



# The ACronaut

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## Prez' Post

*Darren Pleasance*

New Year's Greetings,

And so begins another year with resolutions for flying rolls centered on lines, round loops, and invisible crosswind cheats, along with the anticipation of hours of fun hangin' with our friends who share an addiction to aerobatics. Like you, I'm looking forward to another year of great flying and fun as well as the chance to learn something new and perhaps even get a little bit better at our sport.

As I reflect on the past couple of years as President, and look forward to this year, I'd like to use what I've learned to make this coming year even better. While we've managed to grow our membership steadily and achieved great turnout every month at our Chapter meetings, I think there's more we can do to continue to strengthen our community and deliver value to our members. As I outlined last year, I see our mission as three fold:

- Education: To enhance the safety and quality of aerobatic flight
- Entertainment: To increase the enjoyment of belonging to Chapter 38
- Community: To build friendship and participation among our members

I believe each of these areas are core to why our members join and why we've been as successful as we have over the past several years. Despite our success, though, I believe we have opportunities to do even more and I'd like to see us continue to strive for even higher achievements. Specifically, I'd like to see us take on three new goals for the coming year, including:

1. Greater focus on safety education, with particular emphasis on aircraft maintenance and recovery from "maneuvers gone bad"
2. Acquisition of an aerobatic practice box, either at Tracy, Eagle Field, or some other place that would allow us at least half a dozen practice sessions for this year's contest season
3. Updated web site that rivals the quality of our monthly newsletter and serves as a source of current information and new member acquisition

All of these are in addition to the ongoing activities we'll be pursuing this year, including fun monthly Chapter meetings (led by Sal Webber), a great monthly newsletter (led by Che Barnes), a terrific Paso Robles contest (led by Terry Lauck), and of course a variety of other fun parties, flyouts, and events that our many active volunteers will undoubtedly orchestrate.

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## 2006 Membership Dues

Just a gentle reminder. Please use the form on the last page to renew or start your membership for 2006 to enjoy the many benefits membership provides - Chapter event participation, New J box usage, newsletter notification, just to mention a few. \$25/year and \$30/year for a family membership.

## IAC38 Welcomes

**Nick Ulman - Mountain View**  
**Patrick Huey - San Francisco**

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# Editor's Column

Peter Jensen



Happy New Year everybody. I hope it'll be a good one flyingwise and other-wise.

I'm sure 2006 will bring lots of memorable moments for our chapter members. They will all be cronicled here in this newsletter , of course.

The main contributors, Darren, Marilyn, Darrin, Andrew, and Howard. I hope you'll continue to share you insight and your stories through 2006.

We have an excellent lineup for chapter meeting activities in 2006; free designs, aircraft maintenance, formation flying, AWAC reviews, safety seminars, and lots of other good aerobatics related stuff. All of this along with good camaraderie should be encouragement to actively participate in chapter activities and become an active IAC38 member.

Enjoy this newsletter!

Peter

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Regarding our "Safety" goal, we have several things in the works, including Andrew Connolly agreeing to create several articles for our newsletter and we'll seek out speakers to lead safety talks at our monthly meetings. Regarding the aerobatic box, I'll continue to look to Don, Angie, and Andrew to help find us a place to use this year building on their great efforts over the past year. And as far as the website is concerned, Cris Flint and I will be actively looking for someone willing to step up and help the Chapter out. If you have a desire to contribute, all of us would be thrilled to have you take on a leadership role in the chapter.

And so, with that, I hope you're as excited as I am about the upcoming year and the hours of fun we'll undoubtedly have together. As I said in my Prez Post last month, none of this is possible without lots of commitment and participation from our members so I'll thank you all in advance for jumping in to keep Chapter 38 among the most active and successful chapters in the country.

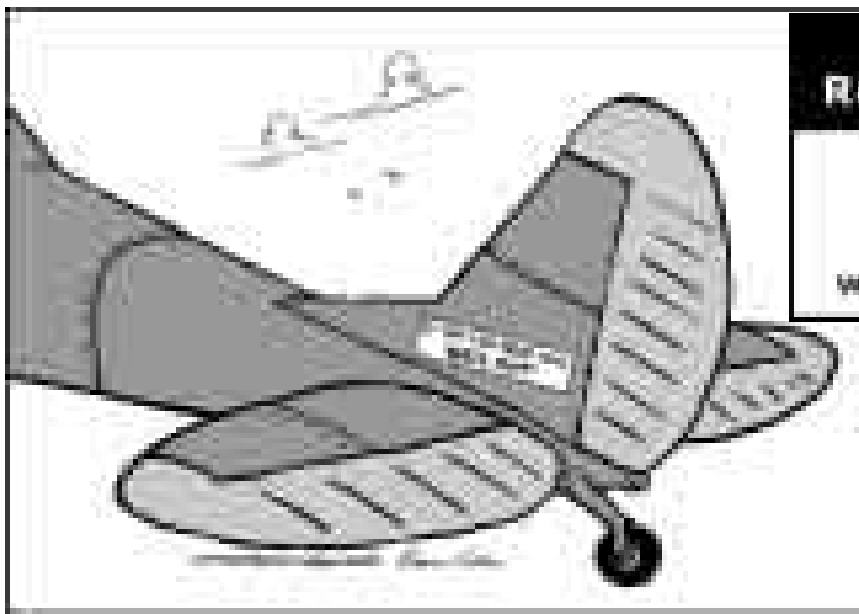
I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our January Chapter meeting on Sunday, January 8th at **2:00 p.m.** (NOTE the new winter time for our Chapter meetings!). We should have a fun program and also a chance to talk about what we'd collectively like to achieve in this coming year. See you there!!

Blue skies...

Darren

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## Safe Use Of The Mt. Diablo Practice Area

Andrew Connolly

With a lot of us using the Mt Diablo practice area and Peter's failed fuel injector line it made me think how I approach flying in the area, where I fly and how I manage the airspace around me safely. These are a few thoughts .....

- Before flying in the area look at a sectional and a normal map and understand the "size" of the area and the location / name of any key landmarks.
- Know the area you like to practice over .... With the map and sectional understand general shape of the area, where the flat area's are, road layout, pylons etc. At the end of one practice flight when you are at the bottom of your "box" drop down to 1000 ft agl, slow it down and overfly the area you normally use. Look at the ground layout, how flat is the land, where would make a good emergency landing field, where are the obstacles etc. There are some good flat area's in the two valleys running approx North-South directly West of the Roddy Ranch Gold Course .... Do you have any idea where this is?
- Always fly with a cell phone and some money. If you need to ask why, it's maybe best you stop flying.
- When making any call's start with the color and type of aircraft. Telling others the color of the plane helps with locating the aircraft e.g. "Red & White Pitts's 117 PS .....
- Make a call before entering the area saying where you are so that others in the area know another plane is intending to use the space, from which direction and altitude they are coming from.
- If you fly from Attitude and you see someone getting into a plane with a parachute on, wander over and politely ask them where they plan to fly / practice and come up with a basic plan so you both know where you plan fly. It's easier to formulate a plan on the ground and work it out between you than when in the air.
- While flying in the area make regular pro-active calls as to plane, location, altitude and intentions. Other pilot's sometimes forget to call!
- Occasionally switch frequency's to 123.15 and make a call on that frequency. A lot of the Livermore based "Warbird" pilot's use that frequency and use the area for dog-fight and aerobatic's as well. A pair of T-6's dog-fighting use's a lot of space and they do not use 122.75!
- Know which way Byron is and the CTAF ... 123.05. This is the closest airport to the area if you are in a partial power situation. If you suffer from the memory span of a

gnat try a getting a label maker and making a label for your panel.

- Call when you leave the area make a call stating stating, plane, location, altitude and direction of flight out of the area.
- Do not leave the same way you came in. Most LVK based pilot's exit the pattern on a right down-wind and fly direct to the area. When you come to leave the practice area head south and return via Los Vaqueros. This way you are following the rough general traffic pattern in the area.

Happy and Safe Flying

Andrew  
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## Make Your Room Reservations For Paso Now!

Allyson Parker-Lauck

Due to several conflicts, the Paso Robles, CA contest has a new date:

**June 15-18, 2006**

The Contest Director is Terry Lauck - email: t.s.lauck@gmail.com

The biggest problem we've encountered in the past few years is hotel availability. We now have 15 rooms blocked at the Black Oak Best Western. When these 15 rooms are booked, they'll consider releasing more rooms for our group. It's a tough time of year to get hotel rooms, so PLEASE BOOK EARLY! Ask for the IAC Chapter 38 group rate. They're not giving us the best deal in the world, but considering that we're still 6 months out and they're already highly booked, it's the best we could get.

If there is any confusion when you call to make your reservation, ask for Mary in group sales.

The phone number is: 805-238-4740

It's going to be a great contest! Paso has a gourmet restaurant and BAR right there in the terminal.

Again, make those reservations now before rooms run out.

Take care,  
Allyson


# Chapter 38 X-mas Party 2005

*Peter Jensen (pictures by Darren Pleasance)*



## Calendar of Events

January	8	Chapter Meeting, 2pm
February	4-5	IAC38 Judge's School <i>marilyndash@comcast.net</i>
	12	Chapter Meeting, 2pm
	11-12	IAC36 Judge's School Sunrise Aviation, San Diego
March	12	Chapter Meeting, 2pm
April	9	Chapter Meeting, 2pm
May	14	Chapter Meeting, 2pm
June	15-18	<b>Paso Robles Contest</b> <i>t.s.lauck@gmail.com</i>



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Prefer to base it at Tracy or Livermore, but will consider anywhere in the Bay Area.

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<http://dcai.com/sabre>

## Reno Stead Mini Fest March 18, 2006

Tim Brill is putting on a contest up at Reno. Yeehaa!

Region: Southwest  
 Location: Reno Stead Airport - locator 4SD, Reno, NV  
 Hosting Chapter: IAC 118  
 Practice/Registration: Friday, March 17, 2006  
 Rain Date: Saturday, March 25, 2006  
 Categories: Primary through Intermediate Power  
 Contest Director: Tim Brill  
 Contact Information: 775-329-3366 (home); 775-232-4881 (cell); tim@aerobaticcompany.com (e-mail)  
 Contest Website: www.aerobaticcompany.com

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E-mail 1: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail 2: \_\_\_\_\_

IAC #: \_\_\_\_\_ EAA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate #: \_\_\_\_\_ EAA Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge:  Regional  National

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:**  
Sunday January 8th, 2006, 2pm  
Attitude Aviation  
Livermore Airport