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IAC38 NEWSLETTER

President's Report

Josh Horwich



Dave looks ready to accept his clinkie

Well, 2017 has wrapped up, and we're already in to 2018. I can't believe how quickly time is flying by!

While things typically slow down in late fall/early winter, we've still managed to keep busy. IAC38 had the annual Holiday Party of

Mayhem which included the required competitive activity - this time around we went bowling, and the requisite healthy-eating activity - tasty BBQ. We also held the annual officer elections, resulting in the incumbents maintaining their positions. There is also much to come in 2018!

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We already have our Judge's School scheduled for late February, with Dave Watson as instructor. I'm particularly excited to report that we're able to offer an Advanced Aerobatic Judging course this year, as well as the main portion of the Introduction to Aerobatic Judging course. Check elsewhere in the newsletter for specifics - I'd encourage anyone interested in becoming a judge, sharpening their judging skills, or just wanting to learn more about what we judges look for at a contest to attend one or both!

Additionally, work is underway to prep for the annual Coalinga Western Showdown contest - led by returning Contest Director, Brennon York. The contest itself is already on the IAC calendar, May 31st (practice) through June 2nd. Mark your calendars!

We'll also continue our monthly meetings / critique days, as in years past. Typically the meetings are the fourth Sunday of the month. Expect the first one 3pm on January 28th at our usual hangout at Attitude Aviation in Livermore.

As it's a new year, it's also time for me to remind folks to renew their memberships - either through the PayPal option on the chapter website, or via check sent to Howard (see the form at the end of the newsletter), or in-person at a chapter meeting.

Lastly, I wanted to highlight the fact that the chapter is there for YOU - and this also means that we'd love to hear ideas for events, topics for chapter meetings, or other feedback. Thank you for a great 2017, and let's look forward to 2018!



New toy at HAF... Dave Williams' 1953 Hiller UH-12B

2018 Judges school and recurrency

Dave Watson

Hello Aerobatic Pilots and Judges. Chapter 38 is planning to host two days of Judging Schools that you just shouldn't miss. It has been a long time since an Advanced Judging School has been presented in California. This coming winter (Late Feb or early March) we plan to host an all-inclusive Judges' School that can take you from no judging experience to ready for taking your judging tests. And if you want to know more about judging and discuss the finer details and nuances of judging and flying with other seasoned judges, we plan to present the Advanced Judges Course at TCY with some live flights (if weather permits). This portion of the course can be used to get your 'apprentice grading flights' in if you have not had the opportunity to do so yet. We are hoping these two days will produce a large batch of new judges that are well prepared to hit the judge's line in Spring.

Proposed Schedule:

Prior to day one:

Prospective NEW regional judge candidates must take the on-line Intro To Judging Course that is on the IAC web and bring your documentation showing completion.

Day one (Saturday Feb 24 or March 3rd) at West Valley Flying School – Palo Alto:

Practical Aerobatic Judging (Recurrency Session). This course is mandatory for any Judges that did not get the minimum required flights in 2017 and have not had this course or the Advanced Course in 2016 or 2017. It is required for any new Regional Judge candidates. It is also HIGHLY recommended for any pilots that fly competition. Why would you go to a 'competition' if you don't know what the judges are judging you on?

Day two (Sunday Feb 25 or March 4th)

Advanced Judging Criteria Seminar at TCY airport (VFR - weather providing). In this course we will discuss the finer details of judging and how that can affect scores, HZ vs 0.0 rules, presentation, Chief Judge Duties and other aspects. We plan to have lots of video of flights as well as live flying. This course is required if you are a current regional judge and want to move up to National Judge status.

PLEASE RSVP to Taurus Fey if you plan to attend, so we can plan accordingly.

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Any questions may be directed to Dave Watson at: ***dave@aerobatika.com***

IAC38 Party of Mayhem

Josh Horwich

Once again, we had a great time at the IAC38 Holiday Party of Mayhem in early December. We started with some bowling at Cloverleaf Bowl in Fremont - with varying levels of skill and luck being demonstrated by chapter members and friends alike. In contrast to at least one prior event, I'm happy to report there were no reported injuries - hooray! Congratulations to Tyler Jorgensen for posting

the highest scores, edging me out in the final game with some clutch 10th-frame action.

After working up an appetite on the lanes, we headed down the street for some delicious BBQ and great conversation at The Smoking Pig - for me, it was a great way to wrap up the year. Thanks to everyone who made it out!



Jake enters the box with a little extra altitude

2018 U.S. NATIONALS TO RETURN TO OSHKOSH

from the IAC website, by Michael Heuer

By a majority vote of the IAC Board of Directors in a special meeting on Wednesday, December 6th, the decision was to return the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships to Oshkosh, Wisconsin in 2018. The dates for the championships will be Saturday, September 22 to Friday, September 28. The Contest Director was also appointed by the Board and will be John Smutny, IAC #25010, of Auburn, Washington. John directed the 2013 Nationals in Texas.

Jack J. Pelton, Chairman and CEO of EAA has pledged full support of the event and has pledged to the Board of Directors personally that the issues that arose during the 2017 event will be corrected. The Contest Director is also working with other authorities in making the event as smooth as possible. Those changes, upgrades, and improvements to the Nationals will be announced in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, planning has already begun.





JB Cockrell's new motor for the Yak 55

***Calendar not
available yet...
Check next issue***

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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