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## President's Post

### Brad Oliver



**H**owdy! Looks like I am now on the front page now. I guess it is just another one of the perks for being president. Well, this is my first time addressing you as your chapter president, and I guess I should have something deep and thought provoking to say, so here I go...

First, I want to say thank you to Graham Bird. Graham has served the chapter well as president for the past two years. He has been both a friend and a mentor to me, and I am grateful for all his hard work. Looks like I have some big, and ugly, shoes to fill (Graham will get that).

I would also like to thank our departing director, Sean Worthington. Sean has been a long-standing contributor to the club. Hopefully we will see him up there in his new S-1-11B very soon.

On to the new year...

We have some new faces on the board; Darren Pleasance and Dave Walkup have joined us as directors and will assist us greatly in shaping the future of the chapter. Much of the rest of the board has stayed on for another term, with some changing of positions. It is nice to know we have some experience to leverage.

2002 looks to be an exciting year, with lots to do, and lots going on. Our waivers for both Tracy and New Jerusalem are up for renewal, and the board has made this its number one priority.

It may be raining now, but it won't be long before the clouds part and the competition season is here. Jacquie Warda has stepped up to the plate and will be serving as Contest Director for our annual contest in Paso Robles this year.

Jacquie is really enthusiastic about this contest, and has great ideas. You're definitely going to want to attend!

Speaking of competing...did you know that Chapter 38 is having a judge's school in February? What a great way to learn something new, or brush up on your skills (see page 5 for more info).

As president there are several things I want to accomplish, but most of all I want us to be more social. I want us to have more fun activities throughout the year, so that ALL our members can come together for some of the five F's... flying, food, friendship, family, and fun (thank you Chapter 36). Sure we sometimes need to talk about chapter business, but it doesn't mean we can't have a good time. How are we going to do this, well we are going to plan more activities throughout the year, starting with a Cloud Dancer Pizza Party in February (see page 2). And we have airshow pilot Jim Leroy in March...2002 is shaping up to be a good year!

Which brings me to my next goal... communication. The board needs to communicate better with the membership. Actually, I think we communicate well, we have an awesome web site and a great newsletter, but we need to get the word out sooner. We need to tell you about these activities earlier so that you have time to make plans to attend. I am hoping that we can have a calendar out to you in a few weeks, which will provide the dates for our activities and meetings for a good part of the year. This should assist you in your planning.

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Some of the other initiatives on the board's plate for this year are a "New" members packet. This packet will be mailed to all new members and will contain a wealth of information about the chapter, its activities and its membership. Last but definitely not least, the board will be working on better educating our member on usage of our aerobatics boxes, a very serious issue.

I think I will leave it at that for this month. After all, I have to have something to tell you about next month. So get all those home improvement projects done now, cause when the rain stops, I expect to see you in the air!

Keep the shiny side down! ✈

## Paso Robles Contest Update 2002 Contest Update

Chapter 38 is pleased to have member Jacquie Warda serving as Contest Director. Jacquie has big plans, and she is going to need all the volunteers she can get. If you are interested in volunteering or just need more information, please contact her at [skyydnz@yahoo.com](mailto:skyydnz@yahoo.com) or (925) 831-2123.

If you would like to pre-register, please visit <http://www.iac38.org/pasoreg2.htm>.

## IAC38's Paso Robles Contest June 7-9, 2002

### Hotel Info...

Adelaide Inn \$50+ (805) 238-2770  
Black Oak Lodge \$60+ (805) 238-4740  
Colony Motor Inn \$60+ (805) 466-4449  
Motel 6 \$40+ (805) 239-9090  
Paso Robles Inn \$100+ (805) 238-2660  
Travelodge \$55+ (805) 238-0078  
Holiday Inn Express \$70+ (805) 238-6500  
Melody Ranch Motel \$45+ (805) 238-3911  
Relax Inn \$40+ (805) 238-3013

<http://www.iac38.org/paso2002.htm>

## Aviation Quote

I don't think I possess any skill that anyone else doesn't have. I've just had perhaps more of an opportunity, more of an exposure, and been fortunate to survive a lot of situations that many other weren't so lucky to make it. It's not how close can you get to the ground, but how precise can you fly the airplane. If you feel so careless with you life that you want to be the world's lowest flying aviator you might do it for a while. But there are a great many former friends of mine who are no longer with us simply because they cut their margins to close.

— Bob Hoover



## Holiday Party Report

Brad Oliver

What a party! A good time was had by all, thanks to our gracious hosts Angie Niles and Alex Drobshoff. Angie and Alex consistently come through for the chapter, we all owe them a great big thank you!

The highlight of the party was when Alan Silver managed to walk away with a can of Spam from the gift exchange, for the second year in a row. We are hoping that we can get Alan to share his favorite Spam recipes in an upcoming newsletter. It was funny, but I think we all better start looking for someone new to start repacking our chutes ;-). Thanks for being such a good sport Alan!

What about that gunk...you know the gelatinous toxic toy, the one that Tom Myers...um, I think I skip that part. Are all your parts still intact Tom?

The cyber aerobatic competition had a mechanical this year, so we didn't get to compete. That was just fine because we had some good fireside conversation, and a great jam session to listen to. ✈

## Cloud Dancer Pizza Party!

Have you even seen the movie Cloud Dancer? Do you even know what it is? Well its only the best aerobatic movie ever made (actually I think it is the only aerobatic movie ever made). Sure it was made in the 70's, sure it has horrible acting, but it has some awesome aerial photography...who needs a plot when you have that?

You are invited for a night of fun, food, friendship, family and flying on Saturday February 9th. This even will be in lieu of a February chapter meeting. We will be ordering all the pizza you can eat and watching Cloud Dancer. For those of you not interested in the movie, there is sure to be plenty of good flying talk too...so don't miss out!

For all you new members, this will be a great opportunity for you to come out and meet other members.

**When:** Saturday, February 9th, 6pm

**Where:** The Home of Brad Oliver  
664 Moraga Dr.  
Livermore, CA 94550

**Info:** Brad Oliver  
[president@iac38.org](mailto:president@iac38.org)  
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**You gotta cut back on the G's Brad!**  
(quote from the movie)

## Calendar of Events

(Chapter 38 Events in Bold)



### January

**13 IAC 38 Chapter Meeting — 4pm Hayward — Rich Stowell Spin Video and Discussion**

### February

**9 IAC 38 Cloud Dancer Pizza Party (See Page 2)**

**23-24 IAC 38 Judges School (See Page 5)**

24 Bill Briski Akrofest — IAC Chapter 69, Casa Grande Municipal Airport— CGZ, Basic and Sportsman categories Contest Director Michael Steveson at 480-502-1565 or e-mail at msteveson@earthlink.net

### March

**10 IAC 38 Chapter Meeting — 4pm — Jim Leroy Guest Speaker (See Below)**

22-24 Copperstate Aerobatic Championship — IAC Chapter 69, Casa Grande Municipal Airport— CGZ, Basic through Unlimited, Contest Director Michael Steveson at 480-502-1565 or e-mail at msteveson@earthlink.net

### April

12-13 Borrego Minifest — Borrego CA — IAC Chapter 36 — www.iac36.org

**14 IAC 38 Chapter Meeting — 4pm — Speaker: Cris Flint — Topic: Freestyles**

### May

3-5 LA Gold Cup (Apple Valley) — Borrego CA — IAC Chapter 36 — www.iac36.org

### June

**6-8 Paso Robles Contest — IAC Chapter 38 — See page 2**

### August

30-9/1 Delano Regional Contest — Delano, CA — IAC Chapter 26

### September

21-29 US Nationals — Texas

### October

11-13 Borrego Akrofest — Borrego CA — IAC Chapter 36 — www.iac36.org

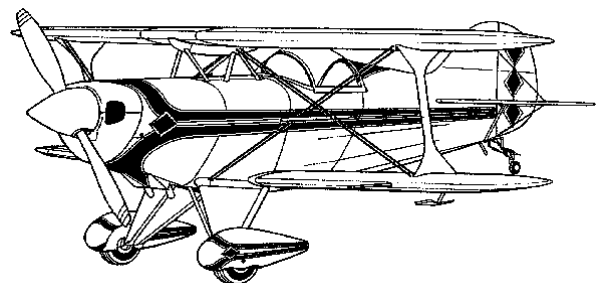
31-11/3 Tequilla Cup — Tucson, AZ

### December

Early AZ State Championships — Casa Gande, AZ

## January Meeting: Spin Video & Discussion

Come join us at our January Chapter meeting for a viewing of Rich Stowell's Spin Video and a discussion following. While the winter weather might be reducing your flying, it doesn't mean you can't mentally brush up on your spin recovery techniques. See page 4 for directions to the meeting location. ✈



## Meeting Location

Chapter meetings are now being held at a new (old) location in Hayward

**When:** Sunday, January 13th, 4pm

**Address:** 20511 Skywest Drive  
Hayward, California

### How to Get there:

#### From the West/North:

From I-880 take A Street West. Follow A Street, past Hesperian Blvd, and when the road splits take the left fork (Skywest Dr.). Follow Skywest Drive past the tower (on your right) until you come to a gate on your right. You should see building #20511 by the gate.


#### From the Peninsula (West Bay):

Take 92 East (San Mateo Bridge) to Hesperian Blvd. Take Hesperian North to West A Street. Take a Left on West A Street. When the road splits take the left fork (Skywest Dr.). Follow Skywest Drive past the tower (on your right) until you come to a gate on your right. You should see building #20511 by the gate.

### Map:



## 2022 Sportsman Known Power

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	Date: <b>2002</b>	Program: <b>KNOWN</b>	Pilot's No. <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>

wind direction

FREE PROGRAM CHECK BY: (signature/date)

## Show Your Chapter 38 Pride - Buy Logo Wear

<b>Chapter Patch</b>	\$12 Each	
<b>Chapter 38 T-Shirts</b>	\$20 Each	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL
<b>Chapter 38 Sweatshirts</b>	\$35 Each	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL
<b>Chapter Mouse Mat</b>	\$12 Each	
<b>FAI Printed Catalog</b>	\$10 Donation	

Quantity	Total
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<b>Total</b>	_____

Make Check Payable to:  
**Northern California  
Aerobatic Club**

Mail to:  
**Cris Flint, Treasurer  
1469 Sunset Dr.  
Livermore, CA 94550**

## 2002 Chapter Dues

**T**hat time is upon us, your annual chapter dues are due. Renewing your membership keeps the chapter healthy and you flying in the box. Don't delay renew now...if you don't February will be your last month as an active member. You can use the form on the back of the newsletter or visit our web site to renew online. ✈

**Renew Your Membership Today!**  
**\$25 – Single \$30 – Family**  
**www.iac38.org**

## Aerobatics Ground School Attitude Aviation

**A**ttitude Aviation in Livermore is offering an Aerobatics ground school. Our very own Dr. Dick Rihn will be teaching the class. The class will be held at Attitude facility at the Livermore airport on Friday nights at 7:00 pm. For more information, please contact Attitude Aviation. ✈

**Aerobatics Ground School – Fridays, 7pm**  
**Attitude Aviation**  
**925-456-ACRO (2276)**

## IAC 38 Judges School – Introduction to Aerobatic Judging

**When:** February 23-24, 2002

**Where:** Concord Airport, Concord, CA — Mount Diablo Airman's Association Club House  
 200 Sally Ride Drive, Concord, CA 94583

**Who:** This years school should prove to be incredibly informative as we are pleased to announce that **Alan Geringer** will be the instructor for the course. Many of you are know or know of Alan, but for those of you who do not, he is a world level judge and coach. Alan has server as the 1988 and 1990 Unlimited Team Manager, 1996, 1998 Unlimited Team Judge, and 1997 Advanced Team Judge. Alan brings a wealth of experience to us, he is sure to enlighten you.

**Info:** Contact Angie Niles or Alex Drobshoff at 925-373-8786.

### Judges School Registration Form February 23-24, 2002 – Concord, CA

**Contact:** Angie Niles (925-373-8786)

<b>First Name:</b> _____	<b>Last Name:</b> _____
<b>Address:</b> _____	
<b>City:</b> _____	<b>State:</b> _____ <b>Zip:</b> _____
<b>Phone:</b> _____	<b>E-mail :</b> _____
<b>IAC #:</b> _____	

- Fees:**
- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Day Registration, New Judges (\$65)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Day Registration, Recurrency (\$45) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAI Aerobatic Catalogue (\$20)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 2002 FAI Catalogue Amendment (\$5)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IAC Official Contest Rules (\$20)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 2002 IAC Rule Book Revisions (\$10)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2002 Known Sequence Calling Primer Casseatte Tape (\$15) |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day 1 Bag Lunch/Coffee/Donuts (\$10)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Day 2 Bag Lunch/Coffee/Donuts (\$10)  |

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to: **International Aerobatic Club Chapter 38**

Mail to: **Angie Niles**  
**2032 Helsinki Way**  
**Livermore, CA 94550**

# IAC Chapter 38 Membership Application/Renewal Form

New Member

Renewal

Address/Phone Change

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)

Send with check, made payable to "International Aerobatic Club Chapter 38", to:  
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**Chapter Meeting:**  
**January 13th**  
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