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President's report

Britt Lincoln

Hello Chapter 38! What an interesting year this has been! It's September and we have had only 2 west coast contests. Despite the truncated contest season, Chapter 38 has shown up in full force! I hope you enjoy the re-caps!

Corvallis Corkscrew

IAC Open West Championship - KCVO	
Dave Watson	2 nd place Unlimited 2 nd place 4 Min Free
Chris Combs	1 st place Advanced
Tom Meyers	2 nd place Advanced
Britt Lincoln	1 st place Intermediate
Mike Eggen	2 nd place Intermediate
Jerry Marino	3 rd place Sportsman
Jake Carter	2 nd in Sportsman Known 3 rd in Sportsman Unknown

The west coast "season opener" was the Corvallis Corkscrew, which was the 2020 IAC Open West Championship, in Corvallis, Oregon took place the first weekend in July.

The weather was mostly cooperative; the temperature was moderate and all pilots flew all 3 flights. We had a minor delay on

Saturday as we waited for some clouds to blow through and then we were up and flying in the gorgeous Willamette Valley. The views are so stunning at Corvallis that it is easy to get distracted with the scenery when you are in the box. It is a test of self-discipline to look at the sequence card and not day dream about wine tasting Pinot Noir.

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We would like to extend a big thank you to Chapter 77 for putting on another great contest. It was well organized and so well run. Also, we very much appreciated the great snack spread with lots of healthy choices! We were the best-fed acro pilots in the country!

An interesting event took place; we call it “now you see me, now you don’t”. During the Freestyle flights, every single pilot in Advanced and Sportsman had to re-fly at least 1 figure as none of the judges were able to score due to the position of the sun. We had a big take-away from this. 2 of our chapter members’ overall rankings were adversely impacted by penalties applied during the re-flying of these figures. Everyone, please remember that all of the

rules for the sequence still apply even when re-flying an individual figure!

Jim Bourke and Dave Watson were the 2 competitors in Unlimited. Dave and Jim both flew great! Dave created a new figure for his 4 minute free, unfortunately he discovered this “figure” during the Known flight. It looked really cool but unfortunately earned him a HZ. However, this was the only figure he scored less than a 5.0 during the contest! Watch out Jim Bourke, Dave’s amping up his 4 minute free! ;-)
Dave flew his impressive 4 minute free in the Super D but Jim’s awesome display of tumbles and smoke prevailed. Jim and Dave had only a 10 point difference in the 4 minute free.

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Chris Combs and Tom Meyers were 2 of the 3 competitors in Advanced. Chris “edged out” (pun intended) Tom for first place by a narrow margin. Immediately prior to the Known flight, Chris discovered that his tailwheel had a deep gash in the rubber.

Jim Bourke and Jake Carter to the rescue! Jim had a suitable tailwheel and Jake was able to swap it out, including making a shim, fast enough that Chis didn’t miss his flight.

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4 pilots battled in out in Intermediate. Britt Lincoln flew her first contest in the Lazer 230 and it was also her first contest in Intermediate. She won all 3 flights and won overall with a margin of 7%. She also earned the Intermediate Stars award. Mike

Eggen had an impressive display in his Super D, with a comfortable 3% point finish ahead of a Staudacher. Mike earned 2nd, 3rd and 3rd place clinkies in the Known, Free and Unknown, respectively.



Both Jake Carter and Jerry Marino flew Dave's Super D, 59AC, in Sportsman. Jake had 3 fantastic flights but was unfortunately penalized for a low call during re-flight of a figure. This low call zeroed his entire flight. OUCH! Jerry was unable to

resolve a maintenance issue with his One Design and decided to fly 59AC just days before the contest. His flying improved with each flight to pull himself up to a 3rd place overall finish.

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We departed KCVO on Sunday morning as a flight of 4; Britt and Jerry in the lead in the Super D, Dave in the Lazer and Chris and Jim Bourke in their Extras. We

flew in loose formation for about 15 minutes as Jim gave us a proper send off with smoke on.

Foxy Figures

Foxy Figures - KWJF

Dave Watson	1 st place Unlimited
Tom Meyers	1 st place Advanced
Britt Lincoln	1 st place Intermediate
Mike Eggen	3 rd in Intermediate Unknown
R. Scott Collins	1 st place Sportsman Best First Time Sportsman



Sunrise after briefing

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IAC Chapter 26 has moved their contest back to Labor Day weekend, which took place at William J. Fox Field in Lancaster. For those of you that have never been in the Mojave Desert over Labor Day weekend, I would like to describe it to you but I am getting dehydrated just thinking about it. Temperatures ranged from a mild 85 degrees on our way to the 6:00 a.m. briefing to a subtle breeze out of the North and

115 degrees by mid-afternoon. (I'm sweating again just recollecting this)

The briefing included a monologue from Tom Meyers on how most of your bodily fluids are lost through aspiration and talking. Good thing nobody took his advice and stopped breathing in order to preserve body fluids. Tom, however, did not follow his own advice by limiting talking throughout the day. Haha.



Tom's Edge, AJ's Extra and the Lazer tucked in for the night

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12 pilots, competing across 5 categories, sweated it out over 2 days both on the judges line as well as in the cockpit. Because of the holiday weekend, the contest took place on Saturday and Sunday. The DA was so high that even the altimeters wanted to stay at altitude and had to be set at 1,000'. If any of our Colorado constituents are reading this, please continue to laugh.

All 12 pilots flew their Known flight on Saturday and only Unlimited and Sportsman flew their Freestyles. Sunday morning was kicked off with the Intermediate and Primary Unknown, followed by an order of flight change up with the Advanced, Unlimited and Sportsman Unknown and then the Advanced Free all in the same flight. Kudos to the Advanced pilots for surviving that.



The Evil Empire is number one

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Chapter 38 showed up and was all business. The mid-wing mafia held no prisoners.

New chapter member and Evil Empire inductee, R. Scott Collins, flew his first ever

IAC contest in Sportsman in his Lazer200. Scott, a former FA-18 pilot (now the 2nd one in our Chapter), showed his Evil skills with a clean sweep of all 3 flights, 1st overall and obviously Best First Time Sportsman.



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The competition was fierce in Intermediate, the largest category, with 4 pilots. Britt Lincoln flew the Lazer230 and Mike Eggen had a last minute “wardrobe change” due to a minor fabric malfunction with his Super D. Lloyd Massey was generous enough to allow Mike to fly his

Super D for the contest. Thank you Lloyd; you are kind and are a great example of the spirit of competition aerobatics!

Britt came in 1st place in both the Known and Unknown flights. She outscored the



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field in the Freestyle as well, however after the flight it was determined that the Freestyle that had been submitted, mistakenly had the A Form from a previous version of her Free. (An embarrassing mistake for a former Auditor) Fortunately this only affected 2 figures (which were not directional), and subsequently she was penalized with HZs for those 2 figures. This dropped her to 3rd place in the free. Miraculously she still finished 1st place overall with a 2% margin. Good thing she earned the Star at Corvallis! ;-)

Despite being handicapped with a borrowed aircraft, Mike Eggen took home a 3rd place clinky in the Unknown flight.

Tom Meyers took 1st, 2nd and 1st place, respectively in his 3 flights and 1st place overall despite being the recipient of the not-so-coveted “thinking outside the box” award. Every year Chapter 26 presents a Curious George jack-in-the-box to the pilot with the most outs during the contest. Tom boasted a whopping 18 outs in his 3 flights. In Tom’s defense, he had to fly his Unknown and Free in the same flight on Sunday afternoon with a tailwind in the box. Despite the conditions, we think 18 outs is a remarkable achievement, something I’m sure nobody can aspire to! Haha! Congratulations Tom!



Tom Meyers receiving clinky

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Dave Watson and AJ Wilder were the only pilots mentally unstable enough to subject themselves to outside snaps in these conditions. Dave placed 1st in the Known and AJ won the Unknown and Free flights. However, Dave won 1st place overall by the skin of his teeth with a demonstrative lead of 0.17 points in the 9,300 points scored! By the end of the day on Sunday, both Dave and AJ had a difficult choice to make; an ice

cold beer or 4 minutes more of torture in the blast furnace of the Mojave Desert. WWDD? (What Would Dave Do?)

Despite Chapter 38 members being sea-level dwellers, we overcame the home-field advantage and took home the Best Scoring Chapter trophy. Great flying everyone and thank you for surviving the weekend.

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Chapter 38 all win first place

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So, what's next?

We are very saddened to say that it is highly unlikely that our chapter contest at Coalinga will take place. Although Harris Ranch remains open for business and has welcomed us with open arms, Coalinga city officials have made it very clear that they do not want us to hold a contest at C80. We apologize; we tried everything we could to pull this off. But if anyone is interested in a pool party only at Harris Ranch, I guess this is still an op-

tion. I think even our airplanes are welcome there.

The good news is there is still one west coast contest remaining for 2020. Akrofest in Borrego Springs, the weekend of October 9 – 10 is still on! Hopefully many of you will be able to attend. I believe it will be the last chance at a contest in 2020 that is within 500nm of NorCal airports. Here's to clear blue skies, a plethora of contests and a return to social normalcy (if we can even remember what that is) in 2021!



Chapter 38 Achievement Awards updates

Dave Watson



Despite the set-back of cancelled contests, Covid distancing, and smoke filled skies, several of our chapter members have achieved new levels in the Achievement Awards program. As co-

chair of the program, I am proud to announce the following Achievement Awards that have been earned by our chapter members so far in this crazy 2020 season.

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Britt Intermediate Smooth award

In all, we have awarded 11 Achievement Awards to chapter 38 members this year:

R. Scott Collins (a new member of our chapter) earned his Primary and Sportsman Smooth Awards and would have earned the Sportsman Star at Foxy were it not for a seemingly errant 4.0 score on what I thought was a fantastic loop.

Brock Ohlson earned his Primary and Sportsman Smooth Awards.

Britt Lincoln earned her Advanced Smooth, and the Intermediate Stars in her first contest in Intermediate with an 83% overall finish at Corvallis!

Chris Combs earned his Primary, Sportsman, Intermediate and Advanced Smooth Awards.

Josh Horwich and Tom Grundherr are just one or two figures away each from completing their Advanced Smooth Awards.

Dave Watson is a proud recipient of the newly created 'Mastery of Flight' Award that will be detailed in the October edition of Sport Aerobatics.

I am sure you are too anxious to know what you must do to achieve Mastery of Flight and don't want to wait until October, so I will summarize the SA article here. The Mastery of Flight designation was

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conceived of many years ago. However, it never got approved as a new level to the Achievement Awards program, despite the fact that all the bling decals and pins had been purchased! Since becoming co-chairs of the program, Britt and I noticed this anomaly and have worked together with the IAC Board to develop lofty yet achievable criteria that are intended to stimulate more participation in the Achievement Awards Program and to stimulate more glider involvement from power pilots and the opposite. To qualify, one's piloting prowess will be measured across both the Glider and Power categories. To qualify for the IAC Mastery of Flight the pilot must achieve:

1) at least 12 of the existing 19 Achievement Awards,

2) at least 3 of the Achievement Awards (Smooth or Star) in both Power and Glider categories,

3) at least one Star Award in the Advanced or Unlimited category (Glider or Power) and the Unknown flight must have been flown at the contest in which the Star was achieved.

Very importantly, these criteria were established such that NO Unlimited experience is required to qualify and that the cross-over experience (glider vs. power and vice-a-versa) can likely be done in a rental aircraft. These two aspects we feel make this award more achievable than the All Ten Award which requires both Unlimited Stars and Smooth Awards.



Dave Mastery of Flight Award

After the Board had approved these Mastery of Flight criteria, we conducted a search of the IAC database to find pilots who have already qualified for the Award. Only three pilots in the history of the IAC have qualified; Bob O'Dell, the late Ken Hadden and Dave Watson, each one exceeding the minimum of 12 Awards with

at least 15 each. We did find that there are numerous pilots who have met most of the criteria – you may be almost there! We hope that after reading this article you will be incentivized to fly for your remaining Awards and achieve the Mastery of Flight designation.



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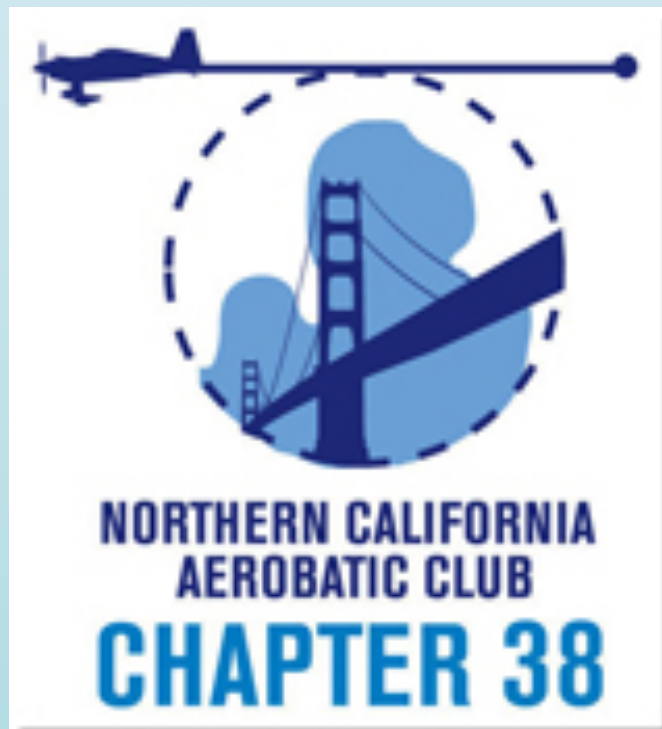
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