

# IAC38

NEWSLETTER  
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*Justin Shapiro at Coalinga*

## *Presidents report*

At this point, I realize this newsletter is part newsletter and part history letter. It has been a whirlwind past few months that have been jam packed with adventure, events and lots of trophies for Chapter 38! Time to get everyone caught up!

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## **Duel in the Desert**

Let's begin with the history. The Duel in the Desert contest in May was well represented by Chapter 38. Everyone from Chapter 38 who made the trek to Apple Valley brought home some hardware (not that you expect anything else). Dave Watson earned three 3<sup>rd</sup> place clinckies and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy in Unlimited. Tom Meyers was on rails that weekend and brought home three 1<sup>st</sup> place clinckies as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy in advanced. Chris Combs placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Unknown flight. Brennon York took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the free and unknown flights in Intermediate and the 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy. Chris Harrison brought home 3<sup>rd</sup> place clinckies in the

known and free. Unfortunately, he had some mechanical issues and was unable to fly the unknown flight. As with every aerobatic contest, some strange things took place – not all of them should be mentioned in the newsletter. Ha! This one, however, is one for the history books. Britt Lincoln flew for 1<sup>st</sup> place clinckies in all three of her flights in the Primary category, her competition, Brock Ohlson also took home the 1<sup>st</sup> place clinky in the unknown. How could this be, you ask? Brock and Britt both earned scores of exactly 500.00 in the unknown flight!! Do we have any statisticians here? What are the odds of that?!?! Britt also earned her first Grass Roots award.



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## Coalinga

Our Coalinga contest took place the last weekend in May. We had 35 total pilots competing with 16 competing for Chapter 38!! Woot Woot!! The temperature gods were in our favor this year, however the wind gods were angry! Unfortunately the Primary and Intermediate groups only got 2 flights in as the contest was called off late Saturday afternoon due to wind.

If you happened to miss the event of the year, let me tell you the Chapter 38 showed up to fly!! And apparently when we say “show up to fly” at Coalinga – it means at 6:00 a.m. – OUCH!

Here is a re-cap of the Chapter 38 pilots’ results!

Pilot	Known	Freestyle	Unknown	Overall
<b>Primary (5 total pilots)</b>				
Britt Lincoln	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	n/a	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mike Flagella	3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	n/a	4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Sportsman (9 total pilots)</b>				
Tom Grundherr	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Jake Carter	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Chris Harrison	8 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Intermediate (13 total pilots)</b>				
Howard Kirker	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	n/a	1 <sup>st</sup>
Justin Shapiro	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	n/a	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Brennon York	6 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	n/a	5 <sup>th</sup>
Josh Horwich	10 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	n/a	6 <sup>th</sup>
Dale Roberts	5 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	n/a	7 <sup>th</sup>
Mike Eggen	11 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	n/a	10 <sup>th</sup>
Dean Hickman Smith	7 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	n/a	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Advanced (4 total pilots)</b>				
Chris Combs	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Tom Meyers	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Unlimited (4 total pilots)</b>				
Dave Watson	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>

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I'm sure it will be no surprise to anyone that with these results, Chapter 38 won the highest scoring chapter award!! The Evil Empire also won the highest scoring flight school award!

Coalinga was Tom Grunherr's first ever IAC competition (he did alright). Shocker here – he won Best First Time Sportsman! Yay Tom! Jake Carter took home another Grass Roots medal to add to his collection. Brand new Chapter 38 member, Brock Ohlson who flew all the way from Las Vegas earned the Primary Stars Achievement Award at the Coalinga contest! Brock was not yet a 38 member at the Coalinga con-

test, but has since joined (more on that later).

We want to thank everyone who joined us at Coalinga this year! We want to especially thank those of you who volunteered your time to help make all of this happen! We couldn't do it without everyone and it is very much appreciated! Lastly, but not least, we want to thank Sam Rivinius (owner of Attitude Aviation at KLVK) for generously donating the contest shirts this year! If any of you didn't see them – they are awesome and I think we still have a few left for sale! Please contact me if you would like to purchase a shirt!



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*Intermediate Smooth award*



## Corvallis Corkscrew

And now for more current events. A team of 7 Chapter 38ers made it to the Corvallis Corkscrew in Oregon! Dave Watson brought home a set of 3<sup>rd</sup> place clinckies and the 3<sup>rd</sup> overall trophy in Unlimited. He also had a very impressive 4 minute free style in the Super Decathlon (guys, if you haven't seen this – it is a must! So impressive he was even offered a sponsorship to

fly it at Nationals!). Dave, however, was having so much fun twisting the Super D around, he flew for 4 minutes and 75 seconds which earned him 750 penalty points. Oops. How does that saying go? “Time flies when you're flying” – that has to be it!

Tom Meyers won 3<sup>rd</sup> in the known flight and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Advanced category in his Edge 540. Mike Eggen earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the known and unknown flights in Interme-



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diate and took 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. Fun fact for those of you that don't know – Mike flies Intermediate in his Super Decathlon...no easy feat! Great job Mike! Justin Shapiro clearly came to Corvallis with the intent of leaving with more weight in his airplane!! Justin took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the free flight and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the known, unknown and the 1<sup>st</sup> place overall trophy in Intermediate!

Spoiler alert.....Cade Boeger made the trip up to Corvallis, so I think you can all guess who showed everyone how the Sportsman

sequence is supposed to be flown! Cade won 2<sup>nd</sup> in the free flight and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the known, unknown and Sportsman overall. Chris Harrison flew his beautiful orange Great Lakes to Oregon with another good showing and took 6<sup>th</sup> overall out of 8 pilots in Sportsman! Britt flew her first Sportsman contest and took the 2<sup>nd</sup> place clinkie in the unknown flight. Corvallis does not give a highest scoring chapter award, but Dave took it upon himself to tally the scores – Chapter 38 was once again the highest scoring chapter!



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*Jim Bourke and Britt*





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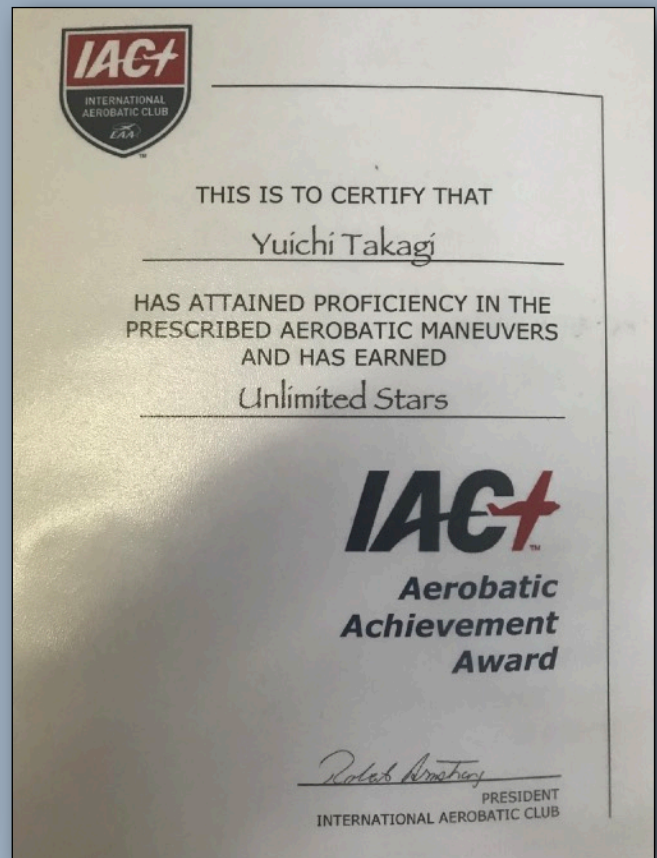
## New Chapter Members

We also have some new members of Chapter 38 and some previous members who have returned! Bock Ohlson from Las Vegas and Bill Warburton from Oxnard both handed over some cold hard cash in Corvallis to join the awesomeness that is Chapter 38! We welcome Mark Pollard back to the chapter– Mark is the proud new owner of a beautiful mid-wing Extra...when you see Mark, keep encouraging him to come to a contest! Lynzie Hudson is a new CFI at LVK and is our newest chapter member. Lynzie carries around a folder of Chapter 38 sign-up forms to give to her students who are interested in acro! Thank you Lynzie!!

Lastly, we will have an August chapter meeting in Livermore! Details will be sent out in a separate e-mail, but mark your calendars for Sunday, August 25 – Britt will be discussing the fine points of mountain and back country flying! Location will be at LVK – hanger TBD!

Ok everyone. I hope you enjoyed today's history lesson as well as our current events section.

Stay loopy!  
Britt





# ***AOPA and AirVenture Hob-nobbing Adventures***

***By Dave Watson***

We were quite lucky to have the AOPA fly-in drop right into our back yard back in June. Although I did see many of you there, it is possible many of us crossed paths and I hope everyone took advantage of it. The big news from the Fly-in is that Britt gave her talk about the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) and backcountry and mountain flying. It was well attended and brought many pilots out to the RAF booth that we had set up featuring 59AC with her wheel pants removed to make her

look 'butch' around the campfire! The day prior to the official fly-in, Richard McSpadden, Director of the AOPA Air Safety Institute, who has been sponsoring Britt for several of these talks across the country, came by the Evil Lair to meet us. He brought with him Alicia Herron who is a full-time writer for AOPA. In order to show them some Evil hospitality, Britt took Richard out for the Bay Tour and I took Alicia out for some acro fun at four corners. Although a deep marine layer prevented



***Tom Grundherr and Paul McDonald working at the RAF booth***

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them from overflying the GG Bridge, Richard had a spectacular flight with Britt over Alcatraz and the SF marina area. Alicia who happens to be relatively local to us (she lives in SoCal), was hooked on acro as soon we got upside down the first time. She was one of those 'newbies' that just

could not get enough, and we expect to see her come back for some soon. It goes without saying, I had just as much fun as she did because of it. These flights brought all us into deeper friendships and Britt and I may be doing more projects in the future with the AOPA Air Safety Insti-



***Alicia Herron (AOPA writer), Tom Grunherr, Britt Lincoln, Cory Robin (Flying Cowboys), Dave Watson***

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tute. Mike Flagella had a booth showcasing the new line of Certified electronic SureFly Magnetos he now distributes and of course his fabric and mechanical handy-work. His booth also seconded as the IAC 38 hang out and chapter literature distribution center – Thanks Mike! Due to her backcountry roots, Britt was introduced to Cory Robin (yes THE Cory

Robin – one of the famous Flying Cow-boys). Turns out Cory is really quite a guy and wanted some place to chill away from the crowds, enter the Evil Lair and the endless beer supply at the end of each day! He hung with several us and joined in at Jake Carter’s ON-ON party Saturday night too.



***Dave Watson and Alicia Herron***

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***Britt Lincoln and Richard McSpadden (Director of the AOPA  
Air Safety Institute)***

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A few short weeks later, it was off to Oshkosh. This was only my second Air-Venture and I was happy to have Britt along with me for her first. It was so cool to see the amazement of the immensity of this gathering through her eyes this year, as I had experienced it last year. We were so lucky to have accommodations at a group-home (No! Not at the local psych ward) just 1.5 miles from the airport. A friend we had met at Pine Mountain Lake in January had arranged two rental houses next to each other so it was a kind-of UAL frat party all week (most guys were retired United pilots and test pilots). We felt very lucky to have been invited to hang with them instead of being constrained with the other less desirable housing options.



But where to start with the highlights? One was hanging out with some old friends of mine and introducing them to Britt. We spent some time with Dagmar Kress (the woman that gave me my start in flying) and we both got introduced through her to the owners of Aviat, MX and Extra aircraft. We also had the great fortune to talk for quite a while with Michael Goulian (who I know from my Acro roots back in New England when Michael was still regularly competing). Britt knows a gentleman that is a very close friend of Michael's and he

smuggled us into a private Whelen party – featuring Michael. Turns out Michael and Richard McSpadden go way back as friends and we all coalesced into a critical mass at the party and had quite a time catching up and refreshing and kindling these friendships at the party before and during the Wednesday night airshow. However, while heading into that party, we bumped into our new friend Cory Robin (from the AOPA Fly in) and he comp'ed Britt and me wrist bands into the performer's section that is dead center right on the flight line for the night air show. Oh poor poor us, had to bail on Michael Goulian to hang with the Flying Cowboys at front row center.

Pinch me is this real!!! And this was our first Day! It doesn't get any better than this, so I'll just stop typing . . . . .

Oh, but there is more! Britt was a featured presenter at the EAA Pilot Proficiency Center on Friday morning with her talk on Mountain flying and backcountry airports – Have you picked up up on this theme? Not only do we have a skilled acro pilot at our IAC 38 helm, she is gaining quite a lot of national notoriety for her skills and roots as a backcountry trained pilot. If you missed her AOPA fly-in or AirVenture "Peaks-to-Pavement" talks, she is giving it again privately for us at our August 25

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Chapter meeting – If you have fears of crossing the Sierras (as you should) you should not miss her talk - see the IAC 38 meeting schedule. Her talk at AirVenture was professionally recorded and will be a permanent addition to the AOPA Air Safety materials that will be posted later this fall to the AOPA website.

I got to spend a lot of time with my dear friend Hans Bok, who was instrumental in giving me a lot of critiquing when I first got into the sport in New England. He is also the builder of my Lazer. We stay very close, but distance keeps us from seeing each other but once or twice per year lately.

One last memory, Dagmar Kress the woman, amazing pilot and giving person that inspired me to get my pilot's license to do aerobatics 25 years ago, was

awarded the Frank Price Trophy at the IAC member's dinner Friday night. I am so happy for her, she has given of herself so much to this sport and deserves this recognition.

So my highlight of AirVenture, was kindling friendships new and old. Aviation is a small community of people, and we all have one thing in common, to be better pilots, no matter what your niche is. The fact that these seemingly unrelated groups of people all met up at the same point and time and knew each other though each other, was amazing – and to be part of it is still spinning my head. The rest of AirVenture was just one massive smear of airplanes, airplane noise, good friends, new friends, bad food, and mass-quantities of beer. So glad I went again.









# IAC38 2019 Calendar

- Aug 25- TDB, Mountain flying tips from Britt, 1600
- Sept 6- Apple Turnover, Ephrata WA (KEPH)
- Sept 21- National Championships, Salina, KS (KSLN)
- Oct 19- Las Vegas West Open, (K0L7)
- Oct 27- Meeting location and topic TDB, 1500
- Nov 1- Foxy Figures, Lancaster, CA (KWJF)
- Nov 15, Tequila Cup, Marana, AZ, (KAVQ)
- Nov 24- No meeting, holiday party in one week
- Dec 7- Holiday Party of Mayhem, Location and topic TDB
- Dec 22- No meeting, holiday conflicts

**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.**

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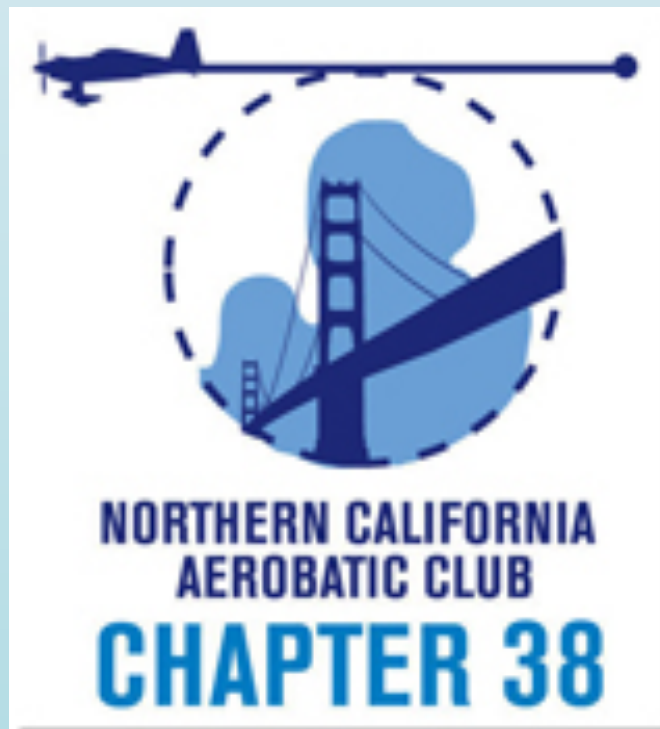
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