

October 2015

# IAC38 NEWSLETTER

## *President's Report*



*Beth and new IAC38er Alex: "It's funny, everything else in my life seems so dull after flying or being around pilots. I am so aboard the IAC38 train. I don't think I'll ever get off it."*

### *Say Yes*

Communicating via speaking and writing is my thing. I've done it all my life. The past two years since becoming president of IAC 38, I figure that I've spoken to close to a thousand people. I've presented at Rotary Clubs, women-focused groups such as Soroptimists, Stanislaus County Commission for Women, plus aviation associations, EAA chapters and FFAST safety seminars. I'm psyched to be a guest speaker at the Women in Aviation national conference in Nashville, Tennessee next March.

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These gatherings are opportunities to educate about general aviation, aerobatics and unusual attitude training. It's also a chance to show how it's possible to exceed perceived limitations. I've shared the unlikely story of how I became a pilot with a presentation entitled "Achieving Wildly Improbable Goals." I am able to further my mission by educating the general public, as well as pilots, that aerobatics is not dangerous and reckless, but about safety, skill and precision.

Do you think much about how lucky you are? As pilots, we are privileged to see the world in a way that few get the chance see. And aerobatics? It's positively mythic. To swoop and swirl like a bird in three dimensions has been a fantasy of humankind for millennia, realized just over a century ago, experienced by relatively few. Aviation powerfully captures the imagination of anyone who witnesses flight. Whether at airshows, competitions, or with faces pressed to fences at airports, flight symbolizes freedom, adventure, daring, and possibility.

When you reach out and talk to people, you never know what spark may be ignited. When you pay it forward, you never know whose life will change. Yours certainly will.

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## ***Parachute Drawing Giveaway***

A former IAC38 member has generously donated his parachute to assist a new member starting out in aerobatics or for use as a backup.

If you are interested in throwing your name in the hat for the giveaway, send an email to [bethestanton@gmail.com](mailto:bethestanton@gmail.com) and you will be entered into the drawing. The winner will be announced at our Chapter meeting on October 24 at Half Moon Bay.

Specs:

-Para-Phernalia Mini Softee backpack  
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-maximum weight 220 pounds

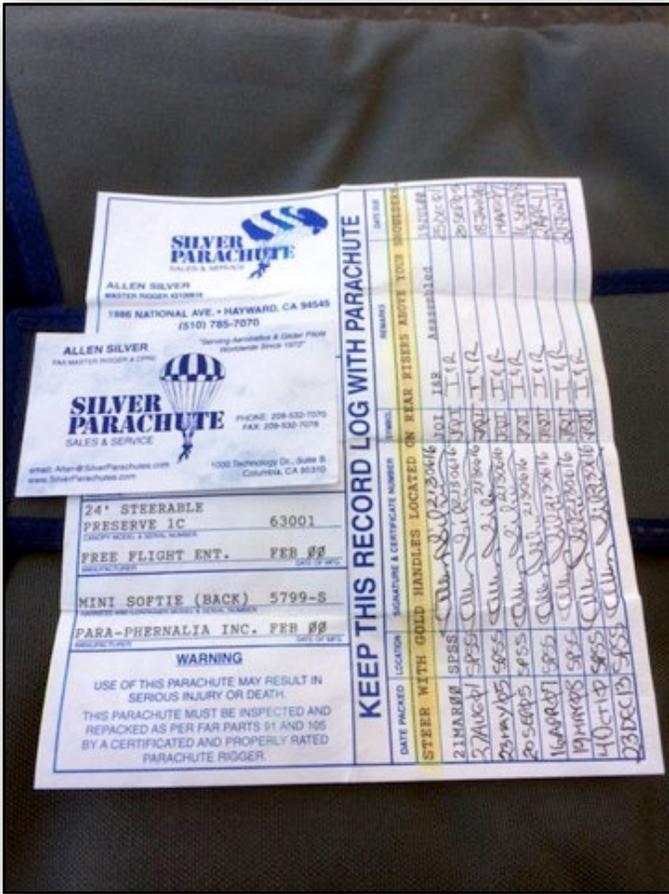
The chute is in custody of Allen Silver Parachute Sales and Services at Columbia Airport. The inspection and repack is pre-paid and Allen will begin the job once we have a winner. Allen will also give the new owner a fitting and orientation on its use.

Please note that the parachute is being donated for actual use by an IAC38 member and not for sale for profit. This is a wonderful example of a pilot paying it forward and supporting sport aerobatics and our club.

We thank our anonymous donor. It will find a good home!



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# ***Borrego AKROFEST 2015***

Hot weather and hot flying! Chapter 38 had a great turnout for the final California contest of 2015. We represented over one third of the total contest numbers with 12 out of the 33 pilots. After crunching the numbers again, it turns out that IAC38 won the highest scoring chapter after all. I know you have been working very diligently to excel at the sport and your efforts have paid off. Congratulations to you all. Here's looking forward to a great 2016 season!

Full contest results can be seen here: <https://iaccdb.iac.org/contests/500>



# *Southwest Regional Chapter Leader Meeting Report*

Our new Southwest Regional Director, Tim Just, held the annual chapter leader meeting at the Borrego Springs Resort on Sunday, October 11. Dave Watson represented for Chapter 38. Follows is his summary.

Attending - Tim Just (Southwest Regional Director and representing IAC26), Chris Olmsted - IAC49, Grey Brandt and Casey Erikson - IAC36, Michael Church - IAC120, Dave Watson - IAC38.

1) All chapters agree that the IAC should put the spin back in Primary - all are in agreement that it is incongruent for IAC headquarters to fear this in Primary when spin recognition and recovery are the basis of our motto that aerobics promotes safety.

2) All chapters agree that the CIVA Free Unknown proposal will not work in CA regional contests. There is no personnel to manage the additional Unknown checking and it would take all upper category pilots off the judging line. Tim suggested each chapter write a letter to him giving our rationale and support for 1 and 2 above before his board meeting on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. Chapter 38 leaders will draft and send this letter.

3) There were no conflicts or criticisms given from other CA chapters for the 2016 U.S. Western Championship to be held at our IAC38 contest in Coalinga. IAC38 has submitted the application for consideration at the IAC board meeting in November. Tim generously offered the Delano sunshade and cooling fan if we want to use it.

4) Chapter 36 accepted for consideration Dave Watson's comments that the aerobatic contestants would be better served at the Borrego contests if the contest went on with its business as usual instead of stopping flights to do the Four Minute Freestyle for the Chamber of Commerce Sundowners gathering. A suggestion was made to include the Four Minute Freestyle in the last group of flights.

5) Discussion comparing the California Point Series and the IAC Regional Awards. A vote was taken and unanimously passed that Tim would have Kathleen Howell draft and submit for circulation (with subsequent votes of approval if approved) a revision to the California Point Series to use the Olympic Sailing point criteria (previously suggested by Renaldo) instead of 3 best percentages. Everyone agreed this must be approved prior to any contests next year or it remains as is.

# **Williams Soaring Center MDM Fox Glides to Victory at Nationals**



*Guy, Eric and Mallory and the MDM Fox*

A note from Guy: Mallory and I would not have even considered going to Nationals if it were not for Dave Watson doing the Smooth Awards at Williams Glider AcroFest this spring. That gave us exposure to judging and confidence that we had a handle on the basic skills in acro. Thank you!

Results:

Guy Acheson - first place Advanced  
Mallory Lynch - second place Advanced  
Eric Lentz-Gauthier - first place Unlimited

**CONGRATULATIONS YOU GUYS!!!**



*Glory on proud display at Williams Soaring Center*

*Photo credit: Laurie Zalenski*



*New IAC 38 members Joe and Alex*



## ***Making Friends with Oakdale EAA90***

### ***Beth Stanton***

Don Gutridge, an IAC38 member and officer from back in the day (now currently renewed) invited me to speak at their monthly chapter meeting about aerobatics and the IAC. On Saturday, October 17, I joined two dozen EAA90 members for breakfast and a presentation, followed by lunch. It was such fun to watch folks get excited and interested in both aerobatics and

unusual attitude training. Several people came up to me after the talk and confided that they always “knew” they should get spin training, but never did it. They promised me that they were now inspired to do so and would finally follow through with it. We also garnered two new IAC 38 members. Joe informed me, “I’ve always wanted to fly aerobatics. I’m not too old to learn!” A successful day by any measure.

Congratulations to Josh Horwich on becoming an IAC regional judge this summer. Thanks for your dedication to the sport



# ***Tell Us Your Story***



## ***Getting to know new IAC38er Alexandria Riedinger***

*-Why did you decide to become a pilot?*

I've always been the type to look up at the sky with wonder. I wondered what was beyond the horizon and what it would be like to fly past it, just to see what was there. I became a pilot so I could see the world from a different perspective. I became a pilot to explore. I became a pilot to have the freedom to do so.

My grandfather earned his wings in King City right before WWII ended and unfortunately didn't fly after that. I never had the chance to fly with him as a child, but I remember having a photo of him

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in his flight suit. He and his young comrades looked so fearless and eager to fly. Coming across that photo again the summer of 2013 after his passing, was the ultimate inspiration to take that first flight of my own.

*-Where have you trained, in what planes and with which instructors?*

I had my first discovery flight in a Cessna 172 with Modesto Aviation and knew from that moment I was meant to fly. About a month later I excitedly mentioned my flight to a friend and she told me her boss was an instructor! I started my training immediately with Bill Bacca and the teal and white Cessna 152 that belonged to the Oakdale Aero Club. Most of my training has been out of the Oakdale Airport in the 152, but I've also logged a handful of hours in a Cessna 172 based in Modesto.

*-Why aerobatics?*

Aerobatics first caught my attention at the AOPA Regional Flyin at Salinas Airport earlier this year. The way that plane cut through the air, spinning, looping, falling out of the sky, was exhilarating! I imagined it was much like riding a roller coaster, which I always loved growing up. After learning more about it, I came to discover the other side of the thrills. The precision, the skills and the pilot's capability to push the plane to its limits seemed even more exhilarating. I knew I had to try it. I have yet to do so, but I know already that I will love it!

*-How did you find the IAC?*

I found the IAC through meeting President Beth Stanton, when she contacted my work to host a presentation. The more I learned about her and the club, the more I knew it was no coincidence that we crossed paths. We had and have a lot in common, from a spirited enthusiasm about flying to encouraging young women to join the skies. I'm definitely looking forward to getting more involved with IAC38!

*-What are your future aerobatic goals?*

My future aerobatic goals include learning more about the capabilities of my plane and expanding my skills as a pilot. Through aerobatics, I want to become a safer, more competent pilot who understands the limits and knows how to recover from any situation. I am also interested in exploring gliders since learning of IAC38's Glider AcroFest and incorporating aerobatics within that.

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***By Taurus Fey, IAC38***

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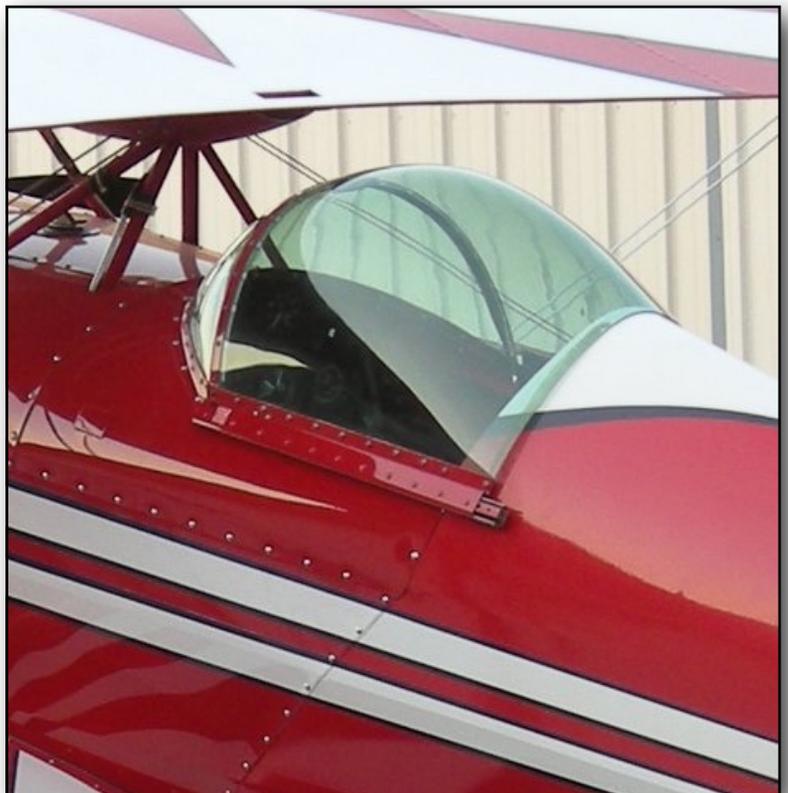
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## ***Shiny Planes by Taurus***



# ***Patriots Jet Team Gala Fundraiser***



## ***Ticket sales close Friday, October 23***

Coming up this Saturday on October 24, is the Patriots Jet Team Foundation third Annual Benefit Gala. This is the same weekend as our IAC38 Half Moon Bay fly-in / sleep-over chapter meeting. If you can't make it to Half Moon Bay, consider heading over to Byron for this stellar event. These guys know how to throw a party!

Details here:

The Patriots Jet Team Foundation is pleased to invite you to our 3rd Annual Benefit celebration on Saturday, October 24. Our featured speaker is Jerry Glasser, former SR-71 pilot. We will have a champagne reception, dinner among the Jets, silent and live auctions, and a fly-by.

We look forward to seeing you at our fabulous Oct 24 event and supporting YOUR Patriots Jet Team Foundation and our community's youth.

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**Saturday, October 24, 2015  
Doors open at 5:00pm  
Program goes from 5:30pm – 10pm**

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## ***Patriots Jet Team Foundation's New Flight Simulators***

***By Mimi Steel***

Due to the generous gifts of several donors and the time investment of volunteers, the Patriots Jet Team Foundation is pleased to announce that we have acquired and will be installing three simulators. We will be unveiling those simulators at the Patriots Jet Team Foundation Third Annual Gala on Oct 24 at the Byron Jet Center. The new simulators include an advanced dual seat simulator with 210 degree visual systems. Based on FTS software for cockpit, avionics, and system simulation, the cockpit presentation is touch screen based keeping the hardware as generic as possible while providing multiple aircraft specific cockpits. We will also be installing two FTS desktop touch trainer VisX (Cessna Package). These simulators offer the simulation fidelity and versatility to allow aircraft normal and emergency procedures to be practiced in multiple versions of these training and working aircraft, maintain and log time and log IFR currency without an instructor.

# IAC38 October Chapter meeting:

**on location at the Chapter Coastal Outpost  
at Half Moon Bay airport**

**Saturday/Sunday, October 24/25, starting at 4PM, join arms with your IAC 38 Comrades at the Red October Yak fly/drive-in AND sleep over at KHAK**

The afternoon and evening events will include one or more of the following:

1. Half Moon Bay flying pumpkin fun: Some people might say, "Don't mix drinks, knives, and pumpkins. We say Nyet! After a pumpkin carving/decorating contest for those who opt-in, prizes will be awarded to the farthest flying pumpkins... details will be unveiled at the event. BYOP or use one of ours. Kids are welcome to participate in pumpkin carving/decorating (with adult supervision). Certain adults are also welcome to participate with children's supervision.

2. Fill up and satisfy your appetite on "Proletariat Pizza." \$5 donation for pizza, water, soda and beer compliments of our KHAF hosts. If you're able (for those driving in

or if you have room in your plane!) bring one snack and/or bottle of adult beverage to share.

3. Movie night: The film reels will roll at 7PM, movies choice to be finalized by member vote that evening and will include choices of;

- Flying the Feathered Edge,
- The Right Stuff
- Top Gun
- The Great Waldo Pepper
- Cloud Dancer
- Or mystery member movies brought in by... YOU! So bring in

your favorite aviation themed DVD movie and put it to the vote...

4. Bonfire and Sleep over - Bring your sleeping bag/mat and tent or cot and take a load off and kick back for a fireside chat about the fine points of aerobatic judging and flying the perfect 45 before turning in for the night.

To plan food & logistics, and get detailed instructions, please sign-up using this quick survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YakAttack>





***Guest speaker, Tim Redden, formation flying expert + Chapter elections***

***Sunday, November 22, 3pm, Attitude Aviation, KLVK***

IAC38 welcomes Tim Redden of the West Coast Ravens, a group of pilots from the western states who fly their RVs in formation at air show and other aviation events. They adhere to strict formation flying standards that were originally developed by the military and fly with a degree of discipline and precision that rivals any other realm of civilian aviation. The Ravens have shared the sky with the Thunderbirds and Blue Angels and performed in 2013 at EAA AirVenture, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vans aircraft.

Tim will share what it takes to master the art and skill of formation flying with symmetry, precision and grace. We will also learn more about civilian formation standards and communities that support formation flying and training.



**October 24-25, RED OCTOBER**, IAC38 chapter meeting/BBQ/campout/ sleepover at Half Moon Bay, KHAF. To plan food & logistics, and get detailed instructions, please sign-up using this quick survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YakAttack>

**October 28**, Corcord EAA Chapter 393 Meeting, Guest speaker Beth presenting on aerobatics and the IAC.

**November 22**, IAC38 chapter meeting, 3pm, Attitude Aviation, KLVK, guest speaker Tim Redden, formation flying expert with the West Coast Ravens and Chapter elections

**December 6**, IAC38 Holiday Party of Mayhem. Still scheming.

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! If you would like an article to be in the next issue please submit within the week following the monthly meeting.

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



# 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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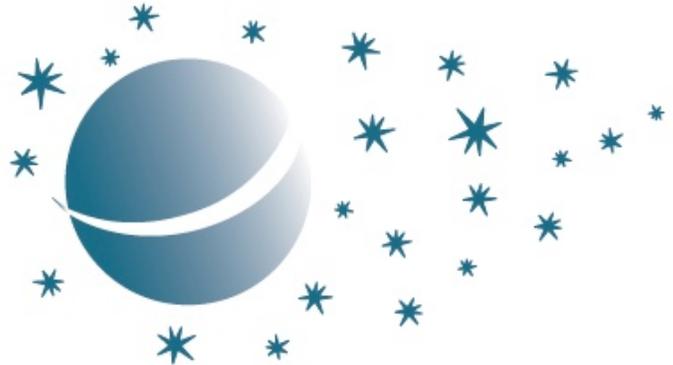


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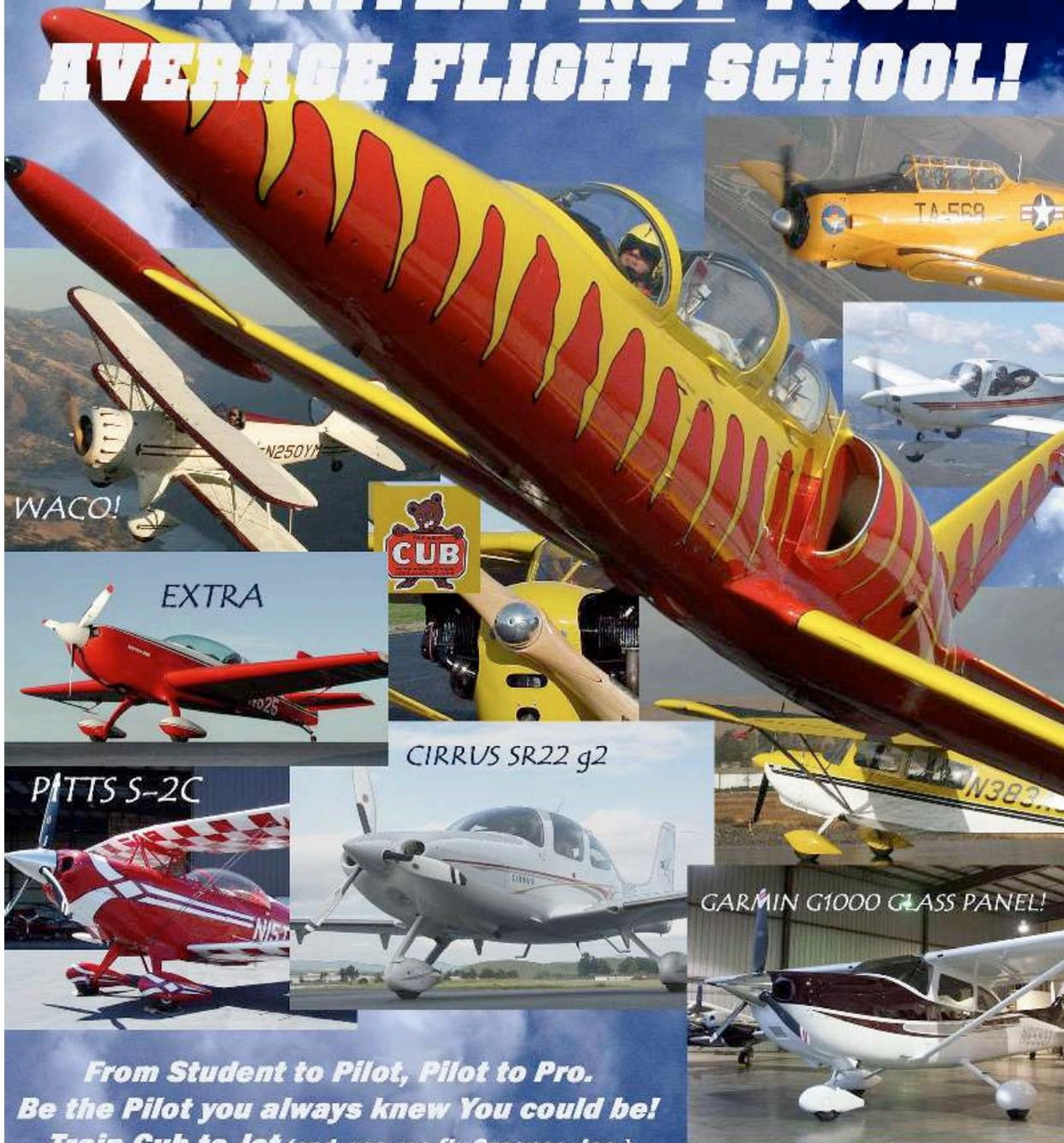
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- sign up here IAC38 (using PayPal): <http://www.iac38.org>
- sign up at our next chapter meeting, we accept cash, check and credit card
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