

HISTORY OF IAC34

1970's

The original charter for IAC 34 is signed by Carl Bury on April 16th, 1974 with 29 Charter members. This was the Western-Reserve Chapter and met in Peninsula, Ohio in the local library. (Carl Bury went on to become IAC's third President in 1978. He is credited with improving the internal administration of the IAC and conceiving ideas on fund raising. The real start of IAC's merchandising program began under his tenure.)



Wadsworth Municipal Airport 3G3

The first fly-in for the chapter was on May 18, 1974, called a "Fly Together" at Wadsworth Airport at noon. In 1975, the chapter sponsored a March dinner on Friday the 14th with the guest speaker, Paul Poberezny. The evening included a dance band and area EAA chapter members were invited to attend.

The club had five Aerobats, two Citabrias, and a Stearman available with instructors which helped build interest. The club set a goal that each member should bring in one new member during the first half of the year. Chapters members attended the Sandy Shoes contest in Ft. Pierce, Florida Jan 11-12, 1975 and Kokomo Contest June 27-29, 1975.

IAC 34 members, John Mehaila had chapter patches made and Rick Roberge scheduled the Fly-togethers. To increase attendance at meetings, a chapter member brought a door prize to each meeting. The first contest in Ohio was held in July of 1975. The officers that year were Rich Roberge, Evertt Dyer and Dan Bookwalter.



Over the years, the club held contests at Medina, Middlefield, Portage, Millers, London and Columbus. Chapter members put on an IAC Demonstration at the EAA Fly-in in Marion, Oh. They flew different sequences and demonstrated the IAC maneuvers. *(Barb Hadden 1996 quote)*



Barber Airport, Alliance OH 2D1

1980's

During 1980's the club continued to have meetings at the Peninsula Library, Berlin Airpark and Portage Co. Airport, Ohio. Practice sessions were held at Alliance, Barber Airport on occasion. Some of the contest locations in the 80's were: 1986 North Benton, Ohio, 1987

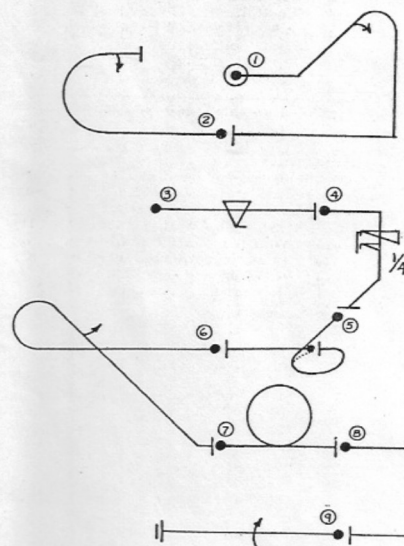
Berlin Airpark and 1989 Alliance Ohio. An annual club banquet was held each February with a White Elephant auction and sale held as a fund raiser for the club.

"The chapter did meet in Alliance and Ravenna (Portage County) at one time when we rotated President, Vice-President, Sec., Treasurer, newsletter editor positions. The club had a certain sanctioned contest week-end, the one prior to fathers day in June for many years and flew the contest at Medina, Middlefield, Portage, Millers, usually getting thrown out after one or two years.....THEN the folks at Salem got our week-end and we had to go to Father's Day week-end"

...by Forrest Barber January 1986

When I first joined the IAC, I had the notion that Sportsman was for the poor and inexperienced new member to the sport and the 65hp non-inverted airplane would work. Hah, was I surprised to learn that I had to do a 45 degree climbing maneuver (holding the line back then) called a Reverse Cuban. Try that once in your old Cub, Luscombe, or Taylorcraft and score more than a five and I'll kiss your foot anytime you select.....Forrest Barber

— 1980 sequences —



SPORTSMAN		
1. 9.2.1.2.1.	½ reverse cuban eight	K
2. 9.1.1.1.	½ loop ½ slow roll	18
3. 8.3.1.1.1.	snap roll	17
4. 4.1.8.	1 and ¼ inside spin	10
5. 2.2.	270° horizontal turn	3
6. 9.1.1.2.	½ cuban eight	16
7. 7.1.1.	loop	12
8. 5.1.1.	hammerhead turn	20
9. 8.1.1.1.1.	horizontal slow roll	10

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TOTAL 117



Center: Ken(white hat) & Barb Hadden (blue shirt),
Dick & Sue Packer (on left next to Barb)

1990's

The 1990's proved to be some of the most dynamic years for the club. (President) Ken and (Newsletter Editor) Barb Hadden had the drive, time and interest to introduce more club activities, including Interclub contests, Flight of Champions, Smooth Patch Days, volleyball, and Snow Skiing trips. The club experienced an all-time high in membership. (The membership list from 1995 shows over 150 members - current 2014 membership is 50.)

The contest moved from London Ohio (1990-1992) to Columbus Bolton Field, where it stayed from 1993 to 2003.

2000's

2000 January Newsletter started off the new decade with a letter from IAC 34 President Randy Dodge greeting club members and sharing the vision for the year. "...this is everyone's chapter...". Randy outlined a plan of consistency and member participation as key to helping the club continue to grow and evolve.



Sue Packer (L) and Barb Hadden visit Marysville in 2004 for the chapter's 30th anniversary.



From 2005 to 2013 the home of the Ohio Aerobatic Open, was Marysville, Ohio Union County Airport (MRT). The new home of the contest and this year's IAC EAST CHAMPIONSHIP is Bellefontaine, Oh. (EDJ). The chapter held their first contest there in the fall of 2011 with the encouragement of Airport Manager, Steve Buchenroth. Steve is an IAC34 member and the owner operator of Midwest Corporate Air, Inc., which is contracted to manage the airport. Chapter members are looking forward to having Bellefontaine as the permanent home of the annual OHIO AEROBATIC OPEN for many years to come.

Today Chapter 34 continues in the spirit of educating, training and providing enjoyment for all our chapter members. Our motto - "Let's Fly!"

Contest Information for the Ohio Aerobatic Open – IAC East Championship can be found on the chapter's website: <http://iac34.com/>

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