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IAC38 NEWSLETTER

President's Report



Bob Hoover is very excited to get his very own copy of *Sport Aerobatics with the Nice Pitts* article autographed by Beth.

Beth, Bob and Kim Furst, director of "Flying the Feathered Edge: the Bob Hoover Project"

You Say *Selfish* Like It's a BAD Thing

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." - Howard Thurman

I overheard a member at our last chapter meeting state how he thought flying aerobatics was one of the most *selfish* things a person could possibly participate in.

I've heard other variations of this particular sentiment: aerobatic pilots are self-centered, self-absorbed, are in it all for themselves, do not give back, blah, blah, blah.

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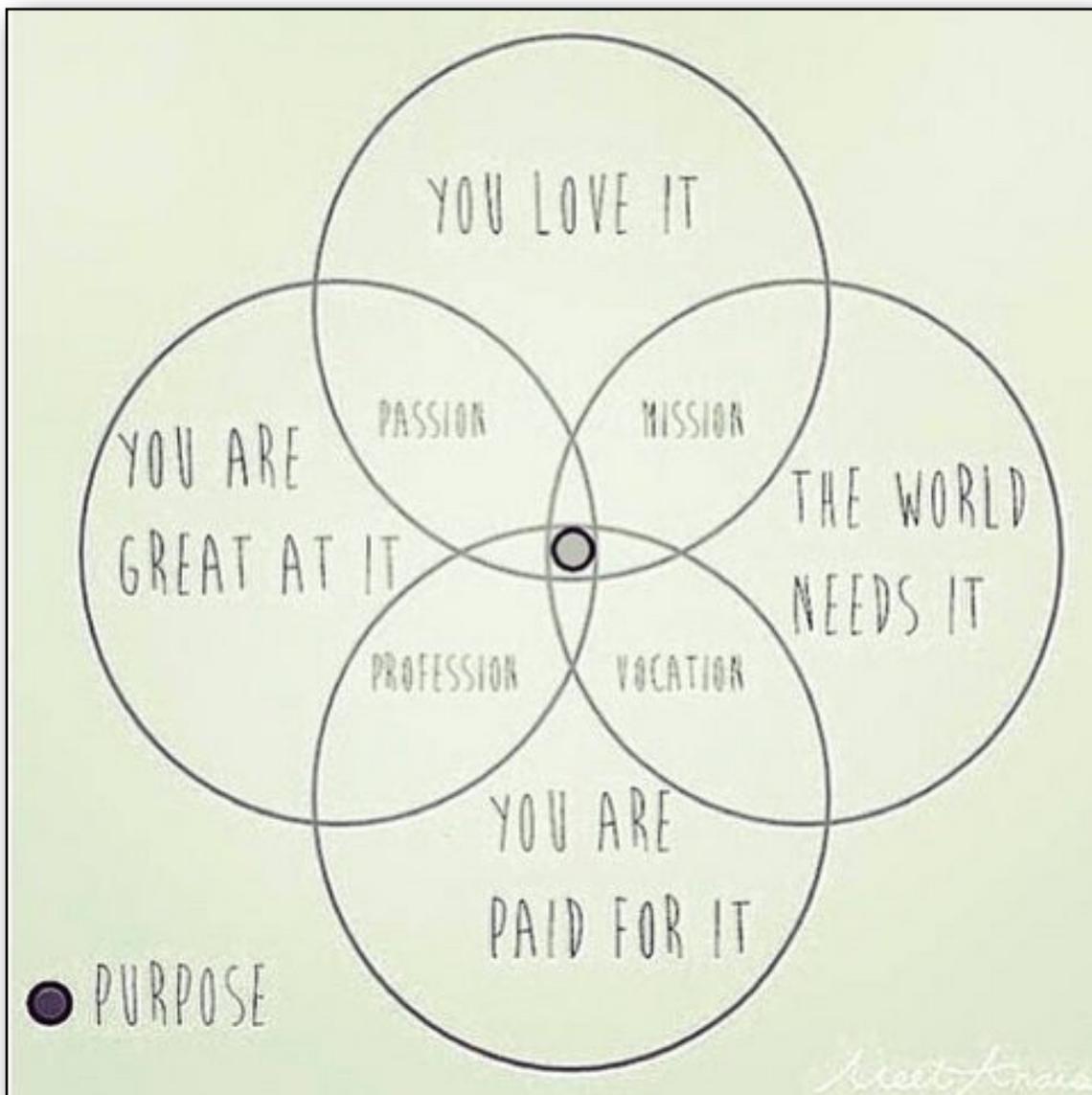
A Radical Notion

Nobody is born to be the keeper of YOU. Everyone is in this life for themselves. And this is not a bad thing. Everyone has a source within them that is guiding them to their best interest. Everyone has a personal GPS and is being called toward an improved life experience. If everyone, or most of them or some of them are hearing the call and moving toward it, can you imagine how magnificent this world would become?

–Ester Hicks

You cannot be anything but selfish. I realize this is an emotionally charged concept and indignant hackles may be already rising, but hang in here with me. Embracing the *self*-ness part of selfish allows you to navigate toward your passion, mission, vocation and profession; your PURPOSE.

Individuals who inspire, uplift or innovate, *must* be selfish. To achieve great things or acquire great skill requires singular devotion of time and energy. An Olympic athlete, Mozart, Thomas Edison... all selfish.



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Falling In Love With Practice

In his book *Outliers*, best-selling author Malcolm Gladwell popularized the idea that 10,000 hours of appropriately guided practice was “the magic number of greatness,” regardless of a person’s natural aptitude. In the years since Gladwell first pushed the “10,000-hours rule,” researchers have debated over what that rule actually entails. Conflicting opinions aside, there is consensus that it is not just any practice, but dedicated and intensive honing of skills that counts. At some point, elites fall in love with practice to the point where they want to do little else.

“I fly aerobatics because it makes me a safer and more precise pilot, but really because it is fun and beautiful. To make the airplane sing and dance...that is what flying really is. To me, flying has always meant aerobatics in some form or another. It’s the purest expression of the freedom of flight.” - Samuel Weaver, IAC34 president

Optimal Experiences

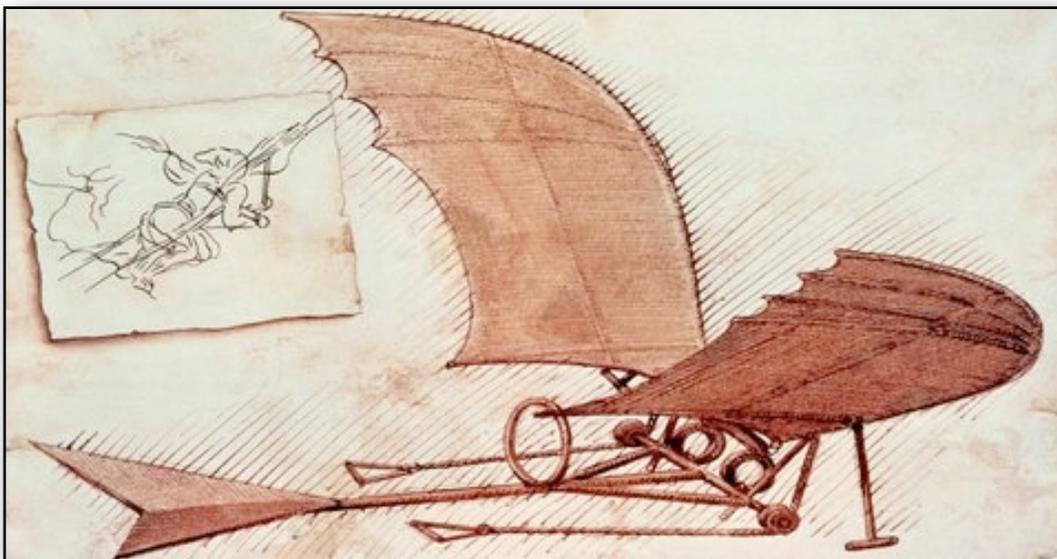
The article I just finished for the August issue of *Sport Aerobatics* addresses the motivations behind why we fly aerobatics. Not to give the entire article away, I’ll share a few points with you here.

Psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi’s nationally bestselling book *Flow* investigates “optimal experience”. What makes an experience genuinely satisfying is a state of consciousness called *flow*. He describes a *flow activity* as “an activity that produces experiences so gratifying that people are willing to do it for its own sake, with little concern for what they will get out of it, even when it is difficult, or dangerous.”

Some of the elements of a *flow activity* are that they are challenging and require skill, they merge action and awareness, self-consciousness is lost and time transforms.

Flight: Supreme Inspiration

Nothing prepares you for the sense of agility and self-possession of an airplane; the feeling of freedom, of exhilaration that that machine promises. It becomes a journey of self-realization, of soaring above one’s limits. The airplane literalizes the human goal of transcending our limitations.
– Alain de Botton

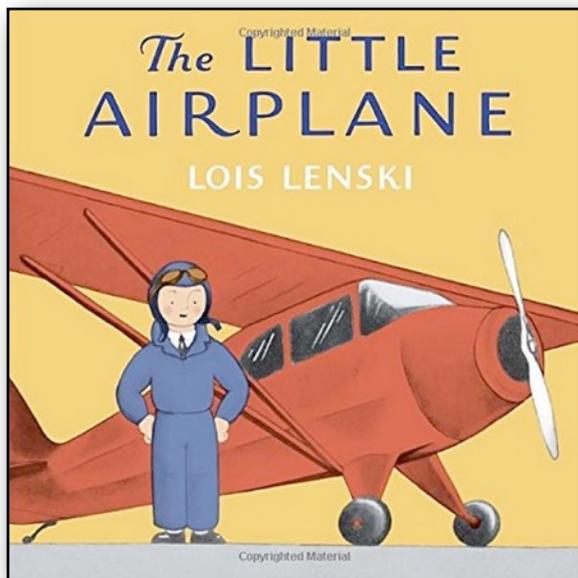


Humans have been fascinated with the concept of flight for millennia. You are so lucky to live during a time when powered flight has not only been realized, but continues to be reinvented in entirely novel ways.

Last night, I attended a screening of Bob Hoover’s documentary “Flying the Feathered Edge.” His remarkable talent and achievements have touched millions of lives.

On the other end of the spectrum is your own little self flying for personal enjoyment and fulfillment. **This is worthwhile in and of itself.**

Some excerpts from the 1938 children’s book *The Little Airplane* by describe this concept beautifully:



It is a fine, sunny day. Pilot Small decides to go up in his airplane. Up and up the little airplane goes! The plane flies along smoothly. The little airplane flies over a town. Pilot Small sees the people walking about like little ants on the street below. The little airplane climbs higher. It flies above the clouds. Pilot Small likes this best of all! He sees the clouds like cotton beneath him. It is a very beautiful sight! It is growing late. Pilot Small flies back home. He sees his fields, his house, and his garage. He sees his little auto waiting for him beside the airport.

Pilot Small decides to do a loop. He gives a chuckle. He feels very proud of himself. Pilot Small does another loop just for fun!



Please, go do something you love just for the sake of doing it. Those things that bring you joy and fulfillment...keep doing them. Often. The world benefits from your happiness.

Check out this two-minute video from Shots of Awe. Open your eyes. We can fly.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Biv6eCt5IHg>



Girls of IAC38, Delano, 2014

Happiness Is Delano, September 4, 5, 6, 2015

Please note the date, it was erroneously listed as the prior weekend in the last newsletter calendar.

Remember to make you hotel reservation early, it's dove hunting season! Also, there will be no camping on the field this year.

You can pre-register here: <http://www.iacusn.org/acrs/login.php?url=%2Facs%2Findex.php>



Beth and Josh climbing to 13,000. This takes a long time in a Cessna 206 with six people in it - about 500' per minute

IAC 38 June Chapter Meeting, On Location at Skydive California, Tracy

It was a fantastic day and IAC38 meeting at Skydive California. These guys are a class act and great hosts. Josh Horwich, Doug Burr and myself all made our first skydives from 13,000 feet. The 8000-foot free fall was awesome! John Haag was on hand as a seasoned skydiver showing us the ropes and providing heckling support. He got a few jumps in himself throughout the day. Then we got a tour of the facility, a talk on ram air vs. round chutes, and examined the insides of parachutes. A fascinating day with folks related to us. Thanks to all for such a great turnout.

Check out the video of Josh and Beth's skydive, complete with pre-jump smack talk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQQy7887DoA&feature=youtu.be>

Favorite quote:

Photographer to Josh: "It says DANGER on your back here, I'm not really sure what that means."

Josh: "Well neither do I."

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Josh, Beth and Doug excited for their maiden skydive



Josh's Leap of Faith



gorgeous sky



Doug seems like he's enjoying himself



Instructor Mike



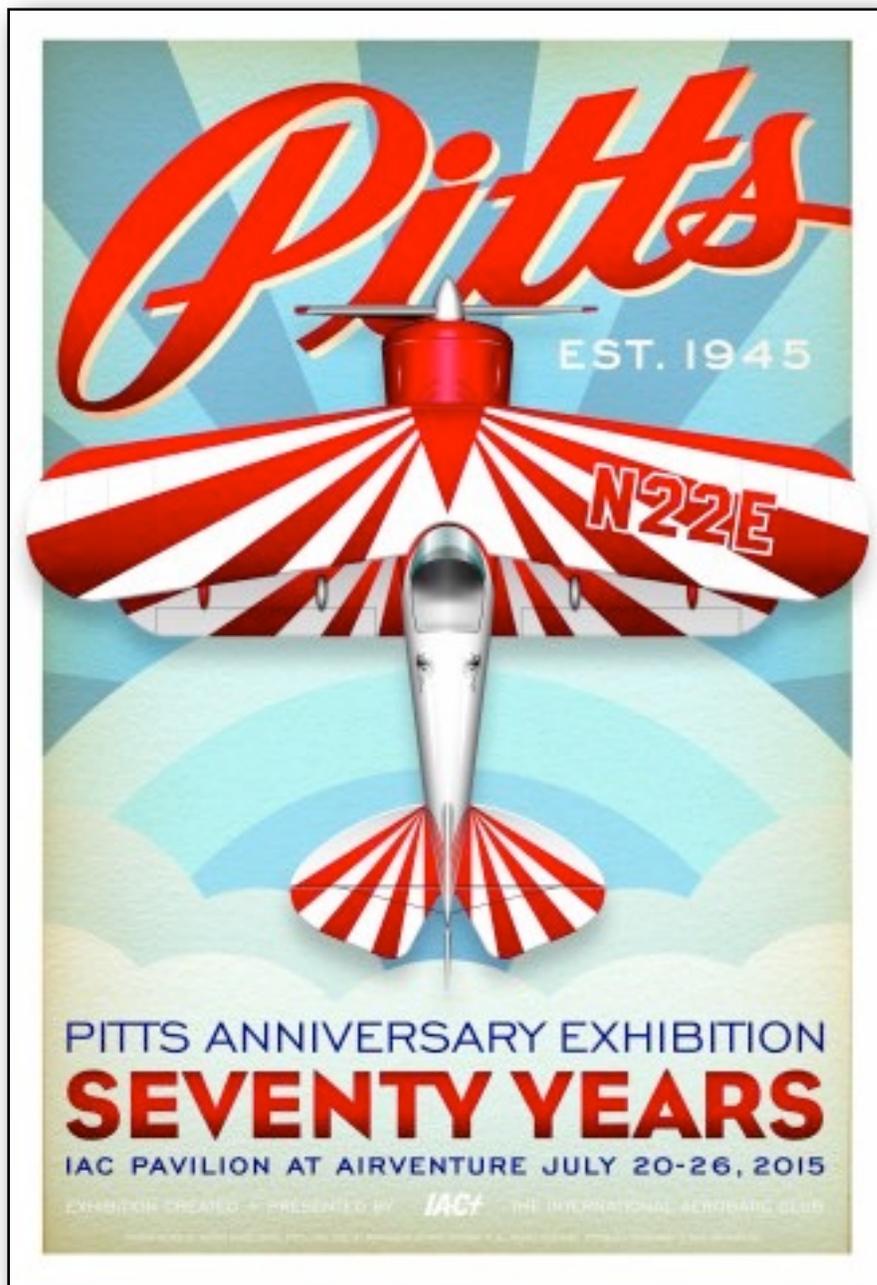
checking out parachutes



John Haag is a badass



PITTS 70TH ANNIVERSARY AT AIRVENTURE 2015



Lorrie Penner

Come Celebrate!

This summer marks the 70th anniversary of the first test flight of the Pitts S-1 by Curtis Pitts himself. This aircraft went on to become one of the premiere aerobatic aircraft of all times and continues to enjoy an active life in the hands of competition and recreational pilots around the world. It remains one of the iconic aircraft types in aerobatic history and

made possible the foundation, growth, and expansion of IAC in the 1970's. Its importance to aerobatic development cannot be overemphasized.

To recognize this beautiful airplane and all the models that have followed since the first S-1 took to the air in 1945, EAA and IAC will celebrate this 70th anniversary with special displays at EAA AirVenture 2015 in Oshkosh as well as forums and airshow demonstrations.

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The Pitts Exhibit

2015 is a special year for EAA and IAC as it was on August 28th, 1945 that Curtis Pitts first flew his “Special” in Jacksonville, Florida.

EAA and IAC are honoring this great aircraft designer and his creations in this 70th Anniversary year of its first flight.

Over 70 Pitts Special owners and pilots have pre-registered and will be bringing their airplanes to EAA AirVenture 2015. All models of the Pitts are expected and will be on display, including a replica of the first prototype (N52650) from the EAA Museum’s collection to the powerful and sleek Model 12.

Inside the IAC Pavilion, a special Pitts Exhibit has been designed to explain and highlight the history of these aircraft in a series of 16 vertical panels and over 60 photographs. In addition, to the 70+ Pitts Specials on display in the parking area, Peter Gauthier of Sonoma, California will bring the fuselage of his exact replica of NX86401, which later became N22E, Betty Skelton’s famous “Little Stinker”. This aircraft was flown by Phil Quigley after World War II and later sold to Betty who re-numbered and re-painted it in the colors we know today. Peter’s NX86401 fuselage will be on display in the interior of the IAC Pavilion along with the Pitts Exhibit.

Sunday July 26, 4 p.m. IAC38 Chapter Meeting, Attitude Aviation, KLVK

Double the Fun: Live from AirVenture and Flying for the Judges

Beth will be reporting live from the IAC Pavilion, Oshkosh via Skype. IAC president Mike Heuer will give us personal tour of the Pitts Anniversary Exhibit, just outside the Pavilion doors. Mystery airshow pilot guests and other national IAC luminaries will also be on hand.

After signing off, the meeting will continue with the popular judge panel advising how to best present your competition sequence for the judges. New judges and judge school attendees will not want to miss this, as you will learn tips and tricks on how to become a more perceptive and accurate judge.

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.

September 4-6, Happiness is Delano, Delano Municipal, DLO

September 27, IAC38 chapter meeting

October 8-10, Borrego Akrofest, Borrego Valley, L08

October 25-26, RED OCTOBER, IAC38 chapter meeting/critique day/BBQ/camp-out/ sleepover at Half Moon Bay, KHAF. More details coming soon.

November 22, IAC38 chapter meeting

December 6, IAC38 Holiday Party of Mayhem



AirVenture advertisement featuring Luca Bertossio

Beth Stanton, Aviation Journalist

This Friday, I leave for 10 glorious days at AirVenture. I am out-of-this-world excited!

I am equal parts honored, humbled and stoked to be a member of the EAA press corps. My mission is to collect stories to write for EAA's Sport Aviation magazine over the next year. I'll be spending a lot of time at the IAC Pavilion. In addition to being front row

center for the daily airshows, there are multiple forum topics that I plan on attending. I'm taking a shift as ambassador of aerobatics there, meeting and greeting members and bringing eager new folks into the fold. I promise to present as polished and professional with minimal shenanigans.

You can stop laughing now.

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Beth's Sport Aviation debut article: cover feature for the July 2015 issue

My dance card is filling in already: IAC general meeting, IAC Member Gathering, several receptions for EAA/IAC chapter leaders, AirVenture Cup awards banquet, Women Venture luncheon, Skydancers movie premiere (this is a film featuring all of the women who participated at the 2013 WAC. IAC'ers Debby Rihn-Harvey, Melissa Pemberton, Dagmar Kress, Ann Marie Ward and the French women - Aude Lemordant and Kathel Boulanger - are extensively interviewed as well as Heike Sauels of Germany).

I am so looking forward to meeting in person the many people from EAA and IAC that I have only spoken with on the phone or exchanged emails with.

I'll be posting regular updates to our IAC38 Facebook page to keep you in the loop. This is going to be a week to remember and I promise to share it with you!

Please be in touch if you're at Oshkosh. You can message me on Facebook or email bethstanton@gmail.com

You can check out the story I wrote for July Sport Aviation magazine here:

<https://drive.google.com/.../0B4AkY4I4Ho4ZOEFDJRDRDhxS.../view...>

Still pinching myself,

Beth

For most of us 'Sky is the Limit'
For these women pilots 'Sky is Home'



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Flying the Feathered Edge: the Bob Hoover Project

Hundreds of people turned out last Saturday night for the Sacramento screening premiere of *Flying the Feathered Edge: the Bob Hoover Project* at the Aerospace Museum of California at McClellan.

IAC38ers took advantage of the opportunity to see Bob Hoover and his film on the big screen. It was an unforgettable evening with the living aviation legend and the talented director of the film, Kim Furst.

Next stop for the talented documentarian and Mr. Hoover: Oshkosh.



Jake and Jay Carter flew the Cessna 195 to MCC

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Photos by marketoper Aviation Photography

Bob signed Jake's 1966 Reno Air Race program



Jeff Rose and Marilyn Dash

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Bob signs "the other one" for Beth





2015 aerobatics

WESTERN REGIONAL CONTEST CALENDAR

3/26-3/28 | Borrego Springs Hammerhead Roundup | Borrego Springs Airport | L08 | CA

4/30-5/02 | Duel in the Desert | Apple Valley | APV | CA

5/28-5/30 | Coalinga Western Showdown | New Coalinga Municipal Airport | C80 | CA

6/25-6/27 | Apple Cup | Ephrata Municipal Airport | EPH | WA

7/17-7/18 | Cut Bank - Rocky Mountain Can/Am | Cut Bank International Airport | CTB | MT

8/12-8/15 | Beaver State Regional | Pendleton Regional Airport | PDT | OR

9/04-9/06 | Happiness Is Delano | Delano Airport | DLO | CA

9/11-9/12 | Apple Turnover | Ephrata Municipal Airport | EPH | WA

9/19-9/26 | U.S. National Aerobatic Championships | North Texas Regional | GYI | TX

10/8-10/9 | Borrego Akrofest | Borrego Springs Airport | L08 | CA

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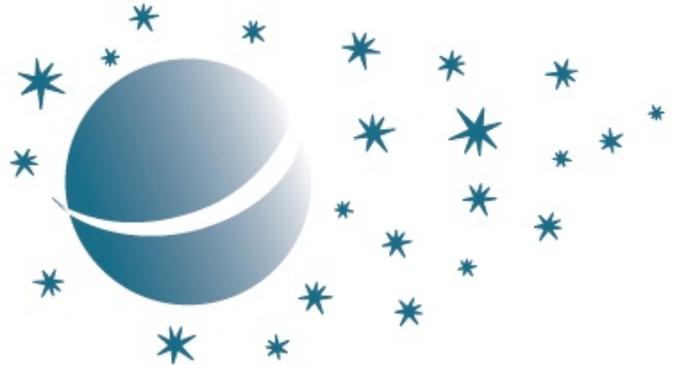
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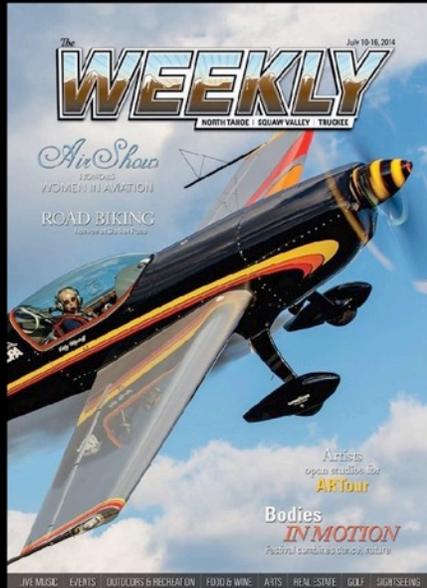
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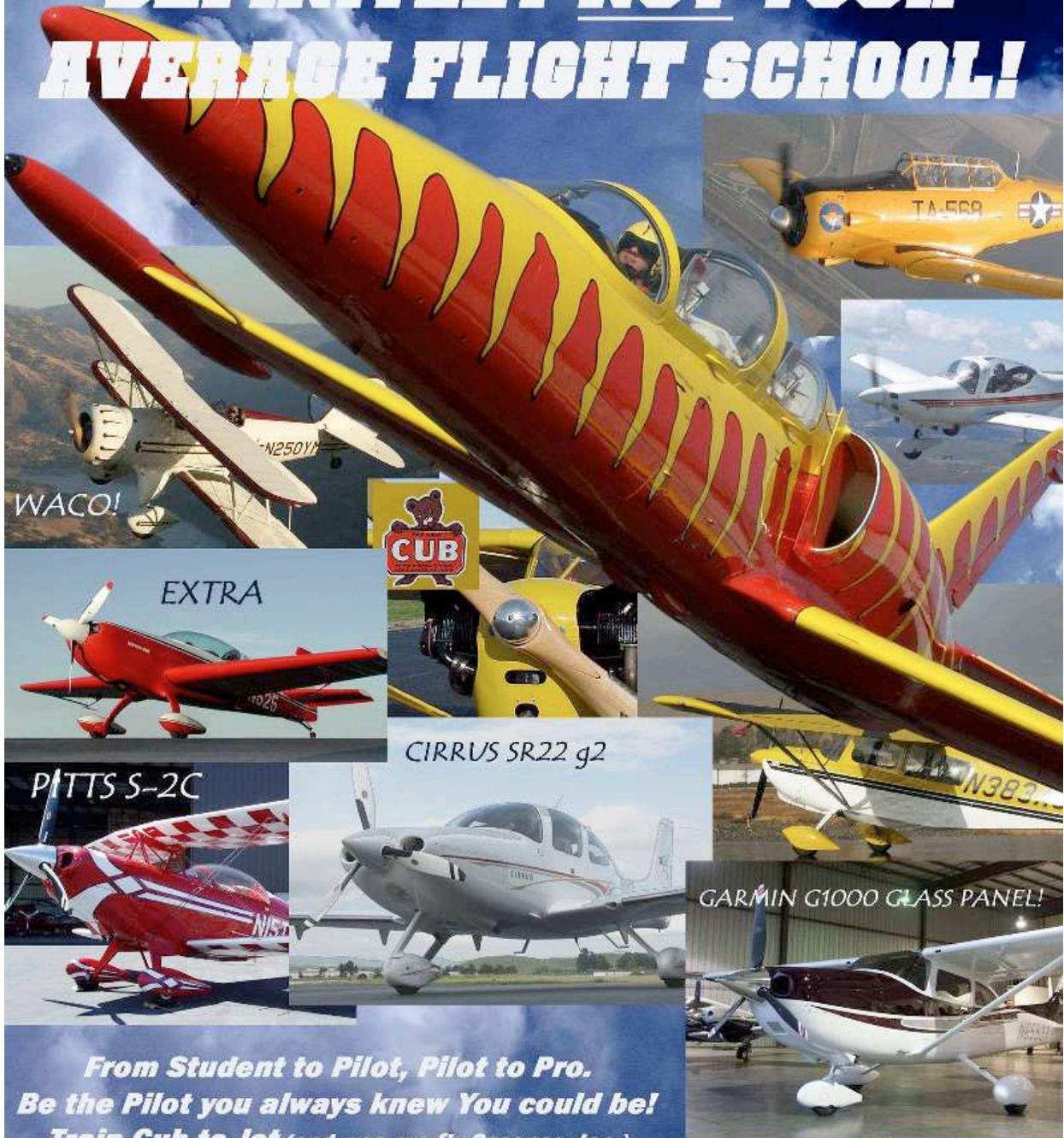


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- sign up here IAC38 (using PayPal): <http://www.iac38.org>
- sign up at our next chapter meeting, we accept cash, check and credit card
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We are a very diverse group of people with a lot of interesting 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!

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