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# IAC38 NEWSLETTER

## President's Report



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**Dave Watson presents Josh with his 2015 California Points Series trophy**

February has come and gone, and so has a lot of rain! Time is flying by, I hope everyone is getting excited for sunny skies ahead - I know I am!

While this is normally a relatively quiet time of year, several ideas are brewing, and some notable events have happened. You'll see more details later in the newsletter, but a few

of the highlights include the fact that Evan Peers has been named Editor of Sport Aerobatics magazine, Beth gave a presentation at the Women in Aviation event at Livermore (covered in next month's newsletter), Dave Watson instructed a gaggle of judges and future judges at our "Introduction to Aerobatic Judging" school last weekend, a hearty crew associated with the

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Evil Empire has been hard at work overhauling the Lazer, and Chris Combs took delivery of a beautiful new Extra.

As Evan had become Editor for Sport Aerobatics, he asked Dave and myself to each write about our perspectives as Coach and Student for an upcoming episode that highlights the value of getting aerobatic coaching. I won't replay the entire article here, but will say it was a pleasure to write about utilizing the resource of an experienced coach to improve my flying, and about Dave Watson's coaching in particular.

One other thing of note, I just recently learned that the ramp at Tracy Airport - home of our beloved critique sessions - will be under construction starting late March. The exact timing is still not yet set in stone, and I'm holding out hope that we can at least have a critique day on the last weekend of March (Saturday March 25 or Sunday March 26) depending on weather, but as we get closer I'll check to make sure the ramp is still open. Also, this might hamper our ability to have critiques there in April and early May. As I learn more, I'll keep the membership in the (hopefully perfectly-round) loop.

Blue skies!



***1st chapter meeting in the books. Go Las Vegas!***

# 2017 Judging School

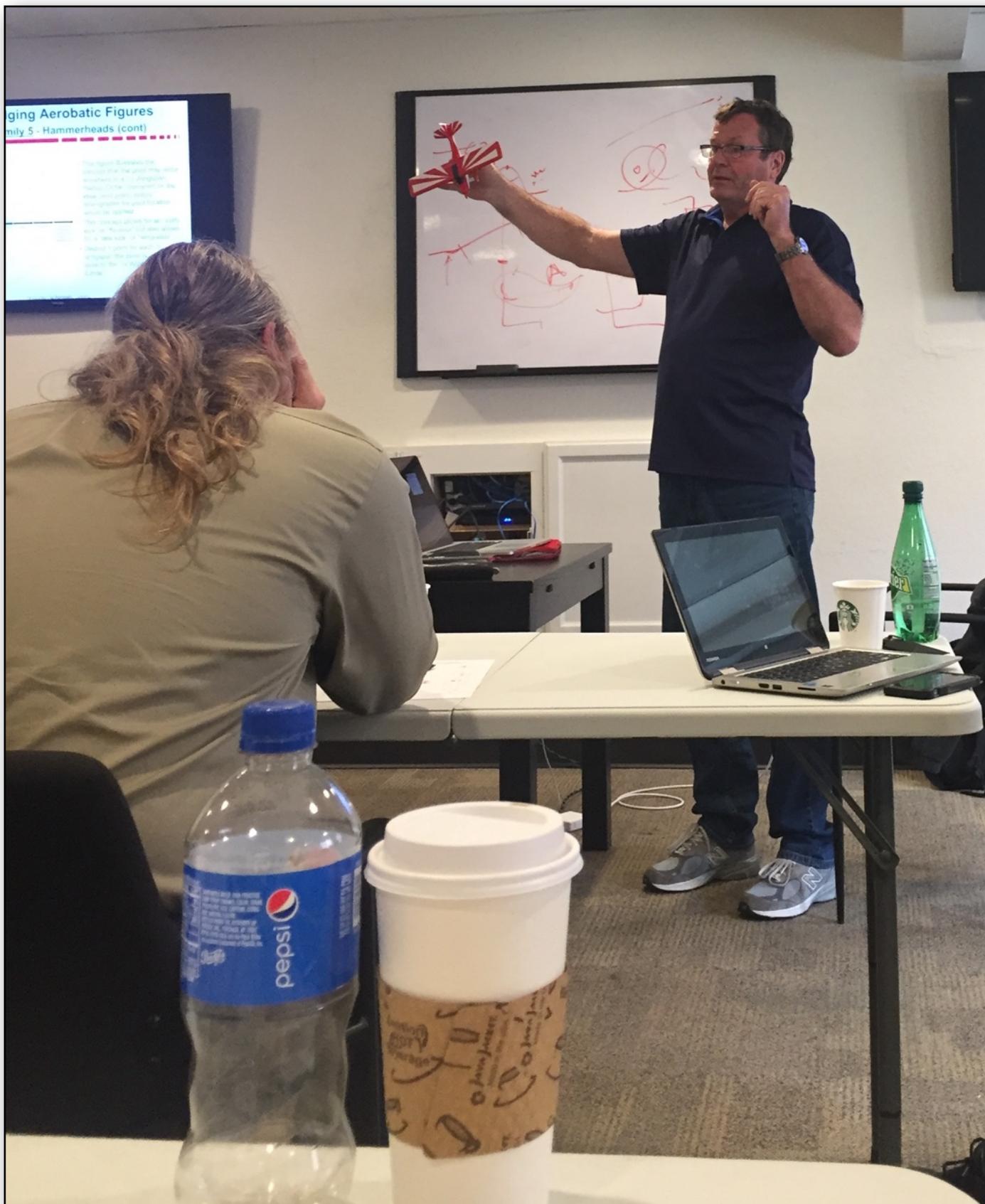
*Dave Williams*



*Ten new and re-qualifying judges received the word from Dave Watson*

Dave Watson presented IAC38's 2017 Judges School on March 4-5 at the West Valley Flying Club (KPAO). On Saturday Cade Boeger, Stanley Peters, Ben Harvey, and Guy Acheson were treated to the new judges class. They were joined on Sunday by current judges Josh Horwich, Brennon York, Yuichi Takagi, Brian Branscomb, and myself, all of whom were either re-qualifying or just refreshing our skills. Dave's presentation was excellent! His very animated and practical approach to teaching made for an enjoyable experience rather than a dull recitation of what the rule book says.

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***Caffeine in it's various forms was to be found throughtout the day***

# EVAN PEERS ANNOUNCED AS NEW EDITOR OF SPORT AEROBATICS

*by Lorrie Penner, from the IAC website*



Evan Peers of San Carlos, California assumes the duties of editor of the International Aerobatic Club's monthly magazine, Sport Aerobatics, with the April issue of the magazine. Evan has served as IAC's official photographer since 2015 and has provided photo coverage of EAA AirVenture and the US National Aerobatic Championships in 2015 and 2016.

For the past sixteen years, he has owned and operated Airspace Media which provides aviation and airshow media content coverage to the industry, including UAV,

aerial, air-to-air photography, video as well as social media.

Originally a software engineer by profession, he worked for Oracle USA for nineteen years but now devotes full time to aviation photography and journalism. Several of his photos have appeared on the cover of Sport Aerobatics. In 2015, he accompanied the US Unlimited Aerobatic Team to France as their photographer and videographer.

His work has been recognized by awards from National Geographic and Aviation Week & Space Technology.

# ***Big decisions can be emotional and difficult to make...***

***(coming into 2017 I made three)***

***Chris Combs***



***First flight, SQL-HAF***

First, I ordered a 48-yard dumpster to be dropped off in my drive way. During the week, while Cindy and the kids were gone, I cleaned out every closet, junk drawer, almost everything in the garage including most of my motorcycle gear (that was hard). My personal goal was to get rid of half of all my personal belongings, wardrobe included, things I wanted. When Cindy learned what I was doing, she rushed home to protect her items,

and even climbed in the dumpster and started by questioning why all the Christmas ornaments and some kitchen appliances were there. That was the beginning of our conversation. The dumpster was so full, we had to pay extra to have it removed.

Second, I re-wrote my business plan at work which impacted the compensation, work schedules, performance reviews and operation processes of every employee,

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including me. The biggest impact to me was the decision to start work earlier and end later, enabling me to fly (train) during the week out of San Jose International Airport. This would enable me to focus exclusively on Cindy and the kids during the weekends.

Finally, the most emotional and difficult decision was to give up my RV-8 and Edge 540T, and buy an Extra 330sc. The decision was complex, I would go from two seats to one, my kids would no longer participate in aviation in my planes, I wouldn't have a good go-to or travel plane. I wouldn't be taking friends for rides anymore, I would lose the plane my Dad and I build (the last remaining aviation memory of him). I wouldn't be able to sit near that beautiful yellow paint scheme and drink coffee on sunny HAF mornings like I've done so often over 15 years. This was a decision that up until recently, I wouldn't even entertain.



Having said all this, it's too late – I'm committed. I now look forward to the benefits of all these decisions. I'm writing this paper while I wait for the sky to clear on a Saturday morning – soon, I will be tearing a hole through the sky with a nervous grin.

# *Lazer focus*

*Dave Watson*



At the Delano contest last Labor Day, the pitch control piston seal on the Lazer prop failed. The engine was old, tired and ready for overhaul. We had hoped to make it to the end of the 2016 season, but the prop failure cut that plan short.

In the past six months, the 19-year-old Lazer has been reborn. In addition to the engine overhaul, she is sporting a new prop, fabric, carbon fiber turtledeck, paint scheme and tail number: 230DW.

*(photos continued)*



***What Lycon did to lighten it. Also removed alternator pulley from back. Half the weight removed.***



***Dale swimming in acetone to remove old fabric***



***Prepping for new fuselage fabric***



*Before*



*After*

***The paint and gel coat on the canopy frame had shrunk away from the fiberglass and had several nearly undetectable massive delaminations***

***Delaminations during repair***



***Make-shift paint booth did not work out. The wing had to come off :(***



***Jeff Rose, Reno air racer and friend did tail fabric while teaching me and Beth this art***



***My parts hanging with parts from the Oracle Challenger. In good company***



***Juan the master painter at T&P in Salinas***



*After getting the wing back from paint*



*Test fit of new carbon fiber turtle deck after painting. Wow!*



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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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# ***ACTION REQUIRED: San Carlos Airport Curfew Restrictions***

***Editor's note:*** This article is an edited reprint of an email I received the same day I received a press release from the County of San Mateo. Here is the link to that press release:

<http://cmo.smcgov.org/newsroom>



***Coming soon to an airport near you!***

Friends:

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors have announced their intent to implement new flight restrictions at San Carlos Airport that will negatively affect ALL of us.

You can be sure this is exactly how Santa Monica and Meigs Field met their demise and how they're trying to kill East Hampton. ANY restriction affecting any legitimate user is unacceptable.

You MUST write your Supervisor now expressing your displeasure at their intent. Here is the basic message to deliver in your own words:

- We don't like it
- We don't want it
- It's illegal
- It's not going to work
- We will oppose you politically and vote against you and support candidates against you
- There are more of us airport voters than there are noise complainers

Supervisors COUNT numbers of emails and complaints. EVERY person who receives this NEEDS to WRITE.

#### ACTION REQUIRED

1. Write your personal note.
2. Send it to YOUR supervisor and COPY the OTHER Supervisors. Even if you are from outside San Mateo County, email the ENTIRE Board of Supervisors.
3. Optionally copy [friends@friendsofsql.org](mailto:friends@friendsofsql.org)

#### FOLLOWUP EXPECTED

Please note this is not going to be a ONE TIME action. It is very likely this is going to be an extended campaign as the noise complainers are quite persistent and emotionally-driven. WE by contrast with the complainers should remain civil yet politically forceful. Expect to show up and speak at a BOS meeting in the near future and to make continued public comment as opportunities arise.

#### MORE BACKGROUND

The following stories at AvWeb The Almanac describe the restrictions:

<http://www.avweb.com/avwebflash/news/Proposed-San-Carlos-Airport-Ordinance-Targets-Surf-Air-228587-1.html>

<http://www.almanacnews.com/news/2017/03/06/county-may-put-lid-on-noisy-aircraft>

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Pass this on to as many interested parties as you can.

<http://www.friendsofsql.org/>

# IAC38 2017 Calendar

March 25 or 26, IAC38 chapter meeting / critique day (TBD)  
April 6-8, HAMMERHEAD ROUNDUP, Borrego, L08  
April 14-16, Mojave Experimental Fly-In, KMHV  
April 23, IAC38 chapter meeting  
May 4-6, DUEL IN THE DESERT, Apple Valley, KAPV  
May 28, IAC38 chapter meeting  
June 1-3, IAC38 COALINGA WESTERN SHOWDOWN, C80  
June 23-24, APPLE CUP, Ephrata, WA, KEPH  
June 25, IAC38 chapter meeting  
July 11-13, Corvalis Acro Camp, Corvalis, OR, KCVO  
July 14-16, CORVALIS CORKSCREW, Corvalis, OR, KCVO  
July 23, IAC38 chapter meeting  
July 23-30, EAA AirVenture, KOSH  
August 27, IAC38 chapter meeting  
August 11-12, Beaver State Aerobatic Contest, Pendleton, OR, KPDT  
September 1-3, HAPPINESS IS DELANO, KDLO  
September 8-9, APPLE TURNOVER, Ephrata, WA, KEPH  
September 9-17, FAI World Aerobatic Championships, Malelane, South Africa  
September 24, IAC38 chapter meeting  
September 23-29, US National Aerobatic Championships, KOSH  
October TBD, BORREGO AKROFEST, Borrego, L08  
October 22, IAC38 chapter meeting  
November 3-4, TEQUILA CUP, Marana, AZ, KAVQ  
November – no meeting, Thanksgiving weekend  
December TBD, IAC38 Holiday Party of Mayhem

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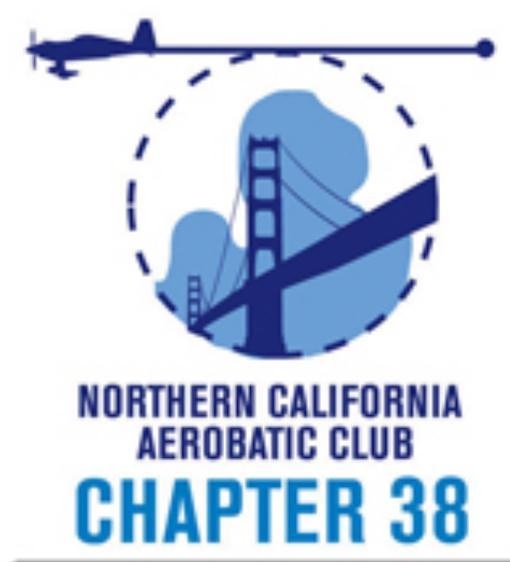


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# JOIN / RENEW

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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