

May 2015

# IAC38 NEWSLETTER

## *President's Report*



photo credit: Zinnia Kilkenny

Apple Valley 2015

### The Best Part: Why We Love Aerobatic Contests

The 2015 competition season is merrily underway with two Cali contests in the record books, and IAC38 Coalinga Western Showdown coming up at the end of the month.

I wrote an article for the June issue of Sport Aerobatics exploring the reasons why we

spend several weekends each year pushing our planes and ourselves to the limits of endurance and (questionable) good sense. One of our chapter member's wives refers to these weekends as **boondoggles**:

**boondoggled, boondogging**, verb : to do work of little or no practical value merely to keep or look busy.

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Little or no practical value!!? I heartily disagree even though I find this comparison hilarious. How exactly does one put a value (practical or otherwise) on the sublime experience of flying an aerobatic competition?

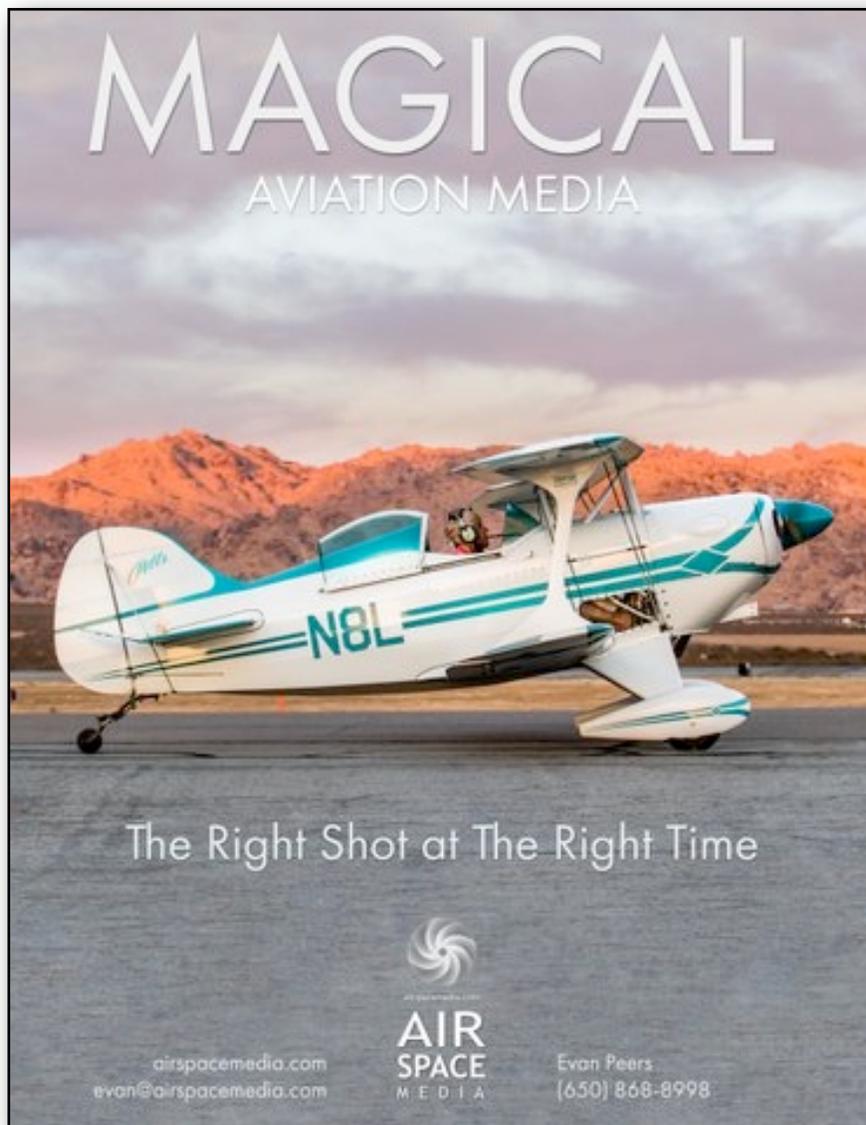
Not to give the entire article away, I'll share with you two trends that appeared immediately after I started polling.

The number one response was the people. The fun and camaraderie of a contest is a

universal and striking phenomenon. Friendship, hilarity and high good humor abound.

The second largest response was that breathless moment of possibility that stretches between the hold and pulling for your first figure.

I believe Evan Peers summed it up perfectly with his new Airspace Media ad. It's simply:



# *Los Angeles Gold Cup Duel in the Desert 2015*

Chapter 38 made up almost HALF (14 of 29) of the pilots who braved the windy and high-density altitude conditions at Apple Valley April 30-May 2.

A special shout-out goes to Katarina Barilov for flying Sportsman category and her first contest.

Universal awe was inspired watching Howard Kirker fly Intermediate category in his beloved Great Lakes.

Looking forward to seeing more great flying and exceeded expectations at Coalinga!



*(Results and more photos on following pages)*

# Duel in The Desert

Held in Apple Valley, CA (SouthWest), 2015-05-01

Directed by Barrett Hines, Chapter 49

## Primary Power

Pilot	Airplane	Known	Free	Unknown	Total
★ Mignon Gery (49)	Pitts Special S-2A 49BR	460.63 82.26% (1)	469.75 83.88% (2)	459.75 82.10% (1)	1390.13 82.75% (1)
Patrick Daly (26)	Extra 300S 25GX	369.50 65.98% (3)	482.00 86.07% (1)	453.63 81.01% (2)	1305.13 77.69% (2)
★ Zinnia Kilkenny (38)	American Champion 8KCAB Super Decathlon S9AC	415.25 74.15% (2)	434.25 77.54% (3)	410.63 73.33% (3)	1260.13 75.01% (3)

Judge	p	ri	y	Np	Npp	Nf	Fza	Ng	Ka	Mz	Mg
J1 Peggy Riedinger	100	0.00	100	9	9	3	3.00	63	8.00	0	0
J2 Andrew Slatkin	83	0.29	78	9	9	3	3.00	63	8.00	0	0
J3 Hiroyasu Endo	83	1.66	78	9	9	3	3.00	63	8.00	0	0
J4 Kevin Elizondo	83	2.07	78	9	9	3	3.00	63	8.00	0	1

## Sportsman Power

Pilot	Airplane	Known	Free	Unknown	Total
★ Kevin Elizondo (120)	Pitts Special S-1S 427RD	1098.17 80.75% (2)	1211.33 89.07% (1)	1208.00 88.82% (1)	3517.50 86.21% (1)
★ Zachary Niles (36)	Pitts Special S-2B 34PZ	1113.00 81.84% (1)	1165.33 85.69% (2)	1195.33 87.89% (2)	3473.66 85.14% (2)
★ Zachary Corr (49)	Pitts Special S-1S 39XP	1014.33 74.58% (5)	1142.67 84.02% (3)	1119.17 82.29% (3)	3276.17 80.30% (3)
★ Dan Radke (49)	Pitts Special S-2A 49BR	1011.33 74.36% (6)	1139.33 83.77% (4)	1102.67 81.08% (4)	3253.33 79.74% (4)
H Sharp (49)	Pitts Special S-2A 49BR	1054.67 77.55% (3)	1098.17 80.75% (6)	1083.83 79.69% (5)	3236.67 79.33% (5)
Victor Birtalan (49)	Pitts Special S-2A 49BR	1021.83 75.13% (4)	1062.83 78.15% (7)	1079.67 79.39% (6)	3164.33 77.56% (6)
★ Madoka Takano	Pitts Special S-2A 49BR	1004.00 73.82% (7)	1104.17 81.19% (5)	1053.83 77.49% (7)	3162.00 77.50% (7)
Greg Savidge (38)	Pitts Special S-2C 136PS	990.17 72.81% (8)	1042.83 76.68% (8)	1035.50 76.14% (9)	3068.50 75.21% (8)
Katerina Barilov (38)	Pitts Special S-2C 136PS	844.67 62.11% (10)	947.00 69.63% (10)	925.00 68.01% (11)	2716.67 66.59% (9)
Jerb Johnson	American Champion 8KCAB Xtreme Decathlon 5046G	886.83 65.21% (9)	842.00 61.91% (11)	948.67 69.76% (10)	2677.50 65.63% (10)
Thomas Goetze (38)	Sukhoi SU-26 59AC	494.17 36.34% (11)	972.17 71.48% (9)	1042.17 76.63% (8)	2508.51 61.48% (11)

Judge	p	ri	y	Np	Npp	Nf	Fza	Ng	Ka	Mz	Mg
J1 Peggy Riedinger	77	11.30	64	11	55	1	11.00	121	12.36	1	0
J2 Howard Kirker	91	4.53	80	33	165	3	11.00	371	12.10	0	0
J3 Barrett Hines	95	2.51	85	33	165	3	11.00	371	12.10	0	0
J4 Matthew Dunfee	94	3.94	85	22	110	2	11.00	250	11.97	0	0

## Intermediate Power

Pilot	Airplane	Known	Free	Unknown	Total
Stephen De La Cruz (26)	Aerotek S1-T 723MS	1415.67 78.65% (1)	1462.50 73.86% (3)	1452.67 79.82% (1)	4330.84 77.34% (1)
Mitchell Robinson (38)	Pitts Special S-1 8L	1320.67 73.37% (4)	1553.00 78.43% (1)	1379.00 75.77% (3)	4252.67 75.94% (2)
Howard Kirker (38)	Great Lakes 2T-1A-2 3817F	1394.17 77.45% (2)	1375.17 69.45% (4)	1408.17 77.37% (2)	4177.51 74.60% (3)
Barrett Hines (49)	Extra 300 410WB	1337.67 74.32% (3)	1333.00 67.32% (5)	1199.17 65.89% (4)	3869.84 69.10% (4)
Beth Stanton (38)	Lazer 230DP	1268.60 70.48% (5)	1492.17 75.36% (2)	1064.67 58.50% (5)	3825.44 68.31% (5)

Judge	p	ri	y	Np	Npp	Nf	Fza	Ng	Ka	Mz	Mg
J1 Jim Bourke	93	0.95	87	15	30	3	5.00	176	15.91	0	0
J2 Bob Meyer	67	4.63	60	15	30	3	5.00	176	15.91	1	0
J3 Gray Brandt	83	2.07	73	15	30	3	5.00	176	15.91	0	0

## Advanced Power

Pilot	Airplane	Known	Free	Unknown	Total
★ Sam Mason (49)	Pitts Special S-1S 39XP	2571.00 84.02% (1)	2589.00 82.98% (1)	2220.25 77.90% (2)	7380.25 81.73% (1)
★ Michael Hartenstine (26)	Extra 300XA 300XA	2462.13 80.46% (2)	2587.20 82.92% (2)	2222.50 77.98% (1)	7271.83 80.53% (2)
Gray Brandt (36)	Danzl S-330 8826	2420.50 79.10% (3)	2483.63 79.60% (4)	1985.75 69.68% (3)	6889.88 76.30% (3)
Kathleen Howell (26)	extra 300 300XA	2141.68 69.99% (6)	2497.88 80.06% (3)	1759.55 61.74% (4)	6399.11 70.87% (4)
Martin Price (38)	Pitts Special S-2B 77TW	2160.95 70.62% (5)	2468.00 79.10% (5)	1747.00 61.30% (5)	6375.95 70.61% (5)
Jim Bourte (77)	Extra 330LX 330FZ	2290.50 74.85% (4)	2352.70 75.41% (6)	1482.25 52.01% (7)	6125.45 67.83% (6)
Tom Myers (38)	Edge 540 540AW	616.75 20.16% (7)	2303.25 73.82% (7)	1699.38 59.63% (6)	4619.38 51.16% (7)

Judge	p	ri	y	Np	Npp	Nf	Fza	Ng	Ka	Mz	Mg
J1 Peggy Riedinger	89	3.44	81	21	63	3	7.00	245	25.80	7	0
J2 Andrew Slatkin	92	3.64	81	21	63	3	7.00	245	25.80	1	0
J3 Hiroyasu Endo	92	2.01	84	21	63	3	7.00	245	25.80	0	1
J4 Kevin Elizondo	73	5.31	62	21	63	3	7.00	245	25.80	2	2

## Unlimited Power

Pilot	Airplane	Known	Free	Unknown	Total
Hiroyasu Endo (120)	Extra 300 300UY	2940.17 69.84% (2)	3139.17 70.38% (1)	2241.33 53.37% (3)	8320.67 64.65% (1)
Dave Watson (38)	Laser 230DP	2991.67 71.06% (1)	2236.00 50.13% (2)	2839.60 67.61% (1)	8067.27 62.68% (2)
Yuichi Takagi (38)	Pitts Special S-2 8061J	2452.83 58.26% (3)	2136.33 47.90% (3)	2358.67 56.16% (2)	6947.83 53.98% (3)

Judge	p	ri	y	Np	Npp	Nf	Fza	Ng	Ka	Mz	Mg
J1 Jim Bourke	83	0.57	78	9	9	3	3.00	99	39.00	3	0
J2 Bob Meyer	83	0.52	78	9	9	3	3.00	99	39.00	8	0
J3 Gray Brandt	67	2.54	56	9	9	3	3.00	99	39.00	0	3

## Four Minute Free

Pilot	Airplane	Known	Total
Yuichi Takagi (38)	Pitts Special S-2 8061J	2980.00 74.50% (1)	2980.00 74.50% (1)
Dave Watson (38)	Laser 230DP	2930.00 73.25% (2)	2930.00 73.25% (2)

Judge	p	ri	y	Np	Npp	Nf	Fza	Ng	Ka	Mz	Mg
J1 Tom Myers	100	0.00	100	2	1	1	2.00	20	40.00	0	0
J2 Andrew Slatkin	100	0.00	100	2	1	1	2.00	20	40.00	0	0
J3 Jim Bourke	100	0.00	100	2	1	1	2.00	20	40.00	0	0
J4 Barrett Hines	-100	2.06	-100	2	1	1	2.00	20	40.00	0	0



APV cast of characters



**Dave Watson and cameo appearance from Jim Ward**



**High desert sky**



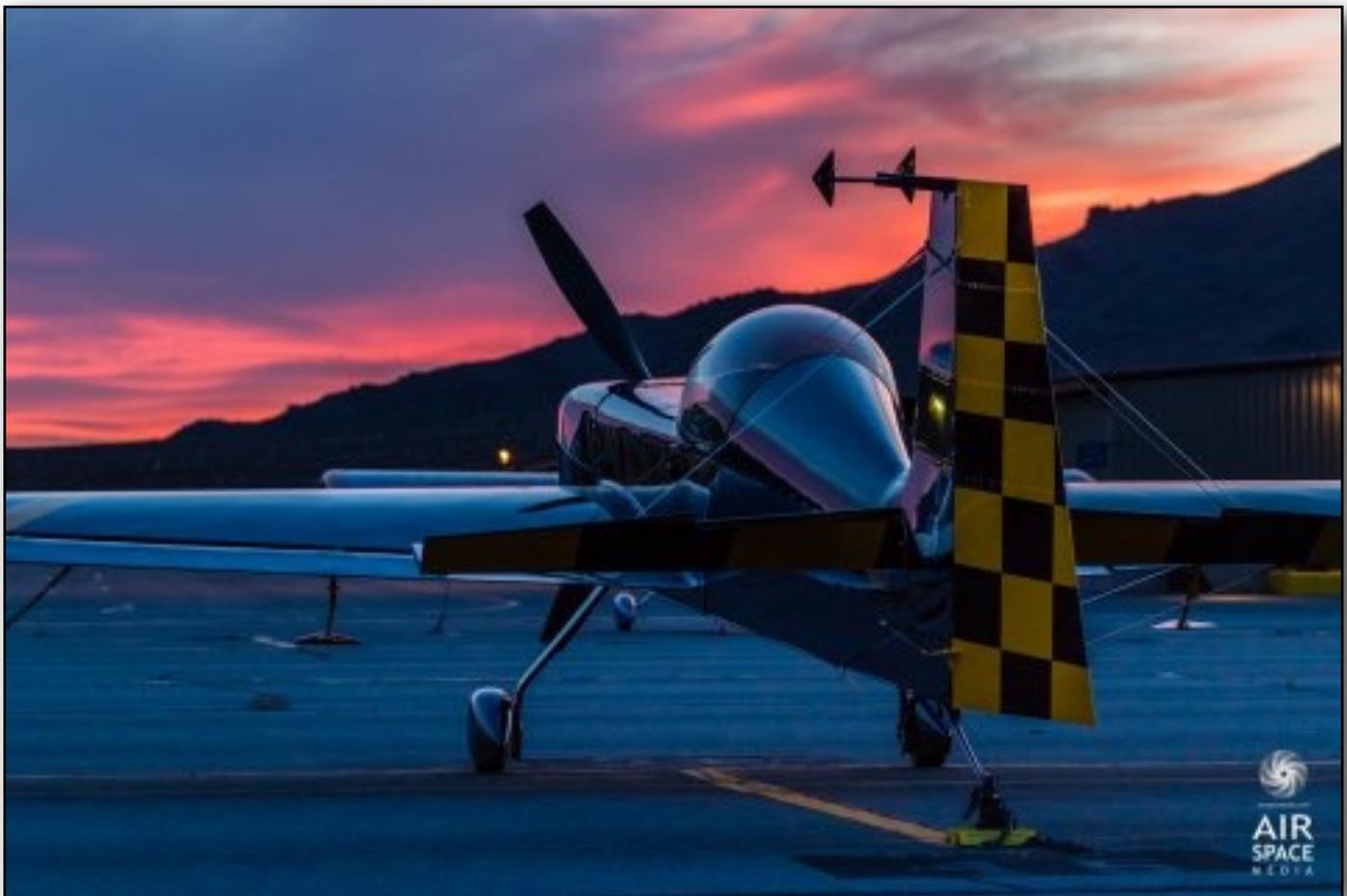
**Howard and the Great Lakes**



**Beth and the Lazer**



**Tucked away for the night**



**Panzel sunset**



Martin and the Pitts



Kat and Greg and the Pitts





Pitts drivers of APV



# 2015 Coalinga Western Showdown

May 28- May 30, 2015  
New Coalinga, California, C80



## Schedule and General Information:

Wed, May 27, Setup. ***Those who participate in morning setup may practice in the box Wednesday afternoon until sundown!***

Thu, May 28, Registration, tech inspection, & practice. Box open until sundown.

Fri, May 29, Contest flights. Briefing at the terminal building. Box open until sundown.

Sat, May 30, Contest flights. Briefing at the terminal building. Awards banquet at Harris Ranch.

## Costs:

Registration: Primary, \$150; Sportsman through Unlimited, \$225. Includes snacks, lunches and a t-shirt.

Banquet at Harris Ranch: \$50. Extra box lunches: \$10. Extra t-shirts: \$10.

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Aeroshell 100 Plus oil: \$10 per quart.

Credit card payments will be accepted at the contest site.

### **Web Pre-registration:**

<http://www.iacusn.org/acrs>

### **Contest Directors:**

Martin Price, 510-579-3407 (c) [martin@pull.gs](mailto:martin@pull.gs)

Tom Myers, 508-506-2967 (w) 650-328-2141 (h) 650-799-6854 (c) [tom.myers@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:tom.myers@stanfordalumni.org)

### **New Coalinga Airport (C80) info:**

<http://www.airnav.com/airport/C80>

Runway 01 uses RIGHT traffic and Runway 19 uses LEFT traffic when the box is open.

### **Hangars and Ramp Parking:**

Hangars are very limited, first come - first served, prices TBD.

Ramp parking, free and plentiful, but bring chocks and/or tie down ropes.

### **Hotels, Motels, & Inns:**

You are highly encouraged to make your reservations early, as the contest is during their busy season.

Harris Ranch, 24505 West Dorris Ave, 800-942-2333. The group is under "International Aerobatic 05/2015" or booking number 2SW9AN.

Motel 6 Coalinga East, 25008 West Dorris Ave, 559-935-1536.

Best Western Big Country Inn, 25020 West Dorris Ave, 559-935-0866.

Coalinga Travelodge, 25278 West Dorris Ave, 559-935-2063.

Baker House B&B, 190 Mountain View Pl, 559-934-1900.

Royal Lodge, 800 E Elm Ave, 559-935-1664.

Cambridge Inn, 100 Cambridge Ave, 559- 935-1541.

### **Camping:**

Camping out at the terminal building is ok.

### **Fuel:**

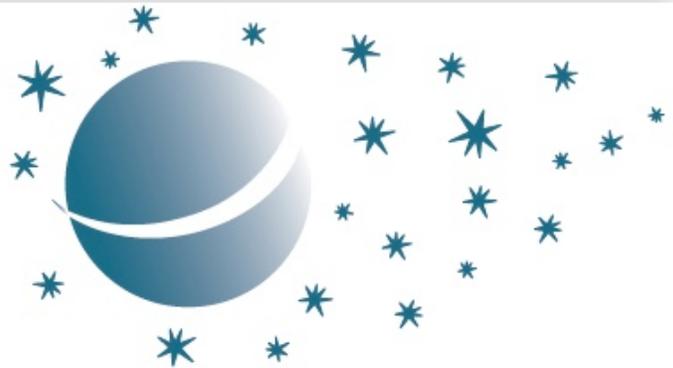
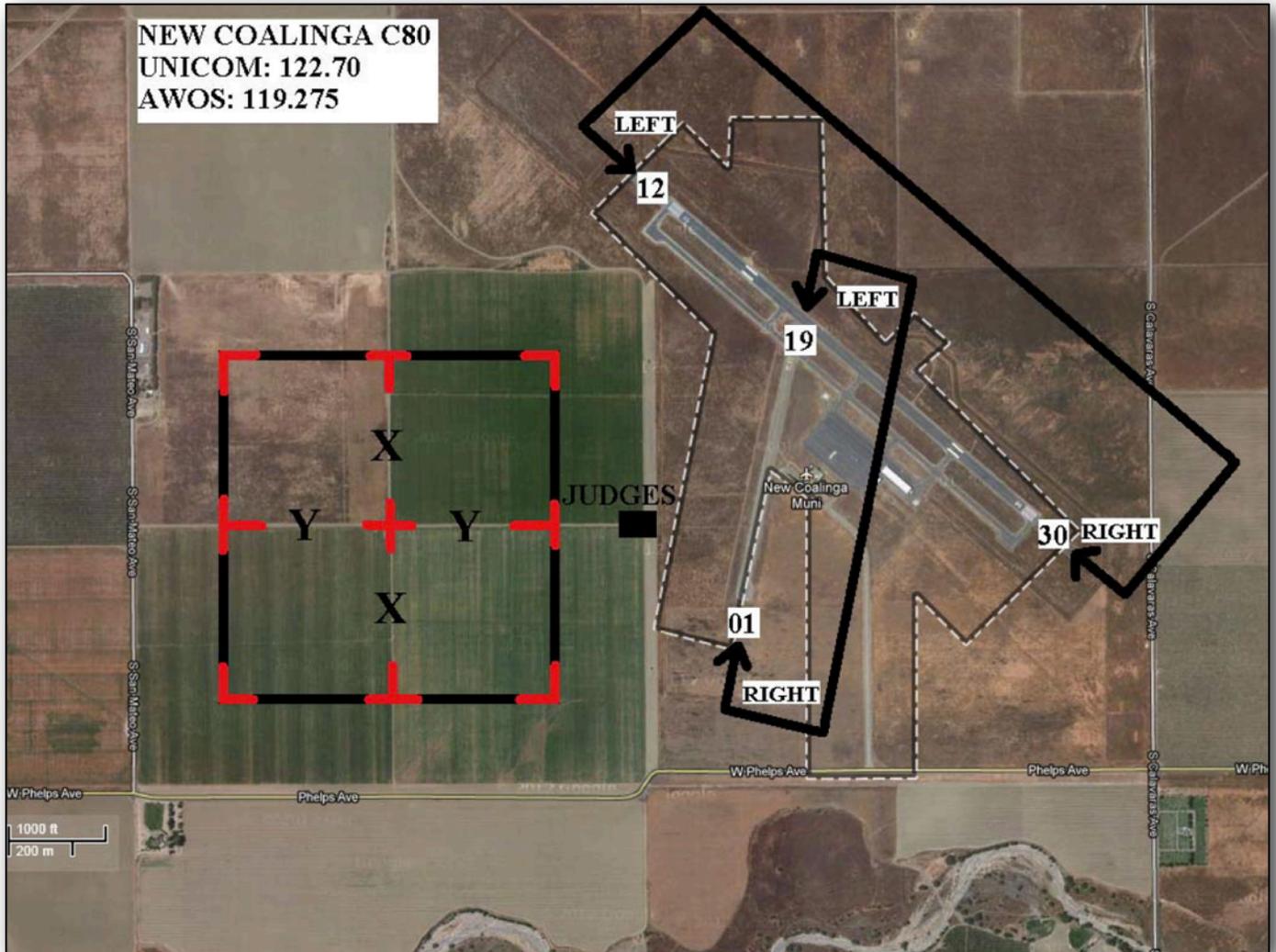
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### **Transportation:**

There is no public transportation or on-airport car rental.

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## Airport and Box:



**Proud sponsor of the 2015 California contest season**  
***KVA is sponsoring a portion of the Harris Ranch banquet and our t-shirts. Thanks Ron Jonson!***

***IAC38 TCY Critique/May Chapter Meeting, Saturday,  
May 23, 2015.***

(Sunday reserved as a weather day).

KTCY, starting at 10 a.m.

RSVP to [btheastanton@gmail.com](mailto:btheastanton@gmail.com) to reserve your space in the line-up.

Remember that KTCY Rwy 8/26 is CLOSED for construction.

***May 28-30***, Coalinga Western Showdown, New Coalinga Municipal, C80

***June 28, 4:00 p.m.*** IAC38 chapter meeting, Jump and Stay Safe: recreational vs. emergency parachute techniques, Skydive California, Tracy. This meeting will be preceded with skydiving for any members who wish to jump out of a perfectly good airplane.

***July 26, 4:00 p.m.*** IAC38 chapter meeting, Attitude Aviation, KVLK. Double the Fun: Live from AirVenture and Flying for the Judges. Beth will be reporting live from the IAC Pavilion in Oshkosh via Skype interviewing IAC president Mike Heuer, airshow pilot Rob Holland and more. After signing off, the meeting will continue with the popular judge panel advising how to best present your competition sequence for the judges.

***August 23, 4:00 p.m.*** IAC38 chapter meeting, Attitude Aviation, KVLK.

***August 28-30***, Happiness is Delano, Delano Municipal, DLO

***September 27, 3:00 p.m.*** IAC38 chapter meeting, Attitude Aviation, KVLK

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

***October 25, 3:00 p.m.*** IAC38 chapter meeting, Attitude Aviation, KVLK

***October***, Red October, KHAF. IAC38 critique day/BBQ/camp-out sleepover at Half Moon Bay. More details coming soon.

***November 22, 3:00 p.m.*** IAC38 chapter meeting, Attitude Aviation, KVLK

***December 6***, IAC38 Holiday Party of Mayhem

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST TWO NEW JUDGES OF 2015**

**Submitted by Weston Liu on Thu, 2015-04-16 17:36**

Congratulations to Brian Branscomb (IAC #434600) and Dave Williams (IAC #436366) for being the first to earn certification as IAC Regional Judges in the 2015 season. Both attended last month's Palo Alto, California "Introduction to Aerobatic Judging" course taught by Doug Hansmann and Dave Watson. Dave immediately passed the Regional Judge exam with a score of 92%.

Brian posted a 90%. With Brian and Dave having already accomplished their required Assistant Judge field experience during the 2014 competition season, Tom Myers and Dave Watson administered the Oral/Practical final exam.

We look forward to having Brian and Dave on the Judges Line.

**Note: Since Wes posted this on the [iac.org](http://iac.org) webpage; another IAC38 judge has been hatched. Congratulations to Layne Lisser**

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## **IAC38 Chapter Meeting, June 28, 4 p.m., On Location at Skydive California, Tracy**

We have an exciting day planned! **Skydive California** is a new skydiving facility located in Tracy near New Jerusalem and KTCY. Skydive California is home to some of the top talent in the skydiving world and is a premier member of the United States Parachutist Association. All of their instructors have gone through the most rigorous training available and are held to the highest standards set forth by the globally recognized USPA.

They are delighted to welcome IAC38 to Skydive California. Owner Aaron will share an informative presentation on emergency vs. recreational chutes and describe their differences in maneuvering and landing characteristics. They are looking forward to meeting us and sharing some of the

passion they have for the sport of skydiving.

Any IAC38 members who wish to skydive prior to the meeting, please contact them to reserve your space. The schedule fills up, so call right away. IAC38 member (and Coalinga starter), John Haag jumps and flies wing suits with these guys and can't say enough good things about them.

Check out: [skydivecal.com](http://skydivecal.com)

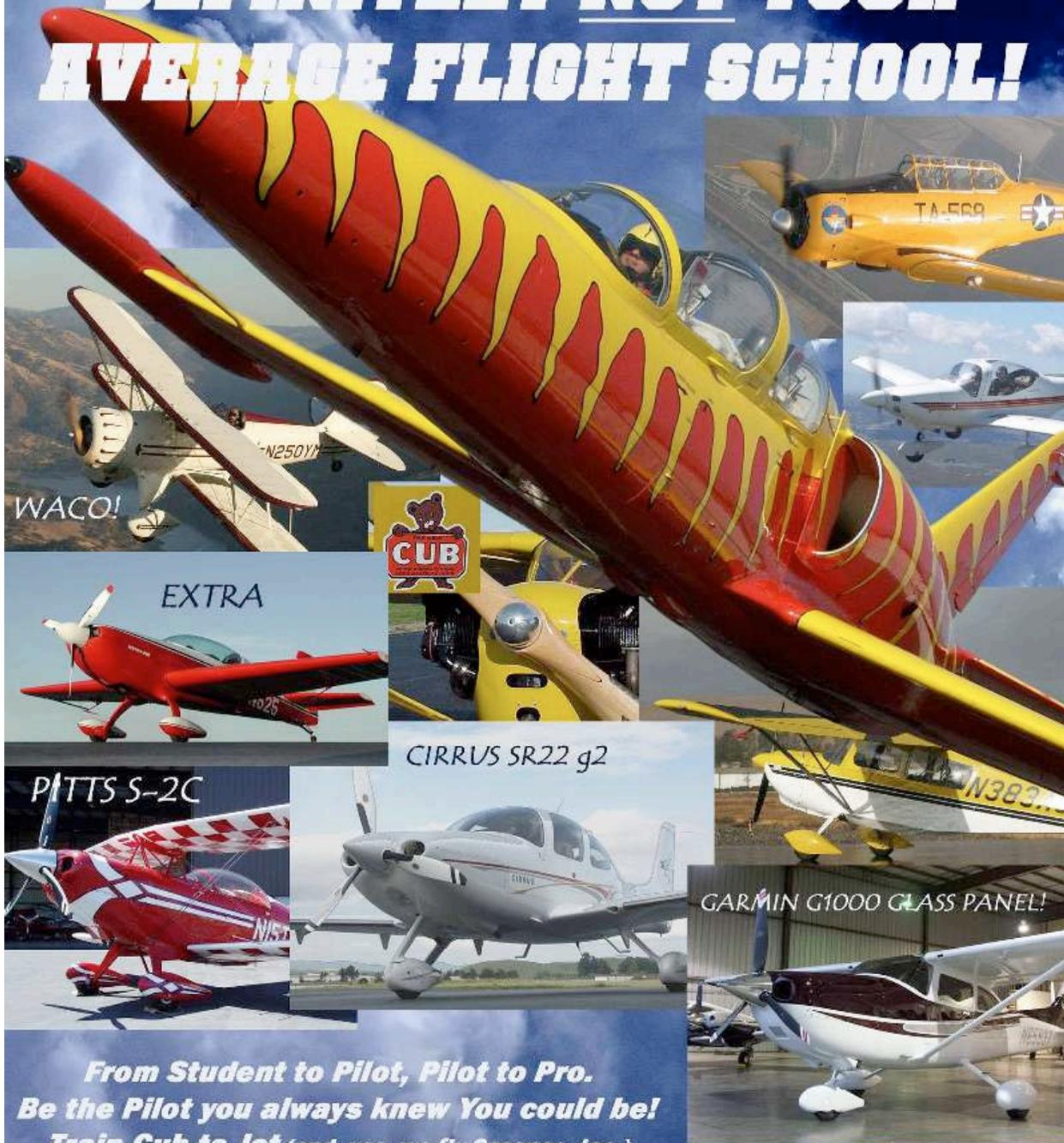
**Address:** 25001 Kasson Road Tracy, CA 95304

**Phone:** 209-835-7474

**Email:** [info@skydivecal.com](mailto:info@skydivecal.com)

Landing at the Skydive California drop zone is not an option for pilots who wish to fly to the meeting. We will arrange a shuttle from KTCY, which is a 10-minute drive away. Contact [btheastanton@gmail.com](mailto:btheastanton@gmail.com).

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# JOIN / RENEW

In addition to helping support all the activities of our chapter, IAC Chapter 38 membership is an insurance requirement if you want to fly in the box at Tracy for critique days. If you are receiving this newsletter and you know you need to get your membership updated, here are several ways to do it:

- sign up here for the International Aerobatic Club: <https://www.iac.org/roll-us-join-or-renew>
- sign up here IAC38 (using PayPal): <http://www.iac38.org>
- sign up at our next chapter meeting, we accept cash, check and credit card
- Fill out this form and mail it to Howard with your check:

<b>IAC Chapter 38 Membership Application/Renewal Form</b>	
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<b>Dues:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Single Membership (\$25/year) <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership (\$30/year)	
Send with check, made payable to "International Aerobatic Club Chapter 38", to: <b>Howard Kirker, IAC38 Treasurer - 2279 Ocaso Camino - Fremont, CA 94539</b>	



**2014 IAC Chapter 38 team**

Beth Stanton, president

Dave Watson, vice president

Howard Kirker, treasurer

Tom Myers, secretary

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Webmaster/email list: Brett Goldsmith

Newsletter editor, Dave Williams

Membership, David Manuel

***Editor's note***

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!

Dave Williams, [dw370@comcast.net](mailto:dw370@comcast.net)