happiness is Delano, Delano Municipal, DLO

September 27, IAC38 chapter meeting

October 8-10, Borrego Akrofest, Borrego Valley, L08

October 25, IAC38 chapter meeting

November 22, IAC38 chapter meeting

December 6, IAC38 Holiday Party of Mayhem

Editor's note

We are a very diverse group of people with a lot of interesting stories to be told, and I solicit your input. Submissions are welcomed. We're not trying to win a Pulitzer Prize here, so don't be intimidated by a perceived lack of writing skills. If you have a story, or an idea for one, please submit it!

Dave Williams, dw370@comcast.net



2015 aerobatics

WESTERN REGIONAL CONTEST CALENDAR

- 3/26-3/28 | Borrego Springs Hammerhead Roundup | Borrego Springs Airport | L08 | CA
4/30-5/02 | Duel in the Desert | Apple Valley | APV | CA
5/28-5/30 | Coalinga Western Showdown | New Coalinga Municipal Airport | C80 | CA
6/25-6/27 | Apple Cup | Ephrata Municipal Airport | EPH | WA
7/17-7/18 | Cut Bank - Rocky Mountain Can/Am | Cut Bank International Airport | CTB | MT
8/12-8/15 | Beaver State Regional | Pendleton Regional Airport | PDT | OR
9/04-9/06 | Happiness Is Delano | Delano Airport | DLO | CA
9/11-9/12 | Apple Turnover | Ephrata Municipal Airport | EPH | WA
9/19-9/26 | U.S. National Aerobatic Championships | North Texas Regional | GYI | TX
10/8-10/9 | Borrego Akrofest | Borrego Springs Airport | L08 | CA

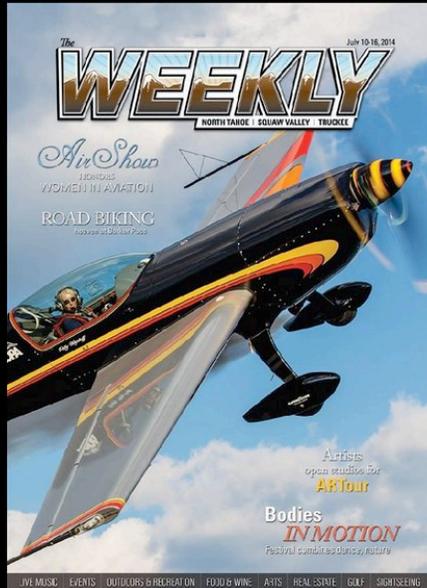
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- sign up here for the International Aerobatic Club: <https://www.iac.org/roll-us-join-or-renew>
- sign up here IAC38 (using PayPal): <http://www.iac38.org>
- sign up at our next chapter meeting, we accept cash, check and credit card
- Fill out this form and mail it to Howard with your check:

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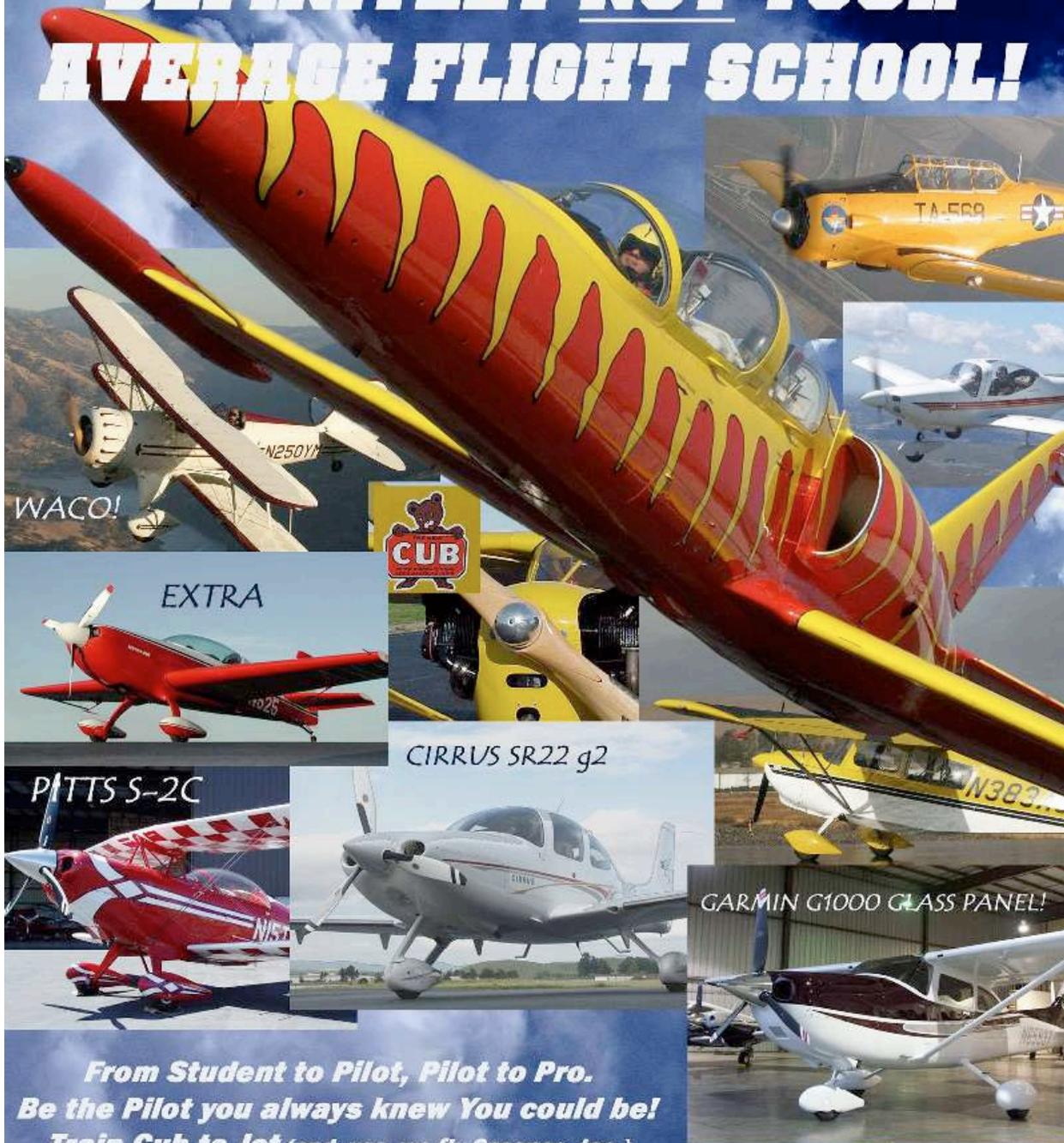
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