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John Piggot in his SU-29

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At that time [1909] the chief engineer was almost always the chief test pilot as well. That had the fortunate result of eliminating poor engineering early in aviation.

— Igor Sikorsky, reported in 'AOPA Pilot' magazine February 2003



Article or Pictures?

Send them in!

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Share your aviation experiences with the rest of the club.

A picture is worth a thousand words. If you are not much of a writer, just a short synopsis will do.

President's Post

Darren Pleasance



Another great Paso Robles contest is behind us...

For those of you who weren't able to attend, we had a fantastic contest with around 55 pilots, nearly half of whom were Sportsman. This amount of activity at the lower levels is a great indicator of the increasing health of competitive aerobatics.



Todd Whitmer has also graciously offered to sign people off for the Regional Judges exam. He has suggested showing up at Attitude at ~4:30 p.m.

The Chapter will provide the meat for the BBQ, and Rich Perkins has offered to provide the soft drinks. If you have a favorite side dish, feel free to bring it along.

In other news, I've started flying a T-6 lately as well. I had an opportunity to start getting into the warbird stuff several months ago and was lucky

enough to get a friend of mine to let me start flying his T-6. While not quite the climb performance of my Laser, or most other modern-day aerobatic planes, it's still a ton of fun

Although I wasn't able to compete, and couldn't arrive until Saturday morning, I thoroughly enjoyed myself at the contest. We had spectacular weather and Tom Myers and team had the show running like clockwork. Of course, a special

thanks to Jackie Forsting as our volunteer coordinator without who's help we would never have gotten through all 155+ flights over the two days. The banquet was quite fun as usual and we then had the pleasure of having Chuck Wentworth of Antique Aero open his hanger up for all to see his amazing collection of aircraft including his original Sopwith Camel (or Pup?) and vintage Corsair, to name a few.



**Contest Director
Tom Myers**

We also got to see Howard once again demonstrate what great flying looks like as he and his Great Lakes came in second in Intermediate, missing first place by less than a tenth of





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to fly and has been a great intro into the warbird side of aviation. I've gotten to do more formation flying now with P-51s and P-40s than ever before which is always very nostalgic and such a unique experience.



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The World Aerobatic Contest has also just recently finished in Granada Spain. Our own Allyson Parker-Lauck and Vicki Cruse were both there, as well as many of the familiar names we always see in the magazine each month. I'm hoping we'll get a chance to hear what it was like directly from Allyson or Vicki when they're back.

Beyond that, everything's in good shape on the Chapter front and we'll be starting to spin up some additional critique sessions as we start approaching the Pendleton, Oregon and Delano contests.

I hope you're all having a chance to fly this summer and get some good acro time under your belt. It feels like we're due for a fly-out somewhere so I'll put my thinking cap on and see if we can come up with a fun adventure for us to rally around. Perhaps a Petaluma lunch again, or something in Half-Moon Bay one of these days.

Hope to see you all at our next Chapter meeting, and our upcoming Post Paso Party this Sunday July 8th.

Blue Skies...

Darren

Chapter 38 Event Calendar

JULY 2007

8th Post Paso Party: Sunday, 5PM, Attitude Aviation, Livermore Airport.

19-21st Canadian Open Contest. Brought to you by Chapter 8 of Aerobatics Canada. Abbotsford International Airport (CYXX). Abbotsford has some of the most beautiful scenery around and the contest is a great time. Take a look at the link: www.aerobatic-club.ca/

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Northern California Aerobatic Supremacy Fest 2007

Paso Robles

Primary	Pilot	Chapter	Make	Model	Total	%pp
1	James McNamara	49	Pitts	S-2C	1590.75	84.17%
2	Robert Shelnutt	118	Super Decathlon	8KCAB	1515.25	80.17%
3	Kevin Cordes	38	Super Decathlon	8KCAB	1484.50	78.54%
4	Perry Barlow	49	Cessna	152 Aerobat	1477.50	78.17%
5	Ronald Velkes	49	SuperDecathlon	8KCAB	1467.75	77.66%
6	William Dykes	38	Super Decathlon	8KCAB	932.88	49.36%
Sportsman	Pilot	Chapter	Make	Model	Total	%pp
1	Brian Stout	38	Christen	Eagle 2	3515.83	84.92%
2	Michael Montgomery		Extra	300L	3511.33	84.81%
3	Steve Madorsky	36	Extra	300L	3508.50	84.75%
4	Robert Toppel	77	Pitts	S-1S	3487.33	84.24%
5	Michael Hartenstine	36	Extra	300	3444.17	83.19%
6	James McNamara	49	Pitts	S-2C	3434.50	82.96%
7	Mike Eggen	38	Bellanca	8KCAB	3404.00	82.22%
8	Patrick Dugan	49	Super Decathlon	8KCAB	3383.33	81.72%
9	Judy Phelps	49	Pitts	S2-B	3329.50	80.42%
10	Layne Lisser	38	Christen	Eagle 2	3329.00	80.41%
11	Ashley Gambetta	38	Christen	Eagle 2	3318.67	80.16%
12	Joshua Muncie	36	Super Decathlon	8KCAB	3280.17	79.23%
13	Martin Price	38	Super Decathlon	8KCAB	3265.00	78.86%
14	Patrick Carter	38	Pitts	S-2B	3256.50	78.66%
15	Dan Francioni	26	Giles	202	3223.83	77.87%
16	Robert Harris	77	Extra	300	3208.33	77.50%
17	Rimas Viselga	38	Super Decathlon	8KCAB	3154.00	76.18%
18	Stephen De La Cruz	26	Super Decathlon	8KCAB	3153.50	76.17%
19	Mitch Robinson	26	Citabria	7KCAB	3113.17	75.20%
20	Margo Chase	48	Super Decathlon	8KCAB	3107.33	75.06%
21	Niccolai Murphy	36	Pitts	S-1T	3059.67	73.90%
22	Gerard Davis		Pitts	S-2C	2942.33	71.07%
23	David Stoik		Pitts	S-2C	2887.33	69.74%
24	Chelsea Engberg	38	Pitts	S-2C	2827.83	68.31%
25	Tomohiro Yamazaki		Super Decathlon	8KCAB	2791.17	67.42%
Intermediate	Pilot	Chapter	Make	Model	Total	%pp
1	Randy Owens	36	Extra	300L	4761.33	86.41%
2	Howard Kirker	38	Great Lakes		4756.17	86.32%
3	Thomas Francioni	26	Giles	202	4585.83	83.23%
4	Norman Manary	36	Pitts	S-1	4569.67	82.93%
5	Jenner Knight	36	Velox		4551.83	82.61%
6	Jason Wondolleck	49	Staudacher	S-600	4517.00	81.98%
7	Eric Gauthier		Pitts	S-2C	4174.83	75.77%
8	David Platt	38	Pitts	S-2B	4140.50	75.15%
9	Yuichi Takagi	38	Pitts	S-2S	4135.17	75.05%
10	Andrew Connolly	38	Pitts	S-2S	3636.67	66.00%
11	Peter Jensen	38	Pitts	S-2B	3602.50	65.38%
12	Justin Stout	38	Pitts	S-1	3134.67	56.89%
Advanced	Pilot	Chapter	Make	Model	Total	%pp
1	Tim Just	26	Extra	300	6743.62	82.74%
2	Malcolm Pond	36	Zivko	Edge 540	6707.25	82.30%
3	Reinaldo Beyer	36	Extra	300L	6556.75	80.45%
4	Tom Myers	38	Stephens	Akro	6308.62	77.41%
5	Edward Moore	36	Pitts	S-2C	6052.25	74.26%
6	Dave Watson	38	Pitts	S-2B	5955.38	73.07%
7	Douglas Sowder	67	Extra	300L	4992.00	61.25%
Unlimited	Pilot	Chapter	Make	Model	Total	%pp
1	Todd Whitmer	38	Zivko	Edge 540T	9659.50	82.99%
2	Norman DeWitt	38	Zivko	Edge 540	9497.38	81.59%

Grass Roots Medal	Pilot	%pp
	Howard Kirker	86.32%
Chapter Trophy	Chapter	%pp
1	38	85.32%
2	36	84.18%
3	49	82.21%
4	26	81.28%
School Trophy	School	%pp
1	CP Aviation	81.58%
2	Evil Empire	81.24%
3	Tutima	78.77%
4	Attitude Aviation	73.41%

New Members

Che Barnes

Chelsea Engberg and John Kluenker



Chelsea and John are married and both pilots. Chelsea is a CFI/MEI and John is a CFI/CFII as well as a corporate pilot flying a Citation X for a bank. They live up in Loomis, CA and eat, sleep and breath aviation. What a match! As a student pilot a few years ago Chelsea's parents gave her an hour of flying with Sean D. Tucker, and since then she has been hooked on aerobatics. After she got all of her ratings she won a scholarship through the

ICAS and started training at the Tutima Academy of Aviation Safety. She is now a student there as well as their Business Manager (handling their scheduling and customer support).



John hopes to get into aerobatics in the near future as well and is a huge supporter of the sport. They are currently in the market to buy a Pitts S1S, especially after Chelsea's first competition this last weekend in Paso Robles where she says, "I had an amazing time, I have to say thank you to everyone in Chapter 38 for making the experience unforgettable!" Welcome to IAC 38!

John Piggot

John is not a new comer to the sport, nor to IAC 38. He started aerobatics in 1973 in a Citabria and initially joined IAC Chapter 38 in 1976. Since then he has been an off and on (more often off) member of the Chapter and recently re-joined. Since beginning to fly aerobatics, it has been airshows for John instead of competition. He started flying airshows in a Pitts S-2A in 1977 and after owning four different Pitts' he switched to a Sukhoi in 1993. Soon after acquiring the Sukhoi he began regular training with Russia's Elena Klimovich and learned many of the Russian techniques and style of flying the big Russian plane. John has flown numerous airshows in the Western US and Canada and has flown the biggest and best including Abbotsford, MCAS El Toro, NAS Miramar, Oshkosh, NAWA Pt. Mugu, NAS Whidbey and Reno.



2007 is a special year for John. In three airshows

this year he will be flying immediately prior to his son, US Air Force F-16 Viper West Demo pilot Capt. Russ Piggott, whose inspiration and motivation to become an Air Force Demo Pilot stems directly from his years of airshow involvement from the time his dad started in 1977 (Russ was born in 1976). John will entertain audiences with a powerful and crisp display of aeronautical maneuvers in the large Sukhoi Su-29. Watch for unusual and unique maneuvers that he has given special names, such as "Elena's Cartwheel," "Buster Brown's Amazing Vertical Side Slide," the "Magical Mystical Micro-Loop" and even a wings-level 360° horizontal turn; something we've been told an airplane can't do! Look for him at Chico, San Francisco Fleet Week and MCAS Miramar.

As the summer progresses John will be practicing his skills in the New Jerusalem aerobatic box and looks forward to meeting his old friends who are Chapter 38 members as well as making friends with all the members he is yet to meet.



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