

October 2014

# IAC38 NEWSLETTER



## *President's Report*

*“Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we know we could be.”*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

### ***You never know...***

I've been thinking a lot about how grateful I am for the many people who have helped me in my endeavor to become an aerobatic pilot.

One of the main reasons I decided to take on the mantle of IAC38 president last year was so that I could pay it forward. It was one of the ways I could help encourage aspiring aerobatic pilots.

On the last day of the Delano contest, I posted this story on our IAC38 Face Book page about an amazing thing that had just happened:

*(continued)*



*Rubi from Mexico visits her uncle in Delano each August. She was hanging around the airport last year during the contest. She was very sweet was shy about her limited English. She said she would love to fly but becoming a pilot would be hard due to language and resources. Fast forward to an hour ago. I was getting ready for my last flight and a lovely young woman approached me and told me she had met me here last year. I guess I had told her (and totally forgot about it) : "if I can become a pilot, you certainly can do it."*

*She proudly pulled out a newly-minted pilots license. Immediately I remembered the conversation. Feeling quite overwhelmed with awe right now.*

*You never know how your words and actions, even quite inadvertent, can change the trajectory of someone's life.*

***Be excellent to each other.***

*Bill & Ted*

# Reno 2014. Race On.



*Colleen crossing the finish line*

The aerobatic and race community definitely overlap. IAC38 members were out in force at the Reno Air Races to cheer on:

- Former IAC Southwest Regional Director Vicky Benzing in both Sport and Jet class.
- Colleen Keller and Jessy Panzer in Sport class.
- Jeff Rose, Casey Erickson and Marilyn Dash in biplane class.

-Melissa Pemberton flew her high-energy aerobatic routine which includes flying loops around her wing-suited husband, Rex, and an inverted ribbon cutting.

Several of us loitered in the EAA Hospitality Tent for large swaths of time. It's a perfect spot. Red carpet, shade, front row center, free snacks. And fancy air-conditioned port-o-potties! I told the hostess that this hospitality tent alone is worth the price of EAA membership. She replied "you don't know how many times I have heard that."

Hope to see you at Reno with us next year!

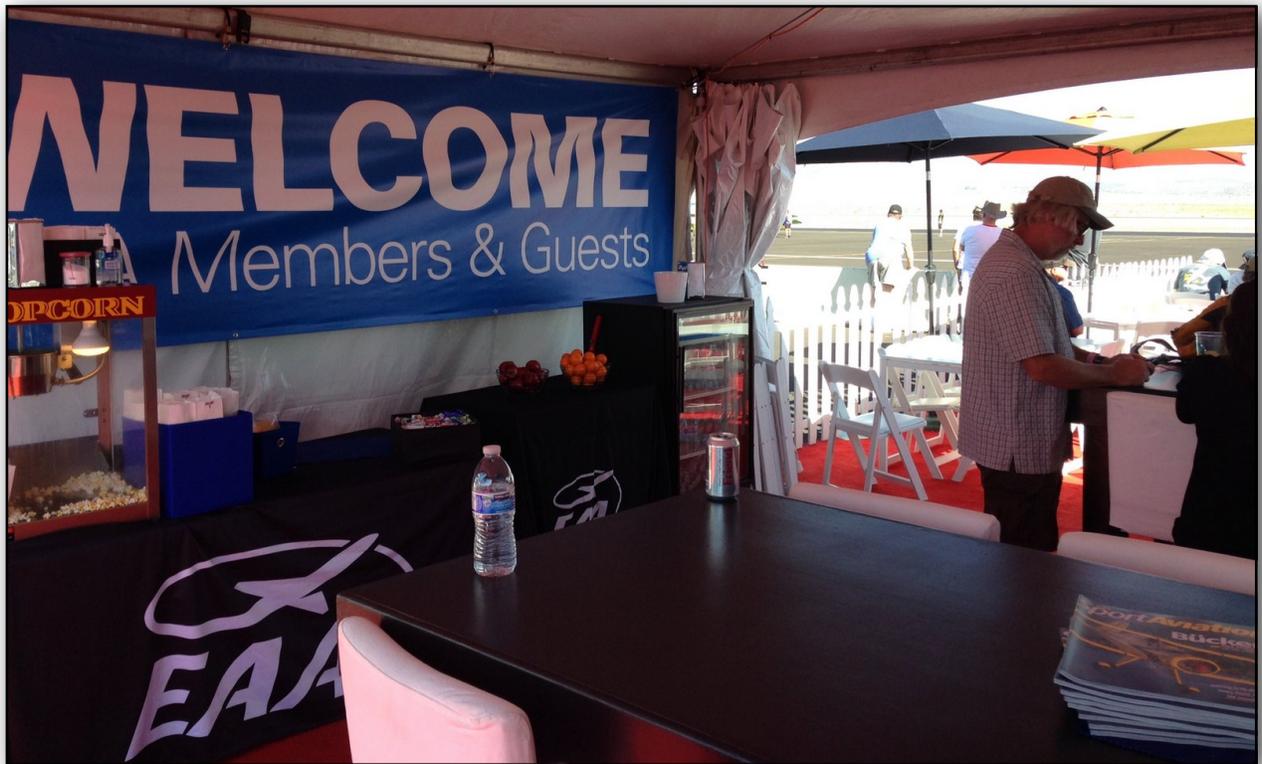
*(More photos on following pages)*



***Colleen, Beth, Jan, Bonnie***



***Ross, Marian, Beth, Dave***



*EAA Hospitality Tent*

**Vicky and Colleen,  
Vicky's plane**



**Vicky and Jeff  
Benzing, Jessy  
Panzer**



*Vicky and Colleen, Colleen's plane*

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## **Calendar**

**No chapter meeting November 2014**

**No chapter meeting December 2014**

**12/7/14- IAC38 holiday party**

**1/25/15- Chapter meeting**



*Third place biplane gold winner Jeff Rose*

## Rose Races the Rabbit at Reno

IAC38er Jeff Rose flew Race 23, the Reno Rabbit, to biplane gold glory with a third place finish in September.

Last year as a rookie, he raced his 160 horsepower stock Pitts to a top speed of 156 mph.

Dazzled by pylon racing, he and his buddies Eric and Lee spent the past year feverishly re-

building a Mong biplane. Their hard work paid off. Jeff clocked in at 204 mph!

They are already scheming to make the Reno Rabbit even faster in 2015. Big congratulations Jeff!

*(more photos follow)*



*Starting in the front row*



*Jeff and Frank Jerant, original builder of the Mong*

# IAC38 September Meeting, Our Esteemed Judges Panel



IAC Chapter 38 judges Tom Meyers, Howard Kirker, and Dave Watson discussed how to fly in competitions while keeping the judges' perspective in mind.

I know we have had some rock star guest speakers this year, but I thought that this was one of the best meetings we have had. The guys presented very valuable information and there were great questions and lively

interaction between the audience and panelists.

Thanks to all who participated to make it such an enlightening and entertaining meeting!

If you missed it, you can watch the first 30 minutes here:

<http://youtu.be/mCpCgcb4LFc>

Thanks to Evan and Zoe Peers for videotaping and posting the presentation.

# IAC38 Holiday Party!

Nothing says happy holidays like speeding Go Karts around a race track then drinking beer. Yes, in that order. Join in the fun for our second annual holiday party that requires waiver signing. What? Would you rather be knitting?

When: Sunday December 7

The festivities start at:

\* **K1 Speed San Francisco**, 1:30 p.m.

<http://www.k1speed.com/san-francisco-location.html>

160 Beacon Street, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Cost: \$49 per person

Check out this video of K1 Go Kart buffoonery:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCJNNPkbE-M>

Followed by revelry at:

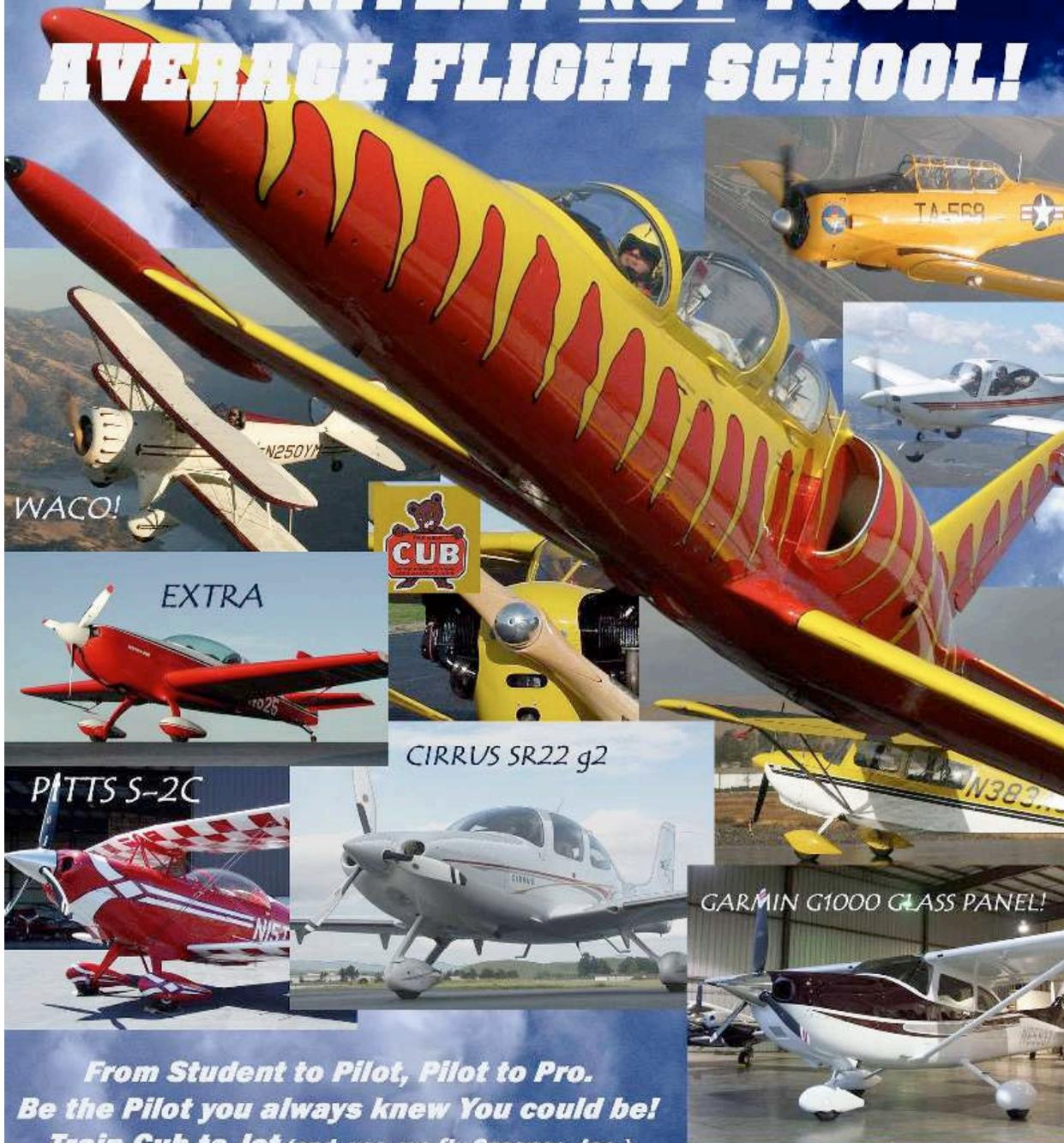
\***Steelhead Brewing Company**, 3:30 p.m.

<http://steelheadbrewery.com/>

333 California Dr., Burlingame, CA 94010

Please RSVP by November 15 to [btheastanton@gmail.com](mailto:btheastanton@gmail.com) to reserve your space for Go Kart racing and/or to let me know if you will be joining us at the restaurant.

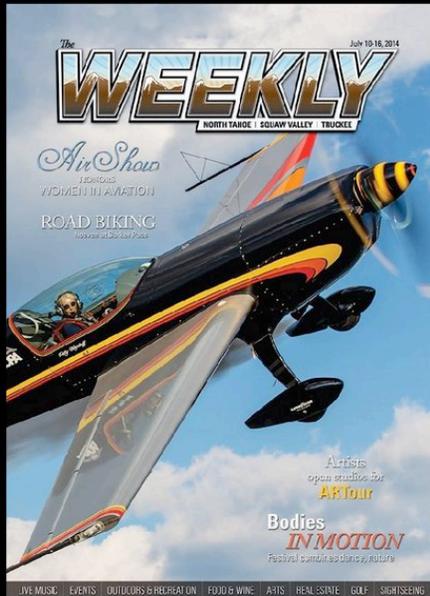
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David Manuel, membership

# 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:

| IAC Chapter 38 Membership Application/Renewal Form  |                            |
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## 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!

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