

February 2015

IAC38 NEWSLETTER

President's Report



Dual January guest speakers Guy Acheson, Beth and Gary DeBaun

I recently received an email from Jim Busha, the new editor of EAA's Sport Aviation magazine. He's been following the articles I'm writing for Sport Aerobatics. After reading the Bob Hoover story he decided I was "sassy". He asked if I'd be interested in "scribbling some articles" for Sport Aviation.

Ummm, YES!

Jim is looking to include more aerobatic coverage in Sport Aviation magazine. IAC is the smallest division of the EAA with 3500 members, compared to 5500 Warbird and 6500 Vintage members. He wants to feature

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fresh voices and bring the magazine back to the grass roots that is the heart of EAA.

We brainstormed on topics I could write about, and as we were wrapping up, he suddenly asked, “Do you know Luca?”

“Bertossio? Why, yes I do. Why do you ask?” I replied.

Aerobatic glider pilot Luca Bertossio is making his Oshkosh airshow debut at Airventure 2015. EAA wants to feature the young up-and-coming airshow pilot on the cover and as feature story for the July issue of Sport Aviation. This is the issue handed out at Oshkosh.

He asked, “You’re in California, right? I think Luca trains somewhere in California.”

The planets had aligned. Two months earlier, I would have replied that Luca used our New Jerusalem practice box last year for his ACE checkout with Sean Tucker and that Dave Watson had written an article about it for Sport Aerobatics about it. The end.

Instead, I was able to tell him about the Williams Soaring Center where Eric Lentz-Gauthier and Luca train, how IAC38 has joined community with the Williams acro scene, how I recently flew gliders for the first time, how Dave is getting his glider rating and judging for Smooth Awards, our upcoming glider AcroFest at Williams, and to check out the February issue of Sport Aerobatics: I had just written the cover article featuring glider aerobatics.

***You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”
–Martin Luther King***

After a pause, he asked, “Would you like to write Luca’s story for Sport Aviation?”

Confetti and balloons fell from the ceiling. The inside-my-head voice yelled HELLS YES! The outside-my-

head voice replied, “Sure” in a casual, nonchalant tone.

This story continues to unfold even more epically with offers of further writing opportunities and an invitation to attend Airventure this year as part of the EAA press.

Still pinching myself.

“At the end of the day, I’m just getting started.” –Casey Brundage





Katarina Barilov and Guy Acheson

IAC38 January meeting recap

We kicked off the year with not one, but TWO guest speakers.

Our friend and 2015 U.S. National Aerobatic Championships Contest Director Gary DeBaun moseyed over from Arizona. It will be sure to be a phenomenal contest. He is doing a fantastic job planning every possible detail. Perhaps YOU will be there in September?

Check out <https://www.iac.org/us-national-aerobatic-championships>

Next, glider pilot Guy Acheson, based at the Williams Soaring Center introduced us to the world of gliders, and in particular, glider aerobatics. We are very excited to join community with Williams for AcroFest 2015. All the details in this following article:

ACROFEST 2015

Saturday-Sunday, March 7-8



Saturday

Fly all day with CFI or Mentors

Introduction to aerobatics

Recovery from unusual attitudes

Saturday evening dinner with presentations

Sunday

Breakfast with presentations

Fly all day with CFI or Mentors

Fly for aerobatic awards!

Learn how to judge figures from an acro judge.

Flat rate of \$125 for 6,000ft tow and CFI or Mentor !

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Williams Glider AcroFest

Be sure to join us for one or both days for Williams AcroFest 2015!

Saturday/Sunday, March 7/8, Williams Soaring Center, Williams, CA

Please call the Williams Soaring Center to reserve your space:

(530) 473-5600

Since this is a private airport, you need permission and a briefing if you are planning to fly in. Note that it is a narrow, short strip. Nearby Colusa is an option, there will be a shuttle to pick you up.

<http://www.williamssoaring.com/>

Granzella's Inn is a great place to stay. Make your reservation for Saturday night soon, as they usually sell out on the weekends. They have a 24 hour cancellation policy if we get skunked due to weather. There are other hotel options in Williams as well.

<http://www.granzellasinn.com>

IAC38 AEROBATIC JUDGE SCHOOL

If you have been receiving the judge school emails, you are signed up. You can pay on the first day of class.

We still have a few spaces left. Contact btheastanton@gmail.com to register and I will send you the course materials to download prior to the class.

-Details:

February 28 - March 1, 2015

Saturday: 8-5

Sunday: 8-4

-New Judge candidates attend both days.

-Existing and past National or Regional judges who need to re-certify attend one-day (Sunday-only) class.

Instructor: Douglas Hansmann

West Valley Flying Club, KPAO, 1901 Embarcadero Rd., Suite 100, Palo Alto, CA 94303

Cost:

Two day: \$100

One-day: \$70

Required materials for both options:

-Current IAC Rule Book

The 2015 Official IAC Contest Rules, available for download from IAC:

<https://www.iac.org/download-contest-rules>.

It may be printed out or downloaded to your mobile device or tablet.

-Judge School Slides

These will be emailed to you for you to download or print out to bring to class.

-Aresti Catalog

The Aresti Catalog can be found at: http://arestisystem.com/product.php?id_product=10

The price is 14€, which currently translates into \$19.13 USD. The book does come directly from Spain, but past experience has been fairly fast (within a couple of weeks) delivery time.

-For those of you who may want to stay over in Palo Alto, you can check out Hotel California.

Yes, really.

<http://www.hotelcalifornia.com/>

There are some other area hotels, but this one seemed to hit the sweet spot of location and price. \$140 single, \$150 double.

Since it is parent's weekend at Stanford that weekend, rooms are booking fast.

Tom is putting together a reservation for dinner on Saturday night for the group.

IAC38 February Chapter Meeting: Avoiding Maintenance Mishaps and Pilot- Related Buffoonery

Sunday, February 22, 2015, 3:00 p.m., Attitude Aviation, KLVK

Back by popular demand! IAC38 will host an open-forum discussion on how to avoid common mishaps that can result in airplane damage at best or prove terminal at worst. These mistakes (and many more) have been made:

Ever heard of a pilot with a screwdriver stuck in their elevator bell crack? Or had your head go through the canopy since you forgot to fasten your crotch strap? How about not getting the dipstick in right and ending up with a windscreen full of oil?

You don't need to make all the mistakes to yourself. Share your stories and hear some doozies from your fellow pilots. You will walk away more enlightened and will never look at a pre-flight inspection or checklist the same again.



Evan Peers of Air Space Media is the Best of the Best

But we knew that.

Each year, the publication Aviation Week hosts an annual photo contest. The contest represents the work of more than 130 photographers in 20 countries.

This year, our very own Evan Peers won the Best of the Best Award in a field of over 500 submissions.

Congratulations, Evan! You continue to dazzle us with your talent and skill.



Gene Soucy performs a nighttime pyrotechnic routine in his Showcat Grumman biplane at the 2014 EAA Airventure Oshkosh, WI. The fireworks create a visual display of wing vortex.

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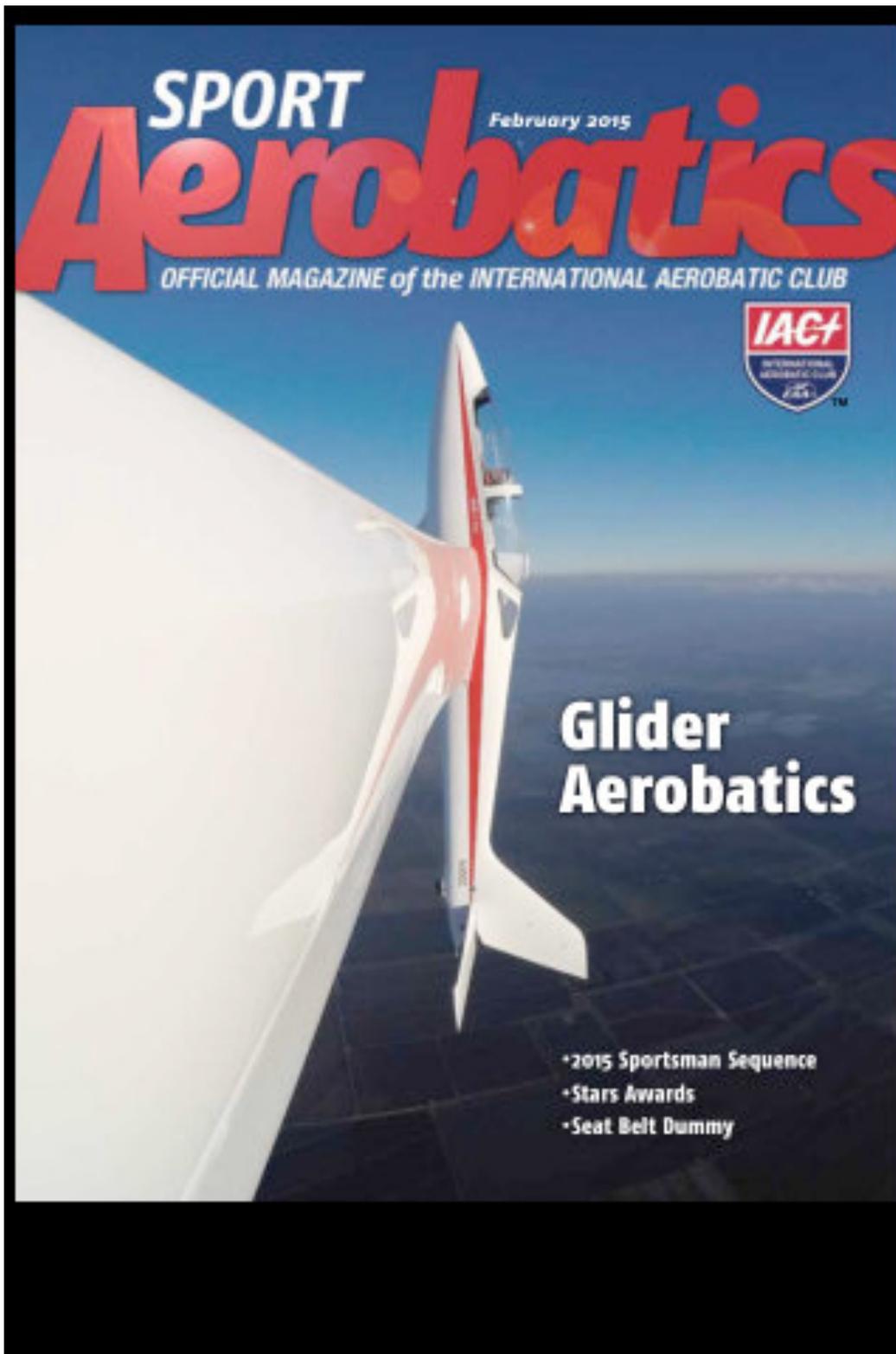
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The February issue of Sport Aerobatics was a big one for IAC38.

On the cover: photographer/pilot Eric Lentz-Gauthier, feature story on glider aerobatics by Beth Stanton, Galactic Achievement Stars Awards story by Dave Watson.

Check it out!

Women of Aviation Week at Livermore

KLVK airport manager Silvia Kersh is spearheading a Women of Aviation Week event that will be held at Livermore for the very first time this year.

This is shaping up to be a great day, with many local women pilots contributing their time and talent. There will be a strong contingent of lady pilots from IAC38 present.

Be sure to stop by and show your support!

Livermore Airport Celebrates



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Meet Women Pilots

Learn About Women Pilots of History and Today

Learn About Careers in Aviation

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Wednesday, March 4, 2015

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Livermore Airport Administration Building

680 Terminal Circle

*Flight space is limited (minimum age 12); pre-registration is requested by Thursday, February 26. Walk-ins are welcome on a space-available basis. To register for a flight or for more information about the event, contact the Livermore Municipal Airport at 925-960-8222 or e-mail smkersh@cityoflivermore.net

**LIVERMORE AIRPORT**

February 22, IAC38 chapter meeting, Attitude Aviation, KLVK, 3 p.m.

February 28-March 1, IAC38 Judge School. West Valley Flying Club, Palo Alto

March 7-8, AcroFest, Williams Soaring Center

March 21 or 22, chapter meeting/TCY critique day to prepare for domination at Borrego the following weekend. Weather dependent, updates as we get closer.

March 26-28, Borrego Hammerhead Roundup, Borrego Valley, L08

April 25 or 26, 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

Coalinga Western Showdown

May 28-30, 2015, New Coalinga Municipal, C80

Our IAC38 Coalinga contest seems a ways off, but Tom Myers and Martin Price have been hard at work and almost all the details are dialed in.

These guys are so dang efficient!

Please do go ahead and register for Coalinga if you are planning on competing. It gives us an early idea of attendance numbers for planning purposes. The benefit to you is that you get first dibs on a practice spot because you can sign up for those when you register.

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

The more help we can get for setup on Wednesday the better, and that will leave you in prime position to grab an early practice slot on Thursday.

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!

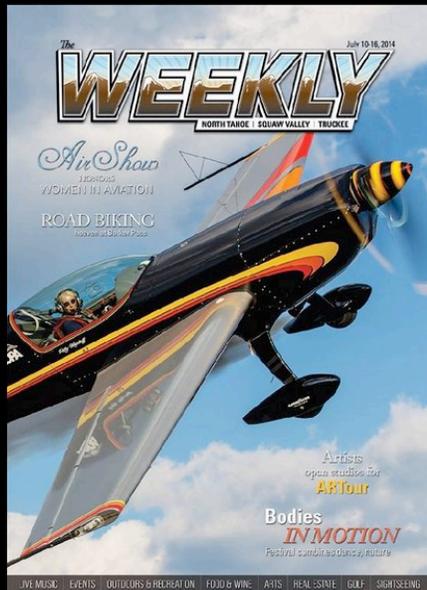
Dave Williams, dw370@comcast.net

JOIN / RENEW

In addition to helping support all the activities of our chapter, IAC Chapter 38 membership is an insurance requirement if you want to fly in the box at Tracy for critique days. If you are receiving this newsletter and you know you need to get your membership updated, here are several ways to do it:

- 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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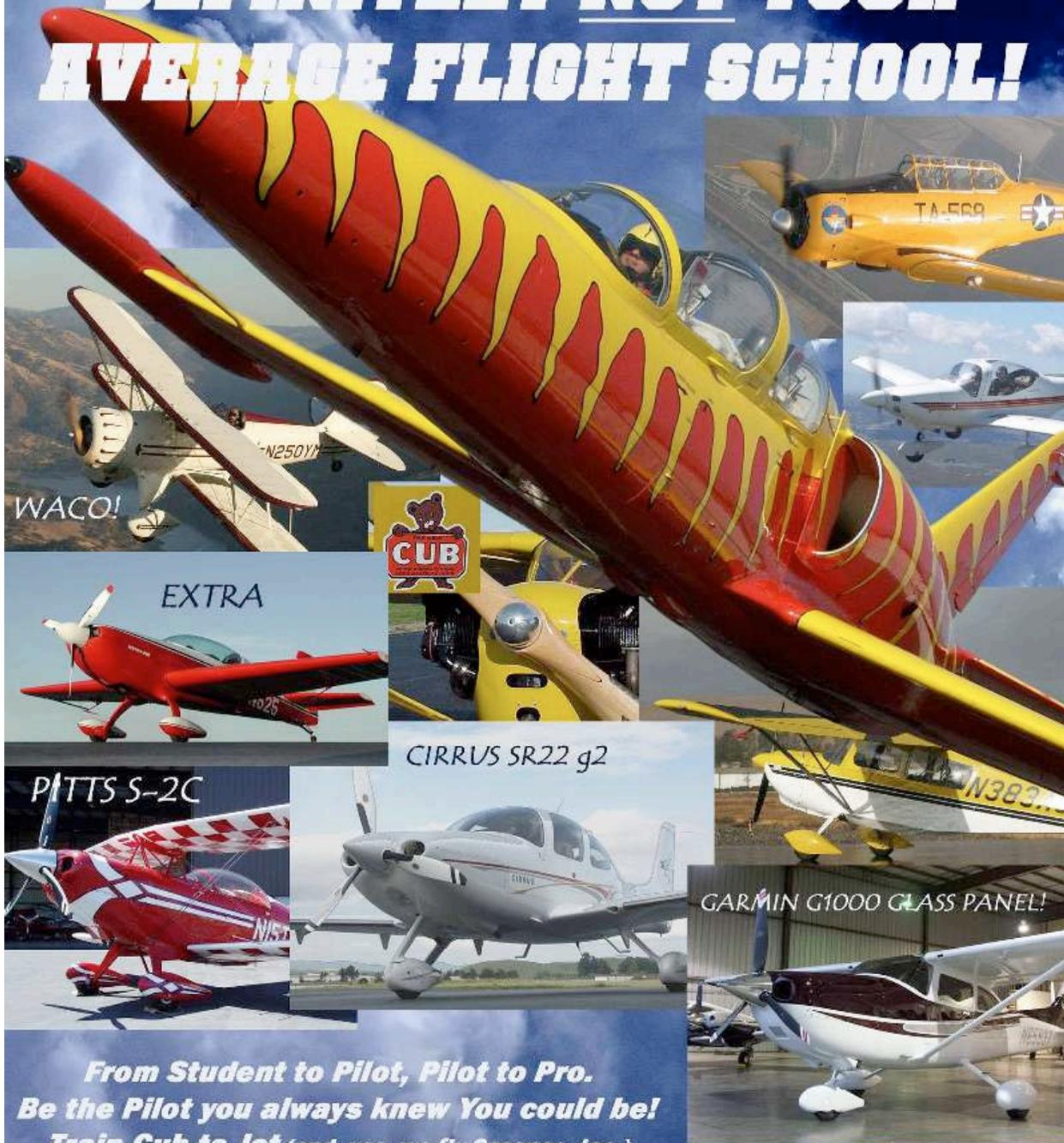
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