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Prez' Post

Darren Pleasance



September's a great flying month. There's the Delano contest, of course, at the beginning of the month, and the National as well at the end of the month and the never-a-dull-moment Reno Air Races in the middle that many of us

faithfully attend as spectators every year and in which some of us even compete (good luck Marilyn, Jacqui and others who are going for the gold this year). There's also Tracy Airport day on September 25th which we should all do our best to attend in support of Young Eagles as well as to just show off our planes on the ground to the local community. And now, to add to that stellar lineup of aviating opportunities, we have our first official Chapter 38 Fly-out coming up on September 12th. Look for more details in this month's newsletter but, in short, we're planning to all converge on Petaluma airport at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, September 12th for lunch and an informal chapter meeting. Many of us will leave from Livermore and others will depart from their own home airports. We'll plan to sync up in the air on 123.15 and we'll have a somewhat loose gaggle of airplanes making their way together up to Petaluma. Dennis Yugo has graciously offered to let us use his hanger for the Chapter meeting so do try to bring a plane or find a ride up for this fun event.

In terms of other news, our use of the New J box continues to expand and has become quite a fun venue for a lot of practice over the past month or so. The City cleaned up the runway and some of our dedicated Chapter members put the final touches on it with brooms a few weeks ago so it's

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September Chapter Meeting
Sunday, September 12th,
11:30am

News from the Board
Lunch @ 29 Diner
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29 Diner
Petaluma Airport

IAC38 Welcomes

John Harper - Mountain View

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Editor's Column

Peter Jensen



Only 10 pages! What's up with that? I guess August was a bit quiet, however, I expect to receive a bunch of great stories from both Pendleton and Delano for the October issue.

Actually, this issue was at risk for not making it at all. Only because yours truly caught a lucky break from

Mountain View Police am I not behind bars. I learned the hard way that it's not only airports that have added security these days. The good old passtime of putting coins on train tracks is not looked upon lightly anymore. Too make a long story short... I was questioned for 20 minutes after I was caught in the act of putting some coins on the tracks, and told I would be added to some registry and be in big trouble if ever caught putting coins on the track in Mountain View again. Sigh!

-Peter

Pilots Currently on the Waivers

As of 5/1/2004 our TCY waiver has expired. No one are allowed to fly in the TCY box until the waiver gets renewed. Please observe this temporary restriction. The New J waiver has been renewed. Please contact one of the designated briefers, if you wish to fly in the box (below 1,500 feet).

Pilots on the TCY Waiver (9/1/2004)

NO ONE. Waiver is expired. Awaiting renewal.

Pilots on the New J Waiver (9/1/2004)

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Flying High

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Aerobatics in the Olympics



Wow! What a performance!
And he really stuck the landing!

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Al-Quaida's Olympic team gets disqualified from the target shooting competition

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Heard It On The Ramp

Marilyn Dash

Delano

It's time for Delano!! That's always a good time. 104 degrees in the shade with dust and dirt flying around and the Dove Hunters are in town. What fun!? It's always in the week before Delano that I wonder why I do this sport. And then, I remember and decide, Skin Cancer and Dehydration be damned – let's go to DLO!

Santa Rosa Airshow



While many of you were preparing to stun the crowds at Delano, several of us were flying at the Santa Rosa Airshow. A group of Biplane Racers were invited to put on a Simulated Biplane Race at Wings over Wine Country at the Santa Rosa Airport. Besides having an incredibly good time, we also had a good precursor for Reno this year.

The picture is me with an F/A 18 in the background – when do you get the opportunity to have that kind of backdrop to a picture!?

Besides our fun, the Warbird guys put on quite a show. We had “The Cat Flight” which consisted of a Tigercat, Bearcat, Wildcat and Hellcat in a four-ship formation. It was truly amazing to see. Then, they joined the B-25 (Summer Punch) and about six P-51s plus a few Sea Furys and a P-40. We are so lucky to have these incredible airplanes in our backyard! They were quite a site – from the distance, it looked like a swarm of birds and then you realized, they were Warbirds. Deep Sigh.

Bill Cornick was there tumbling through the sky, false teeth flying around the cockpit.... If you haven't seen Bill's Promotional DVD – well, that probably didn't sound very nice. But in his DVD (which I can lend to anyone interested) he makes several comments about old people flying aerobatics –

including a comment on false teeth flying around the cockpit during a Lomcevak. Bill is a showman and he was as entertaining as always.

Sean DeRosier was also there performing in his One Design the Cabo Wabo Machine. Sean has those little jets on his wing tips that really add quite a bit to his airshow routine. He has a steady stream of smoke from each wing tip and it looks awesome. Sean also wows the crowd!

This was also the first time I had seen The Patriots in an actual airshow. As you may remember, they had a fatality during practice last year out at the New J box and I haven't seen them since. They were AMAZING! Those black L-39s zooming through the sky – in close formation – doing excellent formation aerobatics, well – it was terrific!

Other News...

Several of you may remember a friend of mine who joined us at the BBQ in TCY a while back. We call him Dr. Fly – partially because he has been flying about 40 years and flies his Cub with incredible acumen (big words for the newsletter!?).

Well, each year, a group of Cub Drivers fly to Alaska on a Camping trip. Weather permitting – sometimes they actually make it to Alaska... Sometimes they make it to Washington State and turn around and come back. Well, a day out of their destination, ... the story begins.

Dr. Fly had a hiccup in his engine and decided to land at the next airport to check things out. The wind was whistling at this airport and he wanted to run up the engine, etc. etc. He tied the wings down solidly to the tie downs – but found no way to tie the tail down. So, someone suggested using the Fuel Truck to anchor the plane down for the run-up. (First mistake).

So, they tie it down, start her up, and find the problem, yada yada. The next thing you know, the other guys show up and want to get something to eat. He walks away and leaves the airplane tied to the truck. (Second mistake).

The new fuel truck guy shows up, starts her up and proceeds to take the fuselage with him down the taxi way. The wings were tied down quite well, and stayed where they were. (see picture).

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A Brief History Of The Reno Air Races

Source: Unknown (edited by Marilyn Dash)

Bill Stead, a Nevada rancher, hydroplane racer, and World War II ace, in 1964 came up with the idea of reviving the National Air Races to help celebrate the centennial of Nevada's statehood.

He persuaded Reno businessmen to sponsor the races as part of a major air show that included the national aerobatics and balloon championships, sky-diving competition, and a performance by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. Stead also talked ABC Television into covering the races.

Competition was held at the Sky Ranch, where the runway was simply a 2,000-foot stretch of dirt. Pilots wanted to take off from Reno Municipal Airport, fly to the course, and return to the airport after racing, but Stead had guaranteed ABC that takeoffs and landings could be filmed at the ranch. He threatened to disqualify any flyer who didn't use the makeshift landing strip and the pilots reluctantly went along with it.

The opening event was the finish of a trans-continental race from St. Petersburg, Florida, to Reno. Over the next several days, closed-circuit races were held for five classes of planes:



Unlimited, Formula One, Midget, Stearman, and Cherokee 180s with women pilots.

Because of Stead's experience with hydroplanes, the races used a scoring method borrowed from powerboat racing, with points awarded for a pilot's finishing position in each heat. In the Unlimited class, Bob Love finished first in the final heat, but the championship trophy went on points to Mira Slovak.

The points formula was discarded in 1965 in favor of a series of heats leading up to a final race for each class of planes, with the championship going to the winner of the final.

The races were staged at the Sky Ranch for the first two years. When Reno's Stead Air Force Base was closed in 1966, it was turned over to the city and renamed Stead Airfield, which has been the site of the Reno National Air Races ever since.

The races take place over a four-day period in September, from Thursday through Sunday, but time trials are held earlier in the week. Planes are assigned to heats based on their qualifying times and those with the eight fastest times in heat races move on to the "Gold" championship race on Sunday.

The closed-circuit course is between 3 and 9 miles depending on the class. Since speeds approach 500 miles an hour in the Unlimited class, it takes a little more than a minute for a plane to negotiate one lap, and all the action is in clear view of spectators. The Unlimited "Gold" championship race is usually flown over eight laps, the "Silver" race over eight laps, and the "Bronze" race over six laps.

Over 250,000 spectators turn out over the four-day period. In addition to racing, they get to see exhibitions of aerobatics, stunt flying, and skydiving, as well as flyovers and demonstrations by military teams.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Dale Roberts, Che Barnes, and Ben Freelove on their new mount. A beautiful Pitts S-2A. Rumor has it, it will make it's first contest appearance in Delano this weekend with the new owners behind the stick.



JUST PLANE FUN

TRACY AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE



- **Hot Air Balloon Lift-Off at Dawn**
- **Tethered Hot Air Balloon Rides**
(Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult and rides are subject to weather conditions)
- **Skydivers**
- **Paper Airplane Contest**
- **Young Eagles Airplane Rides**
- **Kids Activity Area**
- **Static Aircraft Displays**
- **Powered Parachutes**
- **Radio Controlled Airplanes**
- **Food and Music**
- **Lots of Fun Booths**
- **Door Prizes**
- **The "MAYOR'S BLUE JEAN BALL" follows in the evening**

Date: Saturday, September 25, 2004
Time: 7:30am until 1:00pm
Location: Tracy Airport
5479 S. Tracy Blvd., Tracy, CA 95377
Fee: Free Admission

Once again the Airport Open House is a Tracy Celebration! In addition to all of the elements that have made the Open House such a great success for the last two years, we are bringing more fun and fanfare !!!

Young Eagles @ Tracy Airport Open House

Terry Ridgeway
Young eagles@iac38.org

Mark your calendars everyone, and come out to support the Tracy Airport Open House on Saturday September 25th, 2004.

I'll need help with ground crew, to shuttle kids safely from the FBO to the airplanes, and back, and I'll need help from pilots with airplanes, who can fly kids around. Short 15 to 20 min-

ute flights are an exciting part of the day for these kids. I hope you can all make it.

Thanks.
--Terry Ridgeway
Young Eagles Coordinator
IAC Chapter 38.

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actually in pretty good shape. I've reached out to the City of Tracy as well in an effort to get them to do some minor patching of the runway that would make it just a little bit nicer, particularly for those of us with small wheels, minimal wheelpant clearance, and/or planes that are more difficult to land (I could have just said "Pitts" and saved some typing I suppose...). In the mean time, we've managed to have great turn out for practice sessions, with coolers, sun shades, and chairs provided by Dale, Kate, and others, and a really festive atmosphere that makes just "hangin' out" at New J a ton of fun. Do come join us...

Regarding the Tracy box, I finally got a face-to-face meeting with the Oakland FSDO in late August. The meeting was cordial with three "FAA Inspectors" attending. I had all the paperwork, aerial pictures, and rationale that I could muster to help convince them of the big mistake they've made in not renewing our box. I'll save all the details of the discussion until our next Chapter meeting, but in summary they handed me a formal "denial" of our waiver application with "urban sprawl" written in the remarks section, and urged me to push hard on the City of Tracy to improve the New J airport (going so far as to suggest we buy it for ourselves so if anyone has ~\$2 million of extra cash, let me know), and explore other alternatives that don't have housing encroaching right up to the edge of the box. We talked about Byron for a few minutes and they were actually quite supportive and suggested we evaluate how we could coexist with the sky divers there (perhaps by flying ~.5 miles west of Byron) or convince the sky divers to swap Byron for Tracy locations with us. I'll start the effort to determine the feasibility of that and will also be reaching back out to the EAA and IAC for any additional guidance they have on fighting the Tracy battle. In the mean time, let's at least make the best of it and take advantage of our current box at New Jerusalem.

Despite the box challenges, I couldn't be happier with where we are as a Chapter right now. Participation is high and we seem to be meeting our objectives of growing the membership, providing valuable aerobatic education, and having fun. We'll work hard to keep this trajectory going. Speaking of "fun", my Laser is due in mid-September so perhaps I'll have it for our Petaluma fly-out in another two weeks. Ben, Che, and Dale have their new Pitts S2A and are flying it mightily. We also have many other Chapter members looking hard at getting flying machines of their own, and the new S2C and Decathlon at Attitude Aviation continue to help peg the funmeter for our non-aircraft owning (e.g., more intelligent) members. This amount of activity right now is really terrific.

As we come down the home stretch for the year, look forward to a variety of exciting Chapter events, including the infamous Chapter 38 Holiday Party (guaranteed to be SPAM-less this year). We're still looking to lock on a date for that but right now Saturday December 11th appears to be the most likely and Allen Silver has graciously offered to host it again this year. We'll see if we can lock this date down at our up-

coming Chapter meeting next week so you can all do your best to attend.

Well, I think that's largely it on the "what's goin' on" front.

Safe flying and see you in Petaluma on the 12th!

Blue Skies...

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So, the moral to the story is.... Nevermind – if I need to tell you, you weren't paying attention. But it does go to show that no one is immune to making a mistake.



Reno?

The next big thing on the agenda is Reno. The National Championship Air Races are just around the corner and several Chapter 38 members will be there flying the pylons with gusto. Please let me know if you are planning to attend. I will look for you there! I also may have an extra room – so let me know if you need one.

Red Bull Airraces will be at Reno this year also. If you haven't heard about this – it's basically an aerobatic slalom course. Kirby Chambliss, Mike Mangold and Mike Goulian are scheduled to compete. Check out <http://www.redbullairrace.com/> for more information. Wow!

Gotta run – but wanted to say – Hope to see you at RENO!

*Marilyn Dash
Chixfly2
Ruby Red Racing*

Contest Results

Peter Jensen

The Pendleton contest had 4 chapter 38 participants. Doug Burr placed second in Sportsman, Todd Whitmer first in Intermediate, and Vicki Cruse second in Unlimited. WELL DONE. Congratulations to all that participated. It's a long haul up to the Northeast corner of Oregon. I don't have the results from the Ugly shirt contest. Did Vicki repeat the victory from last year?
-Peter

2004 Beaver State August 27-28, 2004

Pendleton Airport, Oregon
Contest Director: Greg Howard

Primary

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Bryan Gore		354.000	352.700	355.900	1062.600	78.71
2 Robert Harris	77	351.000	366.700	0.000	717.700	53.16

Sportsman

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Bill Allen	67	1052.712	1058.055	1058.261	3169.028	83.84
2 Doug Burr	38	1062.738	1075.498	907.023	3045.259	80.56
3 Al Laurie	77	994.141	1033.565	1017.275	3044.982	80.56
4 John Smutny	67	771.757	908.062	992.524	2672.343	70.70

Intermediate

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Todd Whitmer	38	1696.672	1737.999	1361.521	4796.192	86.73
2 M. Andrejewski	69	1715.556	1706.925	1321.691	4744.172	85.79
3 John Pierson		1568.871	1669.189	1265.004	4503.064	81.43
4 Royden Heays	AC8	1580.656	1680.004	1157.495	4418.155	79.89
5 Larry Howard	67	1294.594	1673.012	1233.319	4200.926	75.97
6 Mike Mulcahy	67	0.000	1670.937	1079.299	2750.236	49.73

Advanced

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Doug Sowder	67	2046.510	2727.336	2318.412	7092.257	84.73
2 Dick Colliander	67	2073.525	2746.381	2170.162	6990.068	83.51
3 John Coffey	67	1618.563	2774.198	2298.748	6691.509	79.95
4 David (Mac) Engh	67	2003.499	2686.424	1991.776	6681.699	79.83
5 Terry Burch	67	1940.875	2646.573	1686.759	6274.208	74.96
6 Renny Price	77	1853.498	2558.548	1220.803	5632.848	67.30

Unlimited

Rank/Pilot	Ch	Known	Free	Unknown	TBLP Tot.	% PP.
1 Greg Howard	77	2813.959	4208.198	3342.758	10364.915	88.89
2 Vicki Cruse	38	2559.667	4087.054	2700.116	9346.837	80.16
3 Ann Marie Smith	67	2429.254	3574.784	2794.593	8798.632	75.46
4 Norm DeWitt	77	2674.232	3221.910	2739.231	8635.372	74.06
5 Jerzy Strzyz	AC7	2572.891	3238.205	2520.700	8331.797	71.46

AWAC 2004 - Advanced World Aerobatic Championship

Ljungbyhed, Sweden
August 2004

The US was well represented, with 8 pilots and 7 volunteers. The secured a 4th place overall and did very well individually as well. The final standings for the US pilots were as follows:

US Volunteers

Ann Salcedo - Assistant Judge
Liza Weaver - Assistant Judge
Tony Wood - Coach
Greg Duncan - Judge
Michael Heuer - Jury President
Fred Weaver - Observer
Julia Wood - Team Manager

Rank	Pilot	[Known]	Free	Unknown 1	Unknown 2	Total	pp %
10	Rob HOLLAND	2008.371	2624.799	2384.163	2865.990	7874.952	76.31
12	Don PETERSON	2010.546	2596.714	2491.036	2696.536	7784.286	75.43
13	Mike WISKUS	2037.823	2695.652	2327.474	2750.715	7773.841	75.33
18	Jeff BOERBOON	2001.399	2549.015	2501.116	2684.331	7734.461	74.95
20	Mike NICCUM	1867.001	2580.052	2366.434	2697.745	7644.232	74.07
41	Doug SOWDER	1865.960	2630.291	2043.645	2291.254	6965.191	67.49
51	David WRIGHT	1609.332	2288.390	2009.883		4298.273	41.65
53	Walt PLENTIS	1630.277	2381.224	1863.954		4245.178	41.14

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Calendar of Events

- Sept. 3-6 **Happiness is Delano - Delano, CA**
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 12 Chapter Meeting - 11:30am
Petaluma Airport - 29 Diner
 16-19 Reno Airraces
 Reno Stead Field
 25 Tracy Airport Open House - 7:30am
Tracy Airport
 26-1 **2004 Nationals - Denison, TX**
David@tacticaltanks.com
- October 10 Chapter Meeting - 4pm
Flying the U2 - Rich Perkins
 15-16 **Borrego Acrofest - Borrego, CA**
rstonehouse@greenhart.com
- November 4-7 **Tequila Cup - Tucson, AZ**
m.hollandSAAC@worldnett.att.com
 14 Chapter Meeting - 4pm
Elections/Formation Flying
Rich Perkins & Harry Hirshman
- December ?? X-mas Party

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Judge: Regional National **Newsletter:** E-mail (Adobe PDF) Postal Mail
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Chapter Meeting:
 Sunday 12th, 2004, 11:30am - ???
 Petaluma Airport
 Lunch at the 29 Diner