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Preident's Post

Angie Niles



Thanks very much Dave and Cecilia for all your efforts.

-Angie

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: POSTPONED :

: WAYNE HANDLEY'S :

: UNUSUAL ATTITUDE SEMINAR :

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- The seminar was scheduled for August 2-3, 2003. Due to lack of up front of interest, the seminar has been postponed to later this year. Probably November. We'll keep you posted.
- Note: At the current cost (\$25) we'll need around 40 participants for this to break even. Only 6 had pre-registered.

I've just finished updating the Authorized Pilots List for our Tracy and New Jerusalem boxes. We have 20 members on the waiver. Twenty. That is awesome! In fact, that is the most waived pilots we've had in recent memory, certainly within the last 6-7 years. It is a significant fraction of our membership. And lots of them are new faces too.

Two major players behind the popularity of our boxes are Dave Walkup and Cecilia Aragon. Dave has been working hard and consistently, and maybe even consistently hard, in organizing and hosting our monthly critiquing sessions. His efforts have really paid off. The sessions are well attended by both pilots and judges giving both outstanding opportunities to practice and train. It only takes one contest to realize the necessity of a ground critiquer or coach to really learn how to fly to competition standards. Now that the season is in full swing it's great to see so many participating in this monthly chapter event.

In addition to Dave's spearheading effort, Cecilia Aragon has been a regular fixture out at Tracy on Saturdays instructing and critiquing. Through her we have added several new members to our chapter. With her high standards it is not surprising that her students have gravitated towards and are excelling in competition. It's very exciting to watch this new wave of pilots join in so many chapter activities.

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Editor's Column

Peter Jensen



Flyingwise, this was a quite month :-)

Outside Loop

I tried doing an outside loop, which was plenty exciting due to the high friction between leather and plexiglass and a leaking fuel cap. My head got

pushed really hard against the top of the canopy and the piece of leather on top of my mesh headset 'helmet' got stuck against the plexiglass. That prevented me from being able to turn my head to see if the wings were level. An added bonus was a sore neck for two days.

Finding a Fuel Cap

The fuel cap is really old and that day, fuel decided to siphon out on the windshield.

Finding a new fuel cap turned out harder than expected, and despite lots of phone calls and web searching, I still haven't found one. The problem is the size. Ours is 1-5/8", whereas the standard size for the thermos aerobatic kind is 2". In the process of searching for the cap I came up with a long useful list of web-sites that sells aviation parts. I thought that would be useful to others.

- Peter

WANTED: FUEL CAP DIAMETER: 1-5/8"



If you happen to come across one of these babies, or know where I can get a replacement for this oddball thing, please let me know. (408) 281-8654.

Thanks.

Airplane Parts Web-Sites

Company	Web-site	Phone	On-line catalogue	Comments
AirParts Company Inc.	www.airpartSCO.com	(800) 333 4221	Yes	Looks like a new web-site. Most is still under construction. Engine parts
Airplane Parts for Sale .com	www.airplanepartsforsale.com	(701) 579-4298		
Allstate Gasket	www.allstategasket.com	(800) 852-4051	Yes	All kinds of gaskets
Central Airmotive	www.aviationfabricators.com/centralairmotive	(660) 885-8317	No	Interior parts for cabin class airplanes
Consolidated Aircraft Supply Co., Inc.	www.consolac.com	(800) 422-6300	Yes	Overhaul shop
Curtis Superior Valve Co.	www.curtissuperiorvalve.com		Yes	Fuel Valves and drains
KRN Aviation Services	www.krn.com/home.shtml	(800) 366-6462	Yes	Use username:STOCK and password:12345
McMaster-Carr	www.mcmaster.com	(562) 692-5911	Yes	Not airplane specific. Sheet Metal, Tubes, Pumps, Tanks, etc.
Mid-America AirParts, Inc.	www.midamericaairparts.com	(785) 242-5505	No	Parts broker. Will find part for you. Buy parts as well.
Poly Fiber Aircraft Coatings	www.polyfiber.com	(800) 362-3490		
Preferred Airparts, LLC	www.preferredairparts.com	(800) 433-0814	Yes	
Raven Aircraft Corporation	www.ravenaircraft.com	(604) 597-9296	No	Pitts parts specialist
Sacramento Sky Ranch Inc.	www.sacskyranch.com	(916) 421-7672	Yes	Located at Sacramento Executive!
Steen Aero Lab	www.steen-aero.com	(321) 725-4160	No	Just contact info on web-site
Stoddard's Aircraft Parts Center	www.stoddardairparts.com	(907) 272-2327		
The Flight Shop Inc.	www.theflightshop.com	(435) 723-3469	Yes	Cables, wing kits
UnivAir	www.univair.com	(888) 433-5433	Yes	
Van's Aircraft	www.vansaircraft.com	(503) 678-6545	Yes	Makers of the RV aircraft kits. Lots of parts

Heard It on the Ramp

Marilyn Dash

Contests



This month has been FILLED with excitement. The troops returned from the World Aerobatic Championship in Florida with good experiences, great stories and some nice pictures. Notice I didn't see trophies or medals. The top

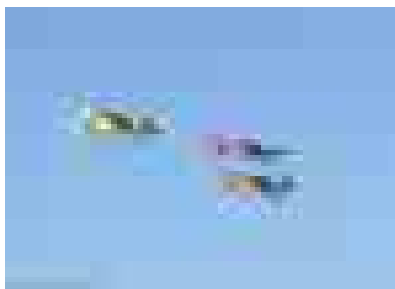
ranking American was Robert Armstrong in fourth place; David Martin in ninth and Kirby Chambliss in tenth. Debby Rihn-Harvey was the top ranking American female in 25th. The USA Team did take the 3rd place Team Trophy, behind Russia and France.

Airplane News

Greg Pettit, a new member to the Aerobatic Community and to Chapter 38, purchased a new airplane this month. What is it? Good question. I have no idea – it doesn't even have wings! I personally believe a good akro mount must have two wings – some people disagree and think that one wing is enough - but this one doesn't have any! He purchased it in Georgia and ??? drove it home? Can't wait to see it.... fly! Congrats, GREG!

In other airplane news; the rumor is that Steve Andelin, Julie and Mike Mangold are quitting aerobatics. Steve has sold his plane and Julie and Mike's plane is for sale also! (anyone have \$180K or so to spend?)

My point in mentioning this is ... Unlimited is WIDE OPEN for other Chapter 38 competitors! Briggs, Norm and Vicki could use some company fighting for Bay Area Supremacy at these contests. Who is ready to MOVE UP!? Greg?



Party Time

The Post Paso Party (try to say that three times fast) was a great time. Brad got a chicken drunk. Darren and Eric entertained the troops with a few interesting low passes. Peter regaled us with stories of his first outside loop. Dick brought his blushing bride to be (now bride) to sample Chapter 38 Hospitality and some new folks stopped by to say hello. I even brought my darling Ruby to the BBQ. Again, the turn out was low – but the crowd was a good one. I can understand why others didn't show up. It was perfectly gorgeous outside, the sun was shining, the company was great, the food and beverages were terrific. That's enough to make anyone stay home

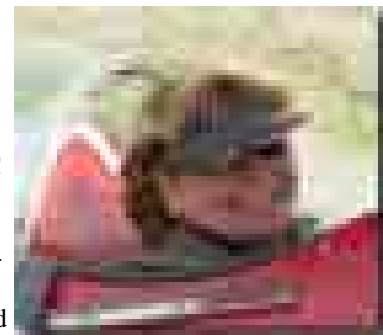
(sarcasm).

Achievements

Speaking of outside loops! Apparently we have two new members to the Outside Loop Club; Peter Jensen and Ben Freelove. An interesting point is Ben did it in a Decathlon. A Decathlon you say? I have heard the eye witness accounts and yes it is true. I believe "Ripley's Believe it or NOT" will do a special on it next month. Peter's was no less exciting. You should have seen his face when he was telling everyone about it. I'm not sure the people at the local Safeway KNEW what an Outside Loop was – but, they were mostly polite and listened and nodded. I did notice a few people running towards the exits after Peter let them go. Oh well, some people don't appreciate a GREAT achievement.

Angie and Alex are still talking about putting the cowl back on the S1-T. That's always exciting to hear about each month. Oh, and my new website is finally up and running, "rubyredracing.com". Please come to RENO at least to cheer me on! I would do it for you!

- Marilyn Dash
RubyRedRacing.com
See you on the RAMP



Mandatory Test Ordered for Capewell Ripcord Pins



Capewell Components LLC, manufacturer of ripcords, cable assemblies and parachute hardware, has issued a mandatory service bulletin to test ripcord pins after several reports of pins breaking. The company received customer

reports of four pins that broke under very low force, each on the blade section of the pin, approximately 1/8 inch (3 mm) from the shoulder of the pin. The problem affects the military, skydivers, and pilot emergency chutes. The broken pins were among deliveries to Capewell customers in the first half of 2002 and include part number MS70107 (angled); PS70107 (angled); 61C4304 (angled); and 55A6480 (terminal). Capewell has an on-going investigation to determine the cause. To obtain a test block from Capewell, e-mail Bill Ehler at bille@capewell.com, providing your name, address and phone number. To learn more, visit www.capewell.com/PIAPIN.pdf.

Training Day @ TCY

July 26, 2003

Dave Walkup

By my count we flew 7 people in the box at TCY yesterday. Good job everybody and a special thanks to Cecilia and Peter for all the critiquing. Seeing an outside loop in a Super D was a thing of beauty. Way to go Ben, you are certainly flying 411DW better than I ever did! We also had two new members there observing, who are anxious to get started. One owns a brand new Super D (Dave ?) and the other flies the Attitude Extra 200 (Anthony James).



Waiting for the next airplane in the box



Cecilia critiquing from the horizontal position

Evidently, Ben has chosen to completely ignore all of Cris' good advice for constructing a Free program. He showed us a 9 figure Sportsman free with an outside loop and a roller. Move up buddy boy - to Advanced that is! Both Greg and Ben are working hard to make the Sportsman category more interesting at Delano this year, by flying a Free. That's the spirit! (editor)

Post Paso Party

July 12, 2003

The Post Paso party was hosted by Angie and Alex at their hangar. Good food and good company. Brad was handling the grill and made a really juicy bird, by sticking a Budweiser up the a\$\$ of the poor chicken. Angie worked hard on grinding the handle on the icecream maker for hours. Darren decided to go and practice landings on 25L to see which hangar row he could fly the base leg over and still make the runway. Pretty cool. Brad demonstrated excellent lifting technique with his right arm, when he noticed that someone had brought Fat Tire beer.



Our Host - Angie - Ever thought about a modeling career? Chivas is hiring



Dick and fiancée - Ever thought about a modeling career? Oscar Meyer is hiring :-)

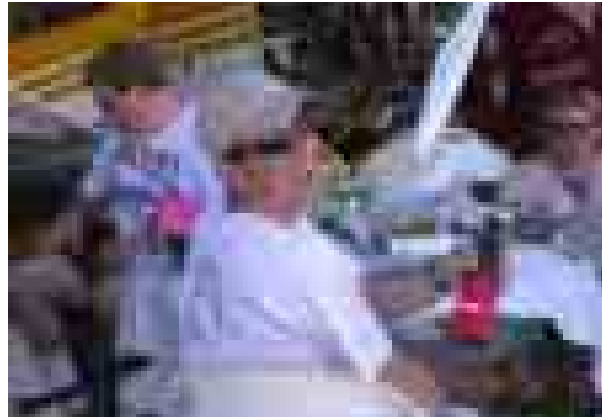
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Post Paso Party Pix

Angie Niles



Good chow. Anybody know what happens to corn after you eat it?



Working on number 4,5,6... 12???



Alex cranking the icecream maker

Beer Can Chicken Roaster

More info on this device on:
www.beercanickenroaster.com



This device was used to cook very mean bird at the Post Paso Party.



Brad Bird Man

Pilots Currently on the Waivers

As of 7/31/2003 the following pilots are authorized to activate and fly in the boxes at TCY and NewJ. If you're not on the list, and you wish to practice in one of the boxes, please contact one of the designated briefers listed.

Pilots on the TCY Waiver (7/31/2003)

Angela Niles
Alexander Drobshoff
Dale Roberts
Norm Dewitt
Pete Eslick
Vicki Cruse
Benjamin Freelove
Dick Rihn
Ralph Briggs Wood
Peter Jensen
Greg Pettit
Cecilia Aragon
Dave Walkup
Allyson Parker-Lauck
Kurt Haukohl
Sean Worthington
Doug Burr
Michael Gilmore
William Halverson
Anthony James

Pilots on the New J Waiver (7/31/2003)

Angela Niles
Alexander Drobshoff
Sean D. Tucker
Randy Howell
Volodymyr Chetverous
John Posson
Cecilia Aragon
Douglas Burr
Michael Gilmore
William Halverson
Sean Worthington

Designated Briefers

Angela Niles
Dick Rihn
Cecilia Aragon
Dave Walkup



Pendleton, Oregon

Northwest Region
August 21-23, 2003

Pendleton IAC Aerobatic Contest sponsored by IAC Chapter 77. The competition will be held at Pendleton Regional Airport. Airport-locator PDT. Primary - Unlimited power categories will be flown. Practice and registration will be Thursday, August 21.

Contact

Contest Director **Renny Price** at (503) 638-6174; or e-mail at rennyprice@aol.com.

Fees: Primary: \$50.00 Sportsman thru Unlimited: \$85.00

Airport Info

Located Northeastern Oregon, South tab of Seattle sectional. Elevation: 1497 feet MSL

Airline Service: Alaska / Horizon Airlines

Or approx. 3 1/2 hr. drive from Portland (PDX) or Spokane (GEG)

Pendleton Airport is tower controlled; Tower Freq. 119.7, Ground 121.9, ASOS 134.375

Fuel and Hangar space available on field.

Restaurant on field (in terminal building).

More Airport Info: <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KPDT>

Pendleton Area Hotels

Red Lion (Banquet)	(503) 276-6111	(800) REDLION
Oxford Suites	(541) 276-6000	(877) 545-7848
Super 8**	(541) 276-8881	(800) 800-8000
Traveler's Inn	(541) 276-6231	
Tapadera Inn	(541) 276-3231	
Econolodge	(541) 276-8654	
Travelodge	(541) 276-7531	
Holiday Inn Express**	(541) 966-6520	(800) HOLIDAY
Best Western**	(541) 276-2135	(800) 528-1234
Budget Inn	(541) 276-4521	
Motel 6**	(541) 276-3160	(800) 466-8356

** These motels are all located at Exit 210 off I-84.

Car rental

Hertz (541) 276-3183

Budget (541) 276-4243

More Info: <http://members.aol.com/bvrstate03/index.htm>

Special Event: Ugly Shirt Contest at Sat, Banquet (with collar)

Delano, California

Southwest Region
August 30-31, 2003

Delano Regional sponsored by IAC Chapter 26.

The competition will be held at Delano Airport Airport-locator DLO.

Primary - Unlimited power and Glider categories will be flown.

Practice and registration will be Friday, August 29.

NOTE: Intermediate competitors will be allowed to fly with a safety pilot!!!

Contact

For more information contact Contest Director **John King** at (415) 298-0647; or e-mail at jking@hkventures.com.

Delano Area Hotels

Shilo Inn (Pool Party)	(661) 725-7551
Pioneer (airport walking distance)	(661) 725-7488
Comfort Inn	(661) 725-1022

Car Rental

Enterprise has a rental facility in Delano (of anyone feels like they want a car) - Rides never seem to be a problem back and forth.

706 11TH AVENUE
DELANO, CA 93216-1394
(661) 721-0700

Registration

As far as registration, we do not have pre-reg or online registration but I don't think it will take you much time when you arrive.

Schedule

We will be setting up on Thursday and so the box will be open for practice that day in addition to Friday. Contest flying on Saturday and Sunday.

Fees: Cheap

Banquet

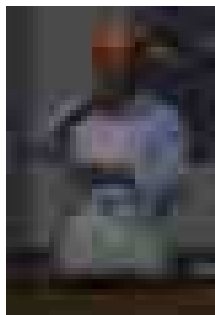
Sunday evening - a BBQ at the airport.

Contest Results

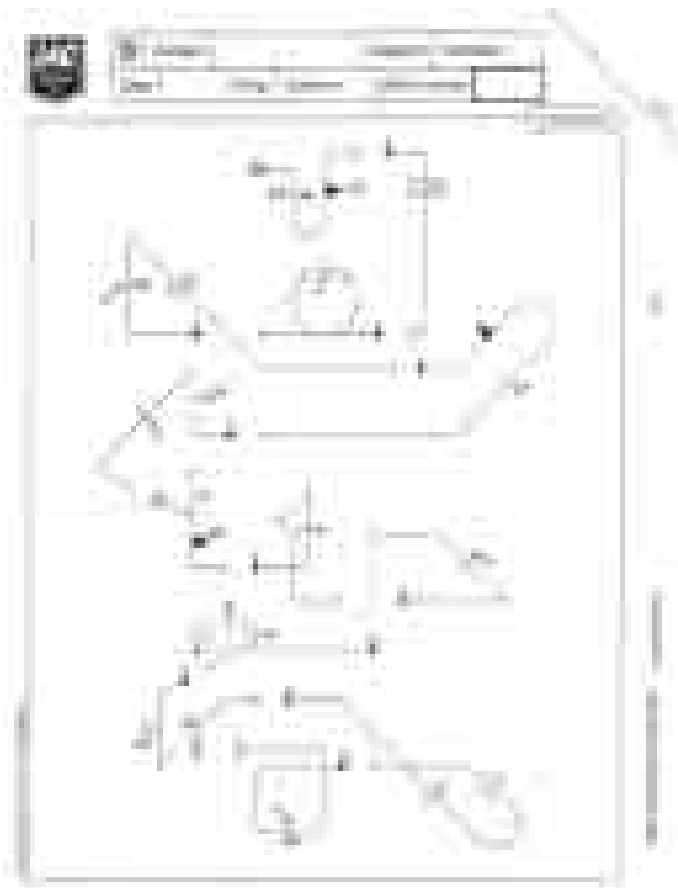
Unlimited Unknown Canadian Open Abbotsford, BC

July had one contest with IAC38 participation. Kurt Haukohl made the trip up to Abbotsford, BC - all by himself. Talk about dedication! (or maybe he's just going for those easy trophies :-). He got an impressive 3rd place finish in Unlimited. The Unknown was reportedly really hard and gave him the opportunity to taxi by the judge's line and flash his signature zero sign (both arms over his head in a big zero gesture). A narrative can be found at:

<http://www.aerobatic-club.ca/open03.html>



Donn Richardson - Contest Director



Canadian Open July 18-19, 2003

Abbotsford, British Columbia
Contest Director: Donn Richardson/Les Mitchell

Basic

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Ben Baker		384.7674	380.8765	378.9210	1144.5649	84.78
2 Brian Grieg		344.5468	353.1171	341.0284	1038.6923	76.94
3 Doc Hamm		326.9513	310.8789	340.4809	978.3111	72.47

Sportsman

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Matt Groth		1134.3918	1144.3857	1139.1056	3417.8831	85.02
2 Todd Roberts		1113.5206	1122.6069	1110.1087	3346.2362	83.24
3 Brian Moon		1052.0649	1037.0072	1070.8234	3159.8955	78.60
4 Alex Meinke		791.8350	863.9407	948.5145	2604.2902	64.78
5 Larry Mashowski		0.0000	1058.6429	959.1667	2017.8096	50.19

Intermediate

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Mark Holmes		1636.6000	1673.0000	1232.0000	4541.6000	85.21
2 Donn Richardson		1506.3000	1643.1000	1200.2000	4349.6000	81.61

Advanced

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 John Coffey		2067.3000	2619.3000	1924.1000	6610.9239	88.86
2 Ann Marie Smith		2007.4000	2670.1000	1690.8000	6368.5325	85.60
3 Doug Sowder		1742.8000	2676.9000	1892.5000	6312.3301	84.84
4 Mac Engh		1896.7000	2314.3000	1246.9000	5870.3533	78.90
5 Bob Higbee		1896.7000	2314.3000	1246.9000	5458.0335	73.36

Unlimited

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Guido Lepore		2906.5600	3915.7020	3212.9200	10035.1840	83.49
2 Greg Howard		2945.9750	4013.2040	2750.2430	9709.4225	80.78
3 Kurt Haukohl	38	2870.4470	3649.7620	1860.1380	8380.3489	69.72
4 Les Mitchell		2446.8280	3313.6220	2335.5230	8095.9740	67.35



Kurt Haukohl - 3rd place Unlimited

IAC Chapter 38 Membership Application/Renewal Form

Send with check, made payable to "International Aerobatic Club Chapter 38", to:

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 Basic Sportsman Intermediate Advanced Unlimited

Aircraft: _____ N #: _____

Referred By: _____

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

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Chapter Meeting:
August 10th, 2003, 4pm
Attitude Aviation
Livermore Airport