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## President's Post

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It's looking like things are coming into full swing. The summer weather pattern has finally arrived and I

am very happy to report that the Tracy box is getting some heavy use. After earlier worries about whether our box would be renewed this year or not, we are up and running as fast as ever. There has already been an aerobatic training camp held and the weekends are full of people preparing for the Paso Robles contest. You are going aren't you? It's wonderful to hear that there are box users representing every category from Primary to Unlimited. I would like to thank all the members for their patience in allowing me the time to work box issues out with the FAA. The result of that is that we still have a box at TCY for another year. If you are not listed as an authorized pilot on the waiver and would like to be, please see the requirement memo in this newsletter. Shortly we will be publishing an Extra edition of the Acronaut dedicated solely to the aerobatic boxes.

We have a Young Eagles rally scheduled this month too and can always use volunteer pilots and aircraft. I bet that Terry could use a volunteer or two on the ground as well to help things flow smoothly. I would like to see the Tracy Press there to cover our event and continue to demonstrate to the city of Tracy that we are a positive influence to the community. If someone

is interested in contacting the local newspaper and arranging for a reporter to come out for our Young Eagles day, perhaps working with a reporter in arranging or giving interviews, please contact me at president@iac38.org.

Last but not least, we have a new volunteer newsletter editor, Peter Jensen. A million thanks to Peter for stepping forward. It is how we notify the membership of chapter news, events and activities. Publishing the newsletter, hosting the Paso Robles contest, and providing our members with FAA waived aerobatic practice areas are the most important functions of this chapter. So participate at Paso, get on the waiver so you can practice in the box, and then write an article for the newsletter. Do that and I'll give you a Snickers bar = ;-)

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## Heard It on the Ramp

Marilyn Dash

What's new in Akro Land? Let me tell you.....

### Airshows

If you were lucky enough to attend the Watsonville Airshow you saw Bill Stein fly Circles around Allen Silver – literally!



Bill Stein, our favorite Red Baron, is now doing Airshows in his SPECTACULAR Zivko 540. The paint job is truly amazing! The plane actually changes colors depending on how the sun hits it. He and Steve "The Wild Thing" Stavrakakis flew 360s around

Allen Silver as he jumped from the Showcopter during the National Anthem. That was truly exciting!

By the way... one more show and Bill receives his ground level clearance! Good Show, Bill!

### Speaking of Airshows.....

Jacque Warda flew in her first Airshow and is flying in her second this weekend at the Ramona Air Expo. We are all very proud of her for making the leap and wish her the best of luck during her first official Airshow Season!

### Contest news from around the world?

Borrego Minifest was poorly attended by anyone outside of Chapter 36. Ben Freelove was the only Chapter 38 member to make the trek. See the results page in this newsletter for more information!

The Ephrata Contest was also not well attended by us! Where are you guys? Pete Eslick, Vicky Cruse, Norm DeWitt and Jacque Warda were the only participants from 38!

Now – Paso! Are we ready? Are you going? Will I see you there!

### New Airplanes.....

Sean Worthington's new Super Stinker is AWESOME! What a beauty! Sean should be congratulated on building such a super airplane!

Peter Jensen, our new Newsletter Editor (sucker), has become a part owner in Graham Bird's S1-S. I have just a few things to say – one Good Luck, Have Fun and MOVE UP! PLEASE! I wonder if he'll change the color scheme? We would have the Union Jack on one side and the Danish Flag on the other!?

Speaking of new airplanes – yes... The rumors are true. I bought a Pitts. I recently purchased Wes Selvidges' S1-S and



Marilyn and her Ruby

renamed her Ruby (We called her Slick – and that's a boy's name, right?). Ruby and I are getting to know each other and she is teaching me how to fly – again. The difference between flying the S2C with Ken or the S2B with Dick and flying an S1 with me, myself and I is amazing! We've had some radio problems – apparently the people in the tower actually want to HEAR what you say – party poopers - and we have finally straightened that out. So, of the two months I have owned her, the radio and the weather have conspired against me. I don't know if I'll be ready to compete at Paso – but I'll be there to cheer all of my Chapter 38 Buddies on to VICTORY!

### The State of the Chapter

The point of this column is to keep everyone involved and I really try to do that at all times. The Chapter Meeting in May was, in my opinion, poorly attended. We had less than ten members. We had a BLAST – but a small BLAST!

My question to you is – “what do you want to see in our monthly meetings?” The board is wracking our collective brains to figure out how to make this club more active – we need to hear from you about what you want to see and what else we can do to make us successful.

Dave Walkup has been putting together training days. Angie has fought the FAA and gotten our Box renewed at TCY. Cris put together a wonderful Fly-Out/In BBQ to Westover. What are we missing? What can we do to make this club more “your club?” Please let me know your thoughts and ideas! (marilyndash@comcast.net)

### What other Chapters are doing...

Chapter 36 is a VERY active chapter. They had a “Judges’

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## The Apple Valley Experience

Peter Jensen

I had just gotten a part-ownership in a Pitts SIS and was stoked about competing for the first time in my newly acquired airplane. The first contest around the corner was the Gold Cup in Apple Valley, where I was going to compete in sportsman. One of the many benefits of owning an airplane is that it gives you an expanded radius of possible contests. I came to realize that going to a contest a little farther away from home base adds a new element – the trip to and from the contest.

Thursday morning I was ready to go; with the GPS programmed with checkpoints to the first stop – Delano. Two important lessons were learned on that leg:

1. **Don't drink 32oz of coffee and a Gatorade and forget to visit the bathroom before you take off.** I realized my mistake about 30 minutes after departure. With all the work I had put into the route planning, I wasn't about to just land at an airport and take care of the problem – Oh no - I suffered through it and made it to Delano. It was not an enjoyable ride, and I came close to experiencing the same tragic event that claimed the life of the Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe ([www.tychobrahe.com](http://www.tychobrahe.com))
2. **Sitting on a metal plate with no padding (not enough head room) becomes rather painful fairly quickly.** I had the turtleneck stuffed with necessities that should last me three days, so probably close to the 15 pound limit. Even though you're not supposed to do aerobatics with luggage I was extremely tempted to flip it upside down to relieve the pressure on my backside.

Other than that, the trip was a breeze, and the POH was right about the fuel burn rate for max endurance power setting. 12 gallons for flying 1 hour 45 minutes wasn't bad at all.

The next leg was going to take me down over Bakersfield through the Tehachapi pass and on to Apple Valley. On the sectional there are grey areas just over the Tehachapi's, and according to the legend they are used by the military for flying unmanned aerospace vehicles, so I thought it would be prudent to contact Joshua Approach. The not so friendly controller quickly told me he couldn't see my transponder, so he wouldn't talk to me. Fortunately, I didn't encounter any unmanned aerospace vehicles unless they had the cloaking device engaged, that is.

The Apple Valley airport is 8 miles from civilization, so I hooked up with the boys from Arizona – Andy, Brian, and Chris (chapter 69) – why can't we be 69? – for a ride into

town to find a hotel. They were an entertaining bunch and we had a bunch of good laughs most of them originating from the constant howling of Randy Chestnut's Pitts Bull, which sounded like a combination of a bitch in heat and a pregnant woman in labor.



After the Friday morning briefing the contest got underway and despite a good 30mph headwind in the box, 62 flights were successfully completed. Only 6 competitors had signed up for sportsman and intermediate respectively, so they were combined to save time. Everybody got their first two flights in that day.

Saturday didn't look good weather wise. The Mike Mangold balloon trick didn't show much of a wind, but it started raining and the clouds hung pretty low, so the start was temporarily put off until noon. Mike took it upon himself to fly up to check the ceiling. He had a pretty unique way of getting a good 360 degree view of things by doing a bunch of consecutive lomcevacks. Nice show, but the weather just wasn't adequate for a contest, so instead an impromptu 4 minute free style contest was arranged in the airport lobby – complete with medals. Jon, Marta, Jacquie, and Loretta (the fuel lady) put on quite a show. Despite the fact that Jacquie was showing off her newly installed smoke system (6 feet of toilet paper), the gold went to Loretta.



In the highly competi-

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## Young Eagles Rally

Tracy Airport

Saturday, June 14th, 2003

10:00am—4:00pm

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The EAA needs less than 100,000 Young Eagles flown before December, 17th of this year, in order to reach their goal of 1,000,000 by the 100 year anniversary of powered flight. June 14th is the EAA International Young Eagles Day. So, come on down to Tracy airport and help us help the EAA reach their goal.

Chapter 38 has been doing a great job of flying kids at Tracy Municipal Airport over the last couple of years and this is our chance to pull out all the stops and help the EAA reach their goal. At the same time, we're building some great relationships with the Tracy Airport Advisory Committee and the City of Tracy, as well as those living in the local community.

We have flown more than 150 Young Eagles since we started our first rally at Oakland Airport. Our last 5 rallies have been at Tracy. Unfortunately, our plans to hold a rally in February were thwarted by bad weather, but this time, I think we'll be fine. The weather is improving and Summer is getting into

full swing.

Come down and show off your medals and trophies from Paso! The kids will love it.

Our final scheduled rally for 2003 will coincide with the Second Annual "JUST PLANE FUN" - Open House at the Tracy Municipal Airport, on September 27th. Make sure you put this on your calendar. Last year's event was a great success.

If you've never flown a Young Eagles Rally before, you should make a point to come out and join us. It's a lot of fun and the kids get a real kick out of it, too. Just ask any of our regular pilots & helpers, like Dick Rihn, Kim Hunter, Graham Bird, Brad Oliver, Joe Bonacci, Kevin Crane, Dave Walkup, Angie Niles, Alex Drobshoff, and any others I might have forgotten. If you have any questions, drop me an email at [youngeagles@iac38.org](mailto:youngeagles@iac38.org), or call me at (408) 391-3018. I hope to see all of you on Saturday June 14th.



# Contest Results

I know, from personal experience, that participating in a contest is a hugely rewarding experience. It is the culmination of many hours of preparation. It requires a significant investment of both time and money, and for most, time off from work, which is often counted as vacation time. One of my goals, as the editor, is to make sure the results of the competing pilots are posted in a timely fashion—especially when chapter members are participating. I always find myself going to the results page of Sportsaerobatics first, when I get it in the mail, but often I'm disappointed that the results doesn't show up until months after the event.

Within the past couple of months, three contests were held in our region, and we had participation from Chapter 38 in all three of them. Special recognition goes to Ben Freelove, who was the only participant in the Borrego Minifest contest, from our Chapter.

I can only recommend going to as many contests as you have time/money/vacation for. You're guaranteed to meet a lot of interesting people with a wealth of knowledge about air-planes, and you'll get to see some of the best pilots in the world fly, which is a treat in itself.

-Peter

## Borrego Minifest 2003—April 12, 2003

Borrego Airport, California, IAC Chapter 36  
Contest Director: Dick Stonehouse

### Primary

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known 1	Known 2	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Bret Strain	36	383.9301	379.7983		763.7284	81.25
2 Hiroyashu Endo	36	387.0022	357.5403		744.5425	79.21
3 Greg Pettit		324.1953	391.7763		715.9716	76.17
4 Philipp Kobus		324.6950	387.5701		712.2651	75.77
5 Mickael Koutahi	36	357.9907	347.4958		705.4865	75.05

### Sportsman

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Chuck McCormick	36	1152.1844	1166.0056		2318.1900	86.50
2 Reinaldo Beyer	36	1140.1579	1163.6431		2303.8010	85.96
3 Bill Hill	36	1135.4943	1135.1123		2270.6066	84.72
<b>4 Ben Freelove</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1086.4725</b>	<b>1118.1799</b>		<b>2204.6524</b>	<b>82.26</b>
5 Deb Laslo	36	1121.1940	1076.3903		2197.5843	82.00
6 Randy Owens	36	1101.8696	1075.7080		2177.5776	81.25
7 Spencer Suderman	36	1089.8460	1073.6252		2163.4712	80.73
8 Takahisa Okawa	36	1024.7787	1053.0860		2077.8647	77.53
9 Jeff Jewell	36	1052.8145	1014.1268		2066.9413	77.12
10 Brian Stout		1004.5478	1048.9142		2053.4620	76.62
11 Justin Stout		869.8849	1091.6387		1961.5236	73.19
12 Derick Day		973.0676	987.1967		1960.2643	73.14



Who is this guy?

## Apple Valley 2003 Gold Cup—May 2-4, 2003

Apple Valley Airport, California—IAC Chapter 49  
Contest Director: Stonehouse/Meermans

### Sportsman

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Bret Davenport	114	1070.5885	1079.5055		2150.0940	80.23
2 Andy Machovsky	69	1044.9059	1080.1875		2125.0934	79.29
<b>3 Peter Jensen</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1061.9404</b>	<b>1032.2036</b>		<b>2094.1440</b>	<b>78.14</b>
4 William Hill	36	1045.7608	1024.9379		2070.6987	77.26
5 Takahisa Okama	36	1037.8201	1027.9903		2065.8104	77.08
6 Jeff Mulhorn		766.4045	388.8614		1155.2659	43.11

### Intermediate

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Gil Tellier	49	1595.5722	1636.1274		3231.6996	82.02
2 Malcolm Pond	36	1540.4821	1593.8914		3134.3735	79.55
3 Bob Blackwood	85	1653.0514	1437.0831		3090.1345	78.43
4 Brian Davis	69	1583.7526	1451.6997		3035.4523	77.04
5 Greg Morris	36	1404.9940	1608.6229		3013.6169	76.49
6 Nancy Eppard	62	1399.1504	1031.6560		2430.8064	61.70

### Advanced

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Dennis Foster	36	2062.1031	2663.0186		4725.1217	84.23
2 Christopher Huey	69	2091.0337	2569.6400		4660.6737	83.08
3 Steve Cummings	36	1995.6837	2369.9209		4365.6046	77.82
4 Jim Peebles	36	1958.9203	2326.2126		4285.1329	76.38
5 Craig Teft	777	1904.4755	2271.3175		4175.7930	74.43
6 Brian Tallmadge		1944.6213	2173.0902		4117.7115	73.40
<b>7 Tom Myers</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1807.7968</b>	<b>2138.0169</b>		<b>3945.8137</b>	<b>70.34</b>
8 Mickey O'Brien	36	1539.4449	2284.8385		3824.2834	68.17
9 Joe Kutschka	62	1735.2244	2009.5089		3744.7333	66.75

### Unlimited

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Steven Andelin	49	3019.5278	4003.2526		7022.7804	87.57
2 Sergey Rakhmanin	62	3041.0205	3848.0593		6889.0798	85.90
3 Bob Meyer	26	2861.1147	3894.1882		6755.3029	84.23
4 Jon Nash	36	2947.1511	3791.8330		6738.9841	84.03
5 Michael Racy	62	2757.3381	3863.5011		6620.8392	82.55
<b>6 Norm Dewitt</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2844.6463</b>	<b>3594.8866</b>		<b>6439.5329</b>	<b>80.29</b>
7 Vicki Cruse	49	2441.4630	3701.4274		6142.8904	76.59
8 Marta Meyer	26	2909.5008	2985.7966		5895.2974	73.51
9 Doug Jardine	36	2616.2612	2859.1855		5475.4467	68.27
10 Brian Chesebro	62	2380.5803	2992.7929		5373.3732	67.00

**Ephrata 2003 Apple Cup—May 16-17, 2003**

*Ephrata Airport, Washington—IAC Chapter 67  
Contest Director: Eng/Hendriks*

**Basic**

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known 1	Known 2	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Jerry Zabriskie	67	378.6822	377.2000	755.8822	83.99
2 Jason Bialek		361.9002	373.3000	735.2002	81.69
<b>3 Vicki Cruse*</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>417.5434</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>417.5434</b>	<b>46.39</b>

\*patch only

**Sportsman**

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Michael Angiulo	67	1115.3226	1096.7046		2212.0272	82.54
2 Larry Howard	67	1063.2560	1145.2184		2208.4744	82.41
3 Craig Christopher	67	1082.1108	1100.0077		2182.1185	81.42
4 Shane Margraves	67	1078.0899	1100.8717		2178.9616	81.30
5 Terry Middaugh	67	1060.9239	1090.1715		2151.0954	80.26
6 Wayne Sargent	67	1005.9222	1071.7512		2077.6734	77.53
7 Mike Mulcahy	67	1035.0599	1040.7260		2075.7859	77.45
8 John Pierson	67	1040.1564	1031.4262		2071.5826	77.30
9 Matt Groth	67	941.7689	1067.0678		2008.8367	74.96
10 Todd Roberts	67	1011.2758	866.6164		1877.8922	70.07
11 Jeffrey W Bentley	67	1026.9404	680.7332		1707.6736	63.72

**Intermediate**

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Craig Middaugh	67	1688.9056			1688.9056	86.17
2 Corey Middaugh	67	1650.6155			1650.6155	84.22
3 Bob Trantina	67	1644.7539			1644.7539	83.92
4 Rick Gillingham	67	1582.6854			1582.6854	80.75
5 Mark Holmes	77	1546.4103			1546.4103	78.90
<b>6 Jacqueline Warda</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1527.0028</b>			<b>1527.0028</b>	<b>77.91</b>
7 Allen Hendricks	67	1425.1765			1425.1765	72.71
8 Dean Palmer	67	1402.0562			1402.0562	71.53
9 Cort Liddell	67	1332.3537			1332.3537	67.98

**Advanced**

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Doug Sowder	67	2039.8958			2039.8958	81.92
2 Anne Marie Smith	67	2037.1561			2037.1561	81.81
3 Dick Colliander	67	2026.3323			2026.3323	81.38
<b>4 Pete Eslick</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2020.1988</b>			<b>2020.1988</b>	<b>81.13</b>
5 John Coffey	67	1951.4189			1951.4189	78.37
6 Klein Gilhousen	67	1824.8680			1824.8680	73.29
7 Bob Higbee	67	1756.7173			1756.7173	70.55
8 Terry Burch	67	1622.1317			1622.1317	65.15

**Unlimited**

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
<b>1 Norm Dewitt</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2927.6034</b>	<b>3833.7674</b>		<b>6761.3708</b>	<b>84.31</b>
2 Greg Howard	77	2941.1677	3747.4896		6688.6573	83.40
<b>3 Vicki Cruse</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2878.8843</b>	<b>3738.1909</b>		<b>6617.0752</b>	<b>82.51</b>
4 Guido Lepore	ac8	2729.8148	3490.8307		6220.6455	77.56
5 Norm Willis	77	2525.2266	2332.8222		4858.0488	60.57

**Navigation Tip**

How do you navigate when you forgot your GPS and the compass doesn't work (such as most compasses in S1s)? Flying back from Westover I got sort of lost—I couldn't see Mt. Diablo. I found reading runway numbers on airports you overfly to be a very useful aid in figuring out what direction you're flying in.

-Peter

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**Heard It on the Ramp**

School" – so did we. They all got together and completed their home study courses. We didn't think about that! They all got together at a Critique Day and finished their Oral Exams together. We didn't think about that either! They all got together for a two day Akro Camp to help their Primary and Sportsperson Pilots prepare for the Borrego Minifest. They take an active interest in their newer pilots. And I mean AC-TIVE! They take GREAT PRIDE in seeing their Primary Fliers move up to Sportsperson and their Sportspersons move up to Intermediate – etc. So do I – but do we do that as a whole? Clearly, Michael Church, the owner of Sunrise Aviation, takes an active interest in getting more Akro Pilots flying his airplanes at his school – but to me this is a win/win situation. Feel free to see what else they do at www.iac36.org.

**Other News....**

**Nuptials...**

Bill Bancroft and Joanne Johnson were married last weekend. They are currently on their honeymoon in Maui. These are two of my favorite people and I couldn't be more pleased for them!

**Speaking of Nuptials...**

There will be another aerobatic wedding this summer! This time a Chapter 38 wedding is coming up in July!! Dick Rihn is engaged to be married. I hope we get to meet her at Paso! Congrats, Dick!

**Media on Akro...**

I'm sure many of you have heard about the Sports Illustrated article about Aerobatics called "One Mistake and You're Dead" (nice!). Well, the text is available on the web if you'd like to read it. It is an excerpt of a book called "No Visible Horizon" [http://proairshow.com/sports\\_illustrated\\_april\\_26th\\_20.htm](http://proairshow.com/sports_illustrated_april_26th_20.htm).

If you read the book – let me know what you think?! Maybe the Chapter can purchase a copy and send it around!

**Gone West**

As we all know, this aerobatic business can be quite difficult at times. The most difficult thing, I find is losing one of our own. A new member to our Chapter died on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Andrea Rice was the new Lead pilot for the Airshows America Patriots flying the Czechoslovakian L39C Albatros-Aero Vodochody out of Byron. This was to be a three-ship formation jet team – the only Civilian Jet Team in existence. They already had five or six shows on their scheduled.

On the second flight of the day, the three jets were practicing near New J when something went horribly wrong. Andrea died on impact. She was 48 years old.

Well, that's it for now. See you at Paso! Be careful out there.

-Marilyn  
Chixfly2

## Important Waiver Information

### Tracy and New J Waivers

**IAC 38 MEMBERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO USE THE TRACY OR THE NEW JERUSALEM AEROBATIC PRACTICE AREAS UNTIL YOU COMPLY WITH THIS MEMO. UNAUTHORIZED USE RESULTS IN VIOLATION OF FARs 91.303c, 91.303d, 91.303e**

**Requirements and Procedure for Adding IAC 38 Members as Participating Pilots to Tracy and New Jerusalem Aerobatic Box Waivers.**

There have been several events over the course of the last year or two that have resulted in a change of procedure in adding pilots to our Aerobatic Practice Area waivers. Although the change means some additional effort and information required by the pilot to be added, it is no more involved than the information required to compete in a sanctioned IAC contest and once on the waiver the pilot is free to use the boxes at his/her discretion. I hope to see all of our past box users as well as our new members added to the waiver and out there using the box.

To be added as a Participating Pilot to either the 2003 Tracy or New Jerusalem Aerobatic Practice Area Waivers, you will need to complete **each** item in the following list:

1. Read and understand the appropriate 2003 Certificate of Waiver or Authorization
2. Complete, sign and return to the appropriate 2003 Participating Pilot Certificate of Agreement to Angie Niles.
3. Obtain a Box Use Guidelines briefing from either Angie or a Designated Briefer.
4. Display to Angie or a Designated Briefer the following:
  - Proof of current EAA & IAC membership
  - Pilot certificate
  - Current medical
  - Current biennial
  - Aircraft registration
  - Aircraft airworthiness
  - Current aircraft annual

This may be done one of two ways at the pilot's discretion:

- a. Schedule a meeting to allow either Angie or a Designated Briefer to view the original documents.
- b. Include copies of the items listed with your Participating Pilot Certificate of Agreement.

Note: The Participating Pilot is responsible for providing Angie with expiration date updates as you complete medicals, annuals, biennials and EAA / IAC membership renewals. Failure to do so will result in removal from the Authorized Pilots list.

-Angie

### Pilots Currently on the Waivers

As of 5/30/2003 the following pilots are authorized to activate and fly in the boxes at TCY and NewJ. If you're not on the list, and you wish to practice in one of the boxes, please contact one of the designated briefers listed.

#### Pilots on the TCY Waiver (5/30/2003)

Angela Niles  
Alexander Drobshoff  
Dale Roberts  
Norm Dewitt  
Pete Eslick  
Vicki Cruse  
Benjamin Freelove  
Dick Rihn  
Ralph Briggs Wood  
Peter Jensen  
Greg Pettit

#### Pilots on the New J Waiver (5/30/2003)

Angela Niles  
Alexander Drobshoff  
Sean D. Tucker  
Randy Howell  
Volodymyr Chetverous  
John Posson

#### Designated Briefers

Angela Niles  
Dick Rihn  
Cecilia Aragon  
Dave Walkup

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### The Apple Valley Experience

tive field of professional contest starters, the competition just got even fiercer - David Warda got his debut as a starter that Saturday, and despite the fact that he didn't actually start anybody, I think Bill Larson has some pretty stiff competition for the remaining part of the contest season.

Sunday it was time to pack up and head back. Weather reports indicated that the Valley was fogged in, so I hung around for a while. As the hours went by, the northwest bound pilots went back to their respective home bases one by one. I think Dave Warda and myself were among the last to leave. When I got to the dreaded Tehachapi pass there was a solid layer covering the valley on the other side. The tops were around 8000, with no holes to get down through. I opted for a 180 and landed at General Fox Field. The winds were 30-35 mph straight down the runway, so I made my shortest landing ever. It felt like the plane was barely moving when I touched down. Dave along with Marta and Bob Meyer was at the field as well. Dave was ready to try again – brave soul.

Little did I know that Marta and Bob Meyer were based at Fox Field. Nicer people are hard to find. They housed both me and my airplane overnight for which I was extremely grateful and it was pretty cool to park my S1 next to the yellow and purple Giles 300.



The weather had cleared up Monday morning with the tops in the Valley down to 5000 and enough holes to make me comfortable, so after a couple of cup of coffee and a bathroom break I headed back to Livermore.

It was a great experience and a well organized contest with lots of fun interesting people.

*-Peter*

### Westover Fly-In

*Hosted by: Dale and Cris Flint*

Many thanks to Dale and Cris Flint for hosting the May chapter meeting. Not all topics was about airplanes and flying. This time sheep herding, which is Cris's new passion, was among the topics. Believe it or not—There's actually such a thing as shepherding contests!

Sean brought in his amazing new airplane—the S1-11B. He did a remarkable job building it. We appreciated the low fly-by on take-off. The roar of that engine made me look forward to Reno.



*Dale and Cris—and an upcoming champion?*



*B-B-Que*



*The Parking lot*

# Northern California Regional Aerobatic Contest

June 6th—June 8th, 2003  
Paso Robles, California



**P**aso Robles 2003 is already in the works. The new facilities on the field were great in 2002, and for 2003 our CD is the venerable and extremely experienced Dick Rihn. Dick has a very long and distinguished history with Paso and IAC Chapter 38.

We request that you take a moment and pre-register for the contest - it will make our lives easier and make your tech go quicker! Our objective for pre-registered contestants is you show up, sign your form, and go practice.

Online

Fill out the Paso Robles Contest Pre-Registration Form.

Or, if you prefer, you can download a blank contest registration form (Adobe Acrobat reader required).

Don't forget to:

- \* Fill out Contest Entry Form
- \* Fill out the Volunteer Sign-Up Form
- \* Fill out the Order Of Flight worksheet

**Paso Robles Airport**, California,  
N35 40.4 W120 37.6. CTAF 123.0.  
Check AirNav or AeroPlanner.  
Airport office (805)-237-3877.  
Check NOTAMS before departure.



## Accommodations

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

Say that you are with the International Aerobatic Club when making reservations. San Luis Obispo or Atascadero are excellent alternatives for hotel rooms. Camping and RVs are welcome at the airport.



## Food

Available on the airport Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and lunches will be provided for all competitors & volunteers Friday and Saturday. Friday evening BBQ will also be provided for competitors & volunteers. Saturday evening banquet. The banquet location is not firm yet, but should be settled soon. It will be good!



## Schedule

Wednesday 4-June: all day setup  
Thursday 5-June: 7:00am - sundown Registration & practice  
Friday 6-June: 7:00am - 7:30am Pilot briefing  
8:00am - sundown Contest flying  
7:30pm Barbecue  
Saturday 7-June: 7:00am - 7:30am Pilot briefing  
8:00am - sundown Contest flying  
8:00pm Banquet & Awards  
Sunday 8-June: all day Reserve and break down

**Our Contest Director, Dick Rihn, is always looking for volunteers to help with everything from contest set-up & tear down to food delivery.**

**Dick Rihn: [pasocd@iac38.org](mailto:pasocd@iac38.org)  
Or phone 925-938-4236**

## Calendar of Events

### June

- 5-8 Paso Robles Contest — IAC Chapter 38:  
pasocd@iac38.org
- 14 Chapter 38 sponsored Young Eagles Day,  
Tracy: youngeagles@iac38.org
- 28 Chapter 38 Tracy Box Critique Day:  
dwalkup@prodigy.net

### July

- 4 Chapter formation fly-by for City of Tracy  
July 4th Celebration (tentative)
- ? Chapter 38 Monthly Meeting. Post Paso Con-  
test Party
- 26 Chapter 38 Tracy Box Critique Day:  
dwalkup@prodigy.net

### August

- ? Wayne Handley Unusual Attitude Seminar
- 10 Chapter 38 Monthly Meeting
- 20-24 Pendleton, OR Contest
- 23 Chapter 38 Tracy Box Critique Day:  
dwalkup@prodigy.net
- 30-31 Delano Contest

### September

- ? Chapter fly-in & BBQ to Cloverdale airport
- 14 Chapter 38 Monthly Meeting
- 21-26 US Nationals — Texas
- 27 Chapter 38 sponsored Young Eagles Day,  
Tracy: youngeagles@iac38.org

### October

- 10-11 Borrego Akrofest — Borrego CA — IAC Chapter  
36 — www.iac36.org
- 12 Chapter 38 Monthly Meeting

## Classified Adds

For sale: Freebird 300  
Unlimited monoplane for sale:

- \* 380 hrs on a DeMars Lycoming AEIO-540, producing about 315 HP
- \* Zivko Edge wing mated to a modified Rebel 300 fuselage
- \* MTV-9 prop, 60 hrs since full tear-down and inspection (everything was perfect)
- \* 17 gallon main fuel, 8 gallons per side in the wings
- \* 5+ gallon smoke tank with easily accessible switch
- \* Terra radio & x-ponder
- \* Electronics International fuel totalizer
- \* detachable-face AM/FM cassette stereo in right wing root
- \* Hooker harness
- \* Aviation Products full-swivel tailwheel, 4-inch wheel
- \* Halon fire bottle with panic button in cockpit
- \* VNE 230 knots
- \* asking price \$80,000

Fresh annual completed April 2003

This beauty cruises at 170 knots at economy settings, rolls at 420 deg/sec, and is very comfortable to fly. Expertly maintained. It was featured on the cover of the April 1999 issue of "Sport Aerobatics".

See more detail and pictures at [www.Freebird-Aerobatics.com/freebirdforsale.htm](http://www.Freebird-Aerobatics.com/freebirdforsale.htm), or call 209-223-2314.



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| Chapter Mouse Mat      | \$12 Each     |                            |                            |                             |
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**Northern California  
Aerobatic Club**

Mail to:  
**Bradley Oliver, Treasurer  
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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:  
**Brad Oliver, IAC38 Treasurer**      **664 Moraga Dr.**      **Livermore, CA 94550**



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**Chapter Meeting:**  
**No meeting in June**  
**See you all at Paso**