

April 2016

# IAC38 NEWSLETTER



*Beth, Dave and Super D at the Mojave Experimental Fly-In*

## ***President's Report***

### ***Coalinga Western Open Championships***

IAC38 is pleased to be hosting the Western Open Aerobatic Championships this year. This will be our fourth contest at Coalinga Municipal Airport since relocating our contest from Paso Robles. Each year, we pride ourselves on hosting a safe and smooth-running event. Teamwork makes this happen. Teri Branstitre and her husband Jim are coming down from Oregon to help with

registration and scoring. Teri is president of IAC77 and has been instrumental in running the Pendleton contest for years. We are so happy to have her aboard with us for the weekend!

Each year, we strive to make our contest even better. Last year was the first year that we had boundary judges. This required coordinating

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access and permission from the landowners. Having boundaries evens the “playing field” between contests and we wouldn’t be hosting the Western Open Championships without them. This year, we created Boundary Judge Survival Kits containing misting fans, sunscreen, umbrella and bandanas to help make boundary judge duty more comfortable.

A couple of things make the Coalinga contest venue optimal. First off, the city of Coalinga likes having us there! It’s refreshing to have three days of exciting, noisy planes welcomed by the community. We source our lunches from the Mountain Oyster Steak House in Coalinga, and they delight in telling their customers about the contest. We always seem

to have a lot of spectators coming out to the airport to watch. Be sure to go over and introduce yourself and chat about what we’re doing. It’s great to build a rapport and interest about aerobatics and aviation in general. Then of course, there is Harris Ranch, the home base for our rooms and awards banquet. The service, accommodations and food here have always been excellent. Cooling off in their spectacular pool at the end of day is the perfect way to unwind and regale your peers with your sagas of brilliance and buffoonery.

Let’s make the 2016 Coalinga Western Open Championships our best contest yet. Pitch in when and where you can to go that extra mile. Together, we can make great things happen.



**Boundary Judge survival kits**

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*Harris Ranch*

# 2016 Coalinga Western Open Aerobatic Championships

## **Schedule**

Wed, June 1, Setup. Morning setup workers ONLY may practice Wednesday afternoon until sundown.

Thu, June 2, Registration, tech inspection, & practice. Box open until sundown.

Fri, June 3, Contest flights. Briefing at the terminal building. Box open until sundown.

Sat, June 4, Contest flights. Briefing at the terminal building. Awards banquet at Harris Ranch.

## **Costs**

Registration: Primary, \$160; Sportsman through Unlimited, \$235. 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.

Web Pre-registration: <http://www.iacusn.org/acrs>

## **Contest Directors**

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## **New Coalinga Airport (C80)**

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

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

## **Hangaring and Ramp Parking**

Hangaring, unlikely or very limited, first come - first served, prices TBD.

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

## **Fuel**

Self-serve credit card driven fuel island. According to Airnav, \$5.20 per gallon.

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### **Hotels, Motels, & Inns**

You are highly encouraged to make your reservations early, as the contest is during their busy season. We have a group rate block of rooms reserved at Harris Ranch. Group name: IAC 38. Group number: 2T03J1.

Harris Ranch, 24505 West Dorris Ave, 800-942-2333.

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.

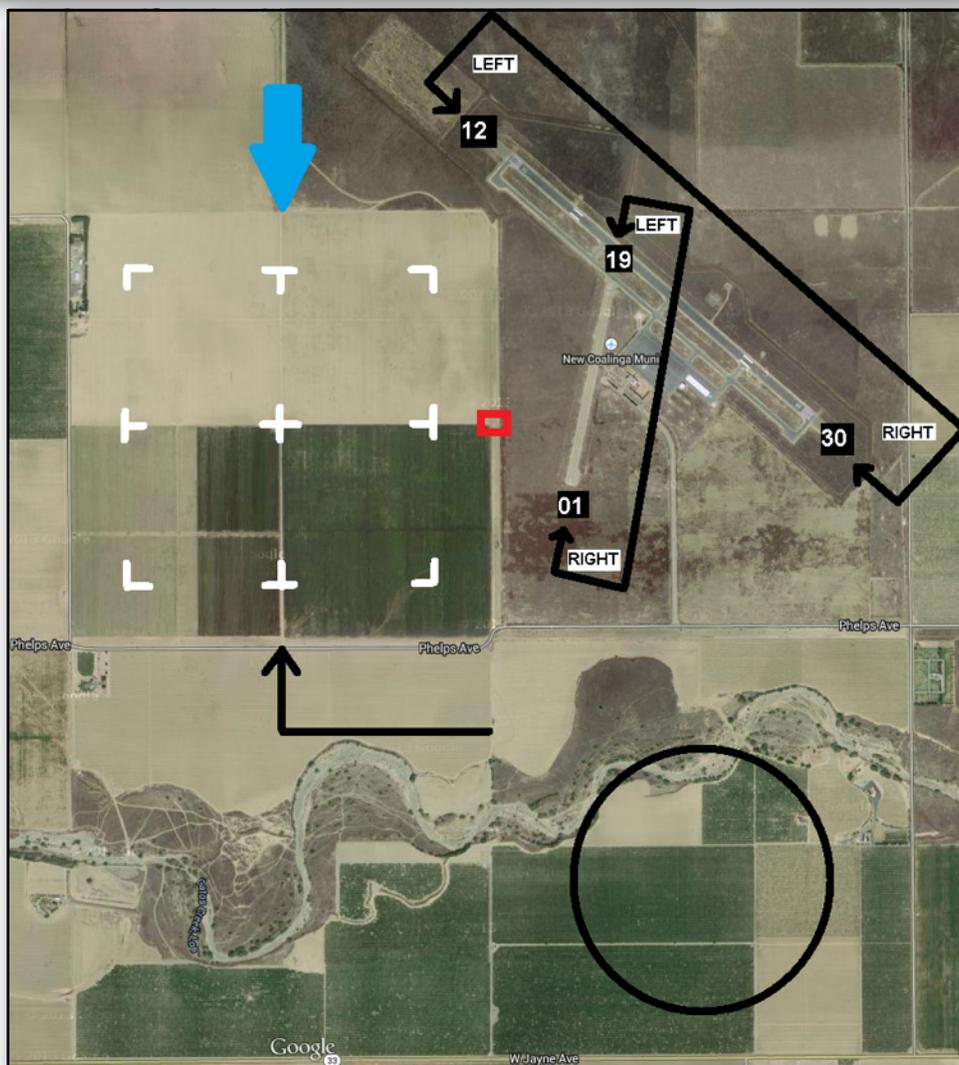
Cambridge Inn, 100 Cambridge Ave, 559-935-1541.

### **Camping**

Camping out at the terminal building is ok.

### **Transportation**

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



# Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Super Decathlon 59AC!

*Celebrating a plane and a coach who have made aerobatic competition a reality for a multitude of pilots.*



***“I’m having such a good time, I’m having a ball.” –Don’t Stop Me Now, Queen***

***Beth E. Stanton***

Last year, past IAC 38 president Martin Price said to me, “You know, Five Niner is turning 21 next year. We should throw her a birthday party.” Not that we need an excuse for a party, but this would be an event definitely worthy of

celebration. Martin was referring to Dave Watson’s Super Decathlon N59AC. This airplane holds a very special place in the hearts of the many pilots who have flown her over the years. Getting started in aerobatic competition can be daunting. Access to a plane and a coach to teach you how to fly competition-level aerobatics in it is like hitting the jackpot. For the past 17 years, Dave has introduced close to 150 people to the joys of aerobatic flight in this airplane. Almost three dozen pilots have flown 59AC in competition.

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### ***Pulling Off the Surprise***

Super Decathlon N59AC took flight from American Champion Aircraft Company in Rochester, Wisconsin on April 6, 1995. To pull off a surprise 21<sup>st</sup> birthday party, we needed to get Dave away from his airplanes and hangars at KLVK in Livermore, California. The weekend of the Mojave Experimental Fly-In on April 16-17 was the perfect opportunity. Since I was already planning on attending, I encouraged Dave to come along so we'd be "official IAC 38 delegates" at the event. He agreed. Next, party invitations were sent out to assemble a gathering of pilots who have flown Five Niner over the years...

***"You're throwing a birthday party for an airplane? You guys are weird." –Aaron Sumpter, our IAC 38 printing guy***

*See the June 2016 Sport Aerobatics Brilliance and Buffoonery column for the rest of the story!*

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# Mojave Experimental Fly-In, April 15-16, 2016

## **Beth Stanton**

Formula One Reno Racer and Mojave Experimental Fly-In founder Elliot Seguin calls this event, “The flagship weekend of aviation excitement in Mojave. Experimental aircraft and their builders are invited to gather and share the experiences and knowledge that make this sport so freaking awesome!”

Tom Wilson of KITPLANES writes:

*Experimental fans continue to make the Mojave Experimental Fly-In an anticipated event on the west coast. Even with minimal publicity and in the face of sometimes-blustery north winds, the Experimental Fly-In drew an impressively large crowd today. Almost all attending were fly-in participants eager to eyeball interesting airplanes and meet the people behind them – and with everything from Pietenpols to the Virgin Galactic mothership on the ramp, we doubt anyone was disappointed.*

*Besides the huge Virgin Galactic presence, other highlights included the RV-14a demonstrator open for cockpit tours plus the first operating IE2 Lycoming IO-540 engine in Lancair’s Evolution demonstrator. A talk in the Mojave Air & Spaceport conference room by Van’s Aircraft representatives centered on the RV-14a development was also a great opportunity to get details and insight on all things Van’s as well.*



**Eric Lentz-Gauthier and James Cox of Method Seven sunglasses**

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IAC38 and official IAC photographer Evan Peers was there all weekend like a kid in a candy shop. The stunning photos here are all his. In addition to Dave and myself, IAC38ers Eric Lentz-Gauthier and Andrew Slatkin were in attendance, as was Torrence-based aerobatic competitor Matt Liknaitzky.

The guest speaker at the dinner was James "JB" E. Brown, III, retired Lockheed Skunkworks test pilot who told tales about flying the stealth SR-71 and F-22 Raptor. The weekend highlight for me was becoming star-struck realizing I was sitting one table over from Dick Rutan.



**Dick Rutan**

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*Virgin Galactic Spaceship 2*



*Mojave Experimental Fly-In founder Elliot Seguin's latest project, the turbine-powered Quickie*

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*Colorful*



*Friends don't let friends have too much coffee before flying*

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*Super D flies home to her unsuspected surprise party*

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## ***May IAC38 Chapter meeting/TCY critique day***

Get ready for Western Open Aerobatic Championships glory!

Our May chapter meeting/critique day is happening this Saturday, May 21 starting at 10 am at KTCY.

If you are joining us, please RSVP to [bthestanton@gmail.com](mailto:bthestanton@gmail.com)

# IAC38 2016 Calendar

(subject to updates and revisions, we'll keep you apprised each month)

**May 21**, IAC38 chapter meeting, TCY critique day

**June 2-4**, COALINGA WESTERN SHOWDOWN, US Western Regional Championships

**June 16-18**, Corvallis Acro Camp 1

**June 26**, IAC38 chapter meeting, Attitude Aviation, KLVK, 4 pm (summer meeting time)

**July 11-13**, Corvallis Acro Camp 2

**July 14-16**, CORVALIS CORKSCREW, (\*new contest\*), Corvallis, OR

**July 24**, IAC38 chapter meeting

**July 25-31**, EAA AirVenture 2016

**August 27 or 28**, IAC38 chapter meeting, TCY critique day

**September 24 or 25**, IAC38 chapter meeting, TCY critique day

**October 23**, IAC38 chapter meeting

**November** – no meeting, Thanksgiving weekend

**December 11**, IAC38 Holiday Party of Mayhem

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! If you would like an article to be in the next issue please submit within the week following the monthly meeting.

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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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