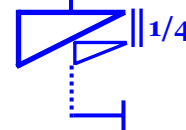


THE ACRONAUT



Flying High



Each month the newsletter will feature another witty and engaging strip of *Flying High* by Darrin Silver. To learn more about Darrin and his work please see pages 6 and 7.

President's Post

Brad Oliver

Greetings fellow acronauts! It has been an interesting month since I last wrote. I bought my first plane, what a great feeling (the flying, not paying for it). I ended up buying a Citabria so that I could build tailwheel time in preparation for the Sukhoi Su-31 I am buying next year... Dream on! I am planning trips all over the state, so if you see me pull up on the ramp at your local airport, be sure to say hello. Enough about my new plane and me...(Photo on Page 4—Ed.)

I am happy to announce that we were able to obtain approval from the FAA on both of our

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Chapter 38

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of Chapter 38 is to:

- Promote safety and education in sport aerobatics
- Promote and encourage individual proficiency and competition in sport aerobatics
- Promote and encourage aviation safety in the design, construction, and operation of all types of aircraft
- Foster and promote aviation education to the local community, particularly to school-age children
- Encourage research for the improvement and better understanding of aviation and the science of aeronautics.



IAC—Statement of Purpose

- The core purpose of the International Aerobatic Club is to promote and enhance the safety and enjoyment of sport aerobatics through the following core values:
- Openness and inclusiveness
- A passion and responsibility to educate and share our knowledge both inside and outside the IAC
- A commitment and responsibility to safety and excellence in every aspect of our sport
- Fair play and sportsmanship.



Young Eagles Day

The May 11, 2002 Young Eagles Day event at the Tracy airport was a heart-warming success! Children thrilled to their first flight in general aviation aircraft while anxious parents scanned the skies for their safe return. Parents, unfortunately, did not express an interest in having their own flight experience—our compliments and thanks to all the parents for giving their children the gift of flight!

Thanks to Terry Ridgway, Event Coordinator for his love of aviation and for his dedication and service that made the event possible. Thanks also to the three enthusiastic pilots who flew—Graham Bird, Kim Hunter, and Dick Rihn. Thanks also to Cecilia Aragon who volunteered but could not fly due to a cold.

Many showed up to volunteer as ground crew and we thank the following for their support, help, and attendance: Brad and Christine Oliver, Dale and Cris Flint, Joe Bonacci, Dave Walkup, Brian Monroe, and Kevin and Jimmy Crane.

As an added bonus that day unlimited pilots were in the box—what a thrill to watch their performance! (No parent wanted a ride with them either.)



Aviation Quote

I would believe only in a god who could dance. And when I saw my devil I found him serious, thorough, profound, and solemn; it was the spirit of gravity—through him all things fall. Not by wrath does one kill but by laughter. Come, let us kill the spirit of gravity. I have learned to walk: ever since, I let myself run. I have learned to fly. Now I am light, now I fly, now I see myself beneath myself, now a god dances through me.

— Friedrich Nietzsche

New Arrival !

Chapter 38 welcomes Brad and Christine Oliver's new Citabria 7ECA! Powered by a 115 hp Lycoming O-235-C1 engine, the 4412 NACA airfoil is capable of +5 / -2 g maneuvers. We just know that Brad and Christine will have lots of fun with their new addition!

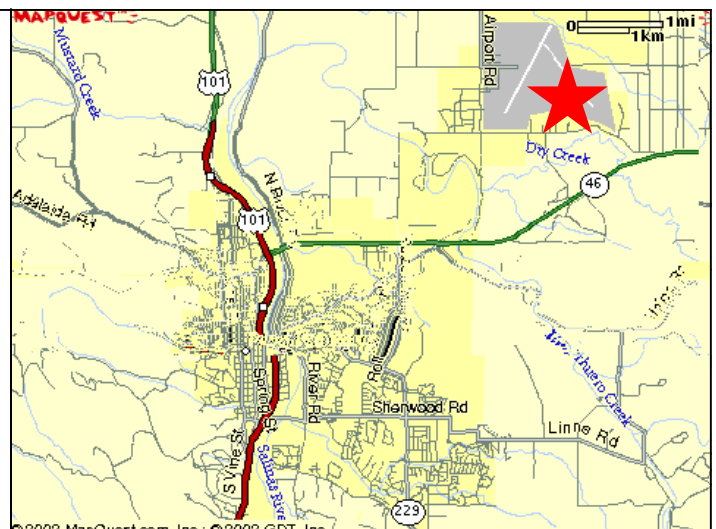


June Meeting !!!

Who: Everyone!

When: June 7-9, 7AM until ??

Where: Paso Robles Municipal (PRB)
4 mi. NE of city
N35-40.37; W120-37.62
Unicom/CTAF 123.0



President's Post—cont'd

waivers. The New Jerusalem waiver that was held up for a few weeks was eventually approved. Many thanks to the Board for all their hard work in pulling this together!

Two weeks ago we had another successful Young Eagles Day. Again, our thanks go out to Terry Ridgway for coordinating the day, and to those of you who helped (listed on page 3 of this newsletter). What a great thing it is to see a young kid come down from their first light airplane ride with a smile from ear to ear! On a more serious note, I want to talk about involvement. Over the next few months I would like to challenge you to get involved in the chapter. Doesn't have to be anything huge or long-term, just something. The current board has been working very hard to ensure the chapter has a box to fly in, and that there are activities throughout the year, but in the end we see the same faces doing all the work. While it always gets done with a smile, I am concerned that we are taking advantage of our volunteers generosity, and we cannot continue to operate in that fashion...we will loose good people!

Of the more critical tasks in the coming months is finding a suitable alternative to our aerobatic box (other than Tracy). The chapter needs all the help we can get...otherwise we may not have a box at all. I know that many of you fly in the box, so please do your part and assist us in ensuring the chapter has an aerobatic box for years to come. Even if you just have ideas, please send them on to us.

Speaking of flying the box... As I had mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the Board worked very hard to get the box this year, and we had to do some serious negotiating order to gain approval of the waiver. One of the tasks we agreed to take on was to deal with noise complaints from the neighbors nearby. I have already had discussions a representative of the neighborhood, and they are watching us, just waiting for us to screw up. I am telling you this in the hopes that you be on your best behavior when using the box at Tracy...this means 100% compliance with the waiver, and using your best judgment (i.e. no aggressive turns over the neighborhood that could be mistaken for aerobatics). Those of you that fly in the box do a great job of complying with the waiver rules, but just be aware that you are being watched, and if I get a call, chances are you are going to get a call from me. ;-)

Are you packed for Paso yet? Holy cow is this going to be a great contest! I just got an update from our CD, Jacquie Warda, and it sounds like this year's Paso is going to be the contest to beat all contests. We are talking serious fun here people. Competitor or volunteer, you won't want to miss this one! Oh well, enough ranting for now. I am interested in hearing your opinions, so please share them with me. You can reach me via email at president@iac38.org.

Keep the shinny side down!



Flying High

by Darrin Silver

Otto Pylott and Roger Overnout, both unmarried, are the flightcrew of Billion Air. They are co-workers and friends whose rapport extends beyond the flightdeck into their everyday lives. Their personalities complement each other and provide a witty dynamic.



Otto Pylott

Captain Otto Pylott is the straight-laced epitome of an airline pilot. He is concerned about running a tight ship, but can have his jovial moments of eccentricity when the mood strikes him. Otto strives to maintain a high level of professionalism, but often ends up succumbing to the whimsical antics of Roger.

Roger Overnout

Billion Air's First Officer is Roger Overnout, the free-spirited sidekick who provides enough comic relief to keep Otto from taking life too seriously. Roger can put a positive twist on any predicament. His off-the-wall approach to life often leads the hapless crew into countless amusing situations.



Ariel View and Allen Rench make fairly regular appearances in the strip. They bring their own unique perspective whether by themselves or interacting with Otto and Roger.



Ariel View

The perky, wise-cracking flight attendant, Ariel View, is skilled at maintaining order amidst chaos. She is by no means a bubble-head and is quick to reprimand uncooperative passengers or flight crew when the need arises.

Allen "Al" Rench

Every airline needs an ace mechanic, unfortunately, Billion Air has Al Rench. His attempts to keep everything in tip-top condition are often impeded by his bungling style. Yet somehow he always manages to keep the company's jets safely in the air.



Darrin Silver

Darrin is a native Californian, raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. For as long as he can remember, Darrin has been around airplanes. His father Allen Silver owns a parachute business that specializes in emergency parachute equipment for aerobatic and glider pilots. This line of work provided an open door for Darrin to meet many people in the aviation world. As a young child he had numerous opportunities to fly with people and was introduced to the exhilarating sport of aerobatics. Darrin realized early on that this was definitely for him.

At the age of sixteen he began flying lessons with Amelia Reid and obtained his private pilot's license in a Taylorcraft F-19 when he was seventeen years old. Working as a gas boy refueling airplanes helped offset the initial cost. Now Darrin has an ATP license (Airline Transport Pilot) with instrument, multi-engine, and SA-227 type ratings.

In 1998 Darrin was a member of the San Jose State University Precision Flight Team. He and his teammate Robert Martin took first place in the Crew Resource Management event at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association competition in Salina, Kansas. The team also won the coveted American Airlines Safety Award, beating out teams from prestigious schools such as Embry-Riddle and the University of North Dakota.

Art Experience

As a small child Darrin loved to color and draw pictures. When his family would go to church on Sunday mornings his mom kept a tablet and some pencils in her purse. To keep from getting bored during the sermons, Darrin would draw and doodle. He has not had much formal art training beyond the obligatory art classes taken throughout his schooling career. However, during Darrin's junior year in high school a cartooning class was offered by the art department.

The teacher Glenn Watson thought Darrin had some potential to do this professionally and taught him about deadlines and helped with the fine tuning. Darrin's assignment for the rest of the semester was to produce two finished cartoons each week. Mr. Watson would go over them and offer tips on storylines or improving visual interest. Several of Darrin's cartoons appeared in *The Explorer*, his high school newspaper.

More of Darrin's work can be seen at <http://www.flyinghighcomics.com>

Contest Calendar

June 7-9. Paso Robles, California. Northern California Regional Aerobatic Contest sponsored by IAC Chapter 38. The competition will be held at Paso Robles Airport-locator PRB. Primary through Unlimited categories and glider categories will be flown. Practice and registration will be Thursday, June 6. For more information contact Contest Director Jacquie Warda at 925/831-2123; or e-mail at skyydnz@yahoo.com.

June 7-8. Stillwater, Oklahoma. South Central Region. Okie Twist-Off sponsored by IAC Chapter 59. CD Ray Gill at 580/233-6045, rayman@g-loc.com.

June 21-23. Sherman, Texas. South Central Region. Lone Star Aerobatic Contest sponsored by IAC Chapter 24. CD Mark Jacobson at 214/208-3523, cplne@aol.com.

June 29-30. Seward, Nebraska. South Central Region. MW Aerobatic Contest sponsored by IAC Chapter 80. CD Chandy Clanton at 402/435-0141, clclanton@hotmail.com.

July 5-7. Jackson, Michigan. Mid America Region. Henry Haigh Challenge sponsored by IAC Chapter 88. For CD Rick Stone at 248/623-1779, n1ors1@comcast.net.

July 12-13. Weatherford, Oklahoma. South Central Region. Okie Dust Devil sponsored by IAC Chapter 59. CD Ken Reid at 580/772-7113, reid@itlnet.net.

July 12-14. Kenosha, Wisconsin. Mid America Region. Great Lakes Aerobatic Contest sponsored by IAC Chapter 8. CD Christie Bruns at 414/761-0134, bruns5051j@aol.com.

July 19-21. Salem, Illinois. Mid America Region. Salem Aerobatic Contest sponsored by IAC Chapter 61. CD Brent Smith at 636/447-5645, BSIAC61@hotmail.com, or stuntpilot@worldnet.att.net.

July 19-20. Abbotsford, British Columbia. 2002 Canadian Open Aerobatic championship sponsored by Aerobatics Canada Chapter 8. CD Donn Richardson at 604/941-0595, www.aerobatic-club.ca.

August 9-10. Llano, Texas. South Central Region. The Hill Country HammerFest sponsored by IAC Chapter 107. CD Scott Poehlmann at 512/481-1608, scott-p@texas.net.

August 9-11. Springfield, Vermont. Northeast Region. Green Mt. Aerobatic Contest sponsored by IAC Chapter 35. CD George Coy at 802/868-5633, gesoco@together.net.

August 17-18. Columbus, Ohio. Mid America Region Ohio Aerobatic Open sponsored by IAC Chapter 34. CD Randy Dodge at 740/362-8132, iac34pilot@aol.com.

August 23-25. Aruora, Illinois. Mid America Region. 2002 Aurora - Heuer Classic sponsored by IAC Chapter 1. CD Richard Gaynor at 773/283-5353, rgaynor@aol.com.

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Contest Calendar

August 30 - September 2. Delano, California. Southwest Region. Happiness is Delano sponsored by IAC Chapter 26. CD Gerrit Vanderziel at 805/481-1354, IACCD97@aol.com.

September 6-8. Monticello, New York. Kathy Jaffe Challenge sponsored by IAC Chapter 52. CD Ron Chadwick at 732/671-6809, bubbaron@bellatlantic.net.

September 7-8. Albert Lee, Minnesota. Mid America Region. North Central Aerobatic Contest sponsored by IAC Chapter 78. CD Gary DeBaun at 612/727-6055 (W); 952/892-7188 (H), B747Inst@aol.com website: <http://www.isd.net/chapter78>

September 7-8. Sterling, Colorado. South Central Region. Aspen Leaf Acro Challenge sponsored by IAC Chapter 12. CD Clyde Cable at 970/454-5469, jinnyfield@yahoo.com or www.IAC12.org.

September 21-29. U.S. National Aerobatic Championships. The tentative schedule is as follows: Saturday, Sept. 21 will be practice and registration. Practice will be limited to those who pre-register. Sunday, Sept. 22 will be practice and judges/pilots briefing. Sept 23-28 will be competition in all categories. Saturday, Sept 28 will be the Unlimited 4-Minute Freestyle competition, public air show exhibition and banquet. Sunday, Sept 29 the Unlimited Team Selection contest will conclude.

October 26-27. Farmville, Virginia. Northeast Region. First Flight Aerobatic Contest sponsored by IAC Chapter 19. CD Darwin Jones at 828/696-3161, arcopilot@msn.com.

Oct. 31-November 2. Sebring, Florida. 46 Sebring Aerobatic Championships sponsored by IAC Chapter 23. CD Ann Salcedo at 305/434-4659, AnnSalcedoRN@aol.com or Mike Mayes at soarobatics@aol.com.

Oct. 31-November 3. Tucson, Arizona. Tequila Cup Aerobatic Contest sponsored by IAC Chapter 62. Contest Director Maryilnn Holland at 520/887-9399, m.hollandSAAC@worldnet.att.com.

CANADIAN

June 28-30. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Gatineau Open sponsored by Canada Chapter 5. CD Peter Ashwood-Smith at 819/595-9032, petera@nortelnetworks.com.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 3-11. Slovenia. The 2002 Advanced World Aerobatic Championships (AWAC) will be held in Slovenia. The arrival of participants will be August 2, 2002, with competition beginning on August 3 and lasting through August 11, 2002. Competitors will depart on August 12, 2002.

Source: www.eaa.org

Gold Cup Regional—Results

Gold Cup Regional, Apple Valley May 2-4, 2002

Contest Director: Randy Chestnut

Official Results and Final Standings

I.A.C. Scoring System - Version 01

(Results calculated using TBLP w/ minimum weight threshold at 1.2 standard deviation)

Sportsman

Rank	Pilot / Chapter	Known	Free	Known 2	TBLP	Total %pp
1 st	Dave Bankhead 69	1154.6293	1154.0280	1145.8483	3454.5056	85.30
2 nd	Larry Reynolds	1168.5368	1151.9228	1131.3142	3451.7738	85.23
3 rd	Gary Meermans 36	1162.2401	1142.6847	1140.2538	3445.1786	85.07
4 th	Todd Whitmer	1101.4690	1158.4504	1150.7316	3410.6510	84.21
5 th	Tim Allen Jr. 114	1117.3114	1140.5175	1146.1397	3403.9686	84.05
6 th	Brian Davis 69	1162.9373	1133.5965	1092.5092	3389.0430	83.68
7 th	Bret Davenport 114	1105.4529	1108.8392	1136.7843	3351.0764	82.74
8 th	Mark Holmes 77	1120.3340	1092.7973	1109.3404	3322.4717	82.04
9 th	Dick Stonehouse	1112.1616	1103.5891	1079.7672	3295.5179	81.37
10 th	Malcolm Pond 49	1108.9808	989.2911	1113.6365	3211.9084	79.31
11 th	Barry Shelton 36	1092.9944	968.9696	1095.9614	3157.9254	77.97
12 th	Clark Foster 36	1104.1684	1142.0537	763.7636	3009.9857	74.32
13 th	Bud Davis	343.6772	925.9818	1111.5493	2381.2083	58.80
14 th	Dan Allison	967.9960	1052.9450	0.0000	2020.9410	49.90

Intermediate

Rank	Pilot /Chapter	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP	Total %pp
1 st	Joe Kutschka 62	677.9957	1661.0273	1276.8483	4615.8713	83.02
2 nd	Mark Leseberg 777	1704.7224	1631.2316	1278.3246	4614.2786	82.99
3 rd	Brian Tallmadge 69	1642.5914	1622.2346	1228.3898	4493.2158	80.81
4 th	Jeff Farrar 69	1656.6530	1603.6560	1220.4982	4480.8072	80.59
5 th	Bill Bancroft 36	1584.6106	1587.5091	1302.7696	4474.8893	80.48
6 th	Tony Moradian 49	1631.2478	1568.1027	1257.3945	4456.7450	80.16
7 th	Mickey O'Brien 36	1673.4511	1589.9053	1180.1287	4443.4851	79.92
8 th	Joseph Bradt 114	1633.7183	1478.2856	1290.4767	4402.4806	79.18
9 th	Pete Eslick 85	1684.0692	1611.5602	1005.5919	4301.2213	77.36
10 th	Lance Teren	1548.4994	1543.2024	1208.8869	4300.5887	77.35
11 th	David Friedman 49	1635.5376	1498.5860	1094.4852	4228.6088	76.05
12 th	Tom Applegate 26	1572.3733	1594.6959	1028.7145	4195.7837	75.46
13 th	Jim Nahom 49	1719.9741	1604.8101	636.1317	3960.9159	71.24
14 th	Gil Tellier 49	1559.4992	1621.8163	669.4867	3850.8022	69.26
15 th	Diana Towne 36	1392.8487	1481.8380	959.6613	3834.3480	68.96
16 th	Jacquie Warda 38	1652.3557	1245.3126	709.7168	3607.3851	64.88
17 th	Eric Tucker	1394.6596	0.0000	1281.2717	2675.9313	48.

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Gold Cup Regional—Results

Advanced

Rank	Pilot / Chapter	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP	Total %pp
1 st	Jim Abraham 69	2541.9553	2828.8998	2215.1703	7586.0254	85.14
2 nd	Steve Cummings36	2418.1991	2595.8794	2136.8399	7150.9184	80.26
3 rd	Nick Nilmeyer	2351.7326	2475.6648	2252.3121	7079.7095	79.46
4 th	Bill Stein 38	2422.7489	2578.5119	1879.7932	6881.0540	77.23
5 th	Michael Steveson 69	2321.5536	2609.0715	1843.9105	6774.5356	76.03
6 th	Jim Peeples 36	2364.8571	2437.6947	1957.2917	6759.8435	75.87
7 th	Ty Frisby 114	2437.4022	2596.8409	1702.0941	6736.3372	75.60
8 th	Jack Allenberg 69	2400.7736	2487.4979	1815.4489	6703.7204	75.24
9 th	Robbie Gibbs 69	2124.0619	2559.8037	1894.8190	6578.6846	73.83
10 th	Brian Chesebro 62	2022.2385	2535.9865	1785.9674	6344.1924	71.20

Unlimited

Rank	Pilot / Chapter	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP	Total %pp
1 st	Kirby Chambliss 69	2966.9957	4636.3275	3424.3854	11027.7086	93.77
2 nd	Mike Mangold 49	2880.2334	4475.0089	3281.3633	10636.6056	90.45
3 rd	Michael Racy 62	2764.5438	4391.6193	3002.9039	10159.0670	86.39
4 th	Julie Mangold 49	2714.8811	4244.8810	3057.8414	10017.6035	85.18
5 th	Norm DeWitt 38	2615.8777	3907.8158	3156.2046	9679.8981	82.31
6 th	Doug Jardine 36	2612.0052	3501.5075	2272.1144	8385.6271	71.31
7 th	Vicki Cruse 49	2359.1649	3336.3337	2009.1666	7704.6652	65.52

Unlimited

Rank	Pilot / Chapter	Program 4	TBLP	Total %pp
1 st	Mike Mangold 49	3535.466	3535.4664	88.39
2 nd	Kirby Chambliss 69	3352.376	3352.3769	83.81
3 rd	Michael Racy 62	3232.156	3232.1567	80.80
4 th	Julie Mangold 49	0.000	0.0000	00.00
5 th	Vicki Cruse 49	0.000	0.0000	00.00
6 th	Norm DeWitt 38	0.000	0.0000	00.00
7 th	Doug Jardine 36	0.000	0.0000	00.00

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U.S. selected for World Aerobatic Championships



The International Aerobatics Commission (CIVA) headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland, announced this week that the United States has been selected as the host country for the XXII World Aerobatic Championships in 2003. The championships will be held June 25 through July 4, 2003, at the Sun 'n Fun Fly-In campus at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport in Lakeland, Fla. The World Aerobatic Championships (WAC), which are held every other year in locations around the world, returns to the United States after an eight-year absence. Only two other American locations have ever hosted the championships: Oklahoma City in 1996 and Oshkosh, Wisconsin in 1980. The 2001 WAC was held in Burgos, Spain.

"This is the Olympics of Aerobatics," said Rob Dorsey, President of the IAC. "We are thrilled that the international community has confidence in our ability to hold a world-class event here in the U.S." The World Aerobatic Championships awards individual men and women world titles, as well as national team titles, in aerobatic flight. Between 800 - 1000 pilots, representatives, officials and judges from 15 to 20 countries are expected to participate.

Pilot competitors will be judged on their ability to fly a series of compulsory and freestyle flights. One flight is known and practiced before the competition. Another flight is unknown to the competitor until hours before the pilot takes flight. And yet another flight tests a pilot's skill to design and fly a program that is both technically challenging and artistically appealing to an audience.

Aerobatics is a motorsport attracting thousands of competitors world-wide. Nearly a thousand competitors compete in the United States alone at 60 local, regional and national competitions annually. The sport has a 30-year history, but it has not been until recently that the sport is looking to appeal to a public audience. Contrary to public opinion, aerobatic pilots are not "stunt" pilots. They are highly skilled pilots who train rigorously to perform the maneuvers seen. The pilots must know the limits of their aircraft, as well as the limits of their own ability to perform. Just as in any sport, it is the training that sets these pilots apart from the rest. There are five skill levels in aerobatic competition: Primary, Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced, and Unlimited. The system is designed as a "building-block" approach for pilots who want to "work their way up the ladder" in their respective skill level and move up from one category to another as they build experience in the sport. Select athletes involved in the highest level of competition -- the Unlimited category -- compete in the World Aerobatic Championships.

The United States Unlimited team that will compete at the World Aerobatic Championships in 2003 will be selected at the U.S. National Aerobatic Championships, which will be held September 21-29, 2002 at the Perrin Air Force Base in Denison, TX. For complete details on Team USA visit www.usaf-aerobatics.org.

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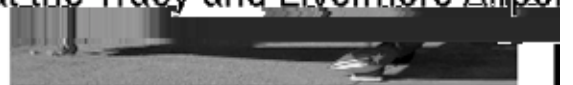
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