

# The Ham merhead

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**The Pitts Stop**, by Steve Pennypacker  
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Pitts Stop, Jan-Feb 2003

This month's column will be short. I've said that before and been surprised how many words came out at the end, but this month I mean it. How can you think about flying in an unheated airplane when it's 5 below zero, much less preflight that raw metal. My canopy would frost over at temperatures much warmer than this.

How to keep warmer? Well, the chapter banquet will be at Sheldon & Paula Apsell's house on February 28th. All the details are in this

newsletter. If it's still below zero by then, Sheldon has promised to relocate the banquet to Havana, and shuttle us all back and forth in the Baron.

We're going to try to run an Introduction to Aerobatic Judging school that same weekend. We've got a location at Hanscom but the instructor is AWOL. We'll let you know as soon as we've got things finalized.

On the legal front, the legal defense fund is now up and running. The fund's mission is to provide financial assistance to defendants in lawsuits that threaten general aviation nationwide. The current noise lawsuit clearly provided the initial motivation, but I think it's fair to say that the founding trustees (I am not one of them) expect and intend for it to far outlast this one bump in the road. The need is clear, particularly now that the instigators of this lawsuit are proclaiming contact with people in several other states across the country.

Though it seems a long way off, Orange will be less than 3 months away by the time you read this. Hard to believe that it starts in April. Plan your annual inspections early this year and make sure to get in some practice flights and build up your g tolerance before the contest. It's been a very safe contest. Let's keep it that way.

Steve

### Chapter Banquet

Café Apsell will be hosting this year's chapter banquet on Saturday, Feb. 28. Otherwise known as Sheldon and Paula's home, this unassuming bistro has abundant seating for all, although we did have to reserve the entire place for ourselves. Held in the finest Crawford tradition, coats, ties, and dresses will be required (not necessarily all worn by the same person but I guess they could be). Doors open at 6:00 for drinks, and dinner will be at 7:00. Catered menu is TBD, will include a veggie dish and probably chicken. \$35/person. RSVP to Steve by Valentines Day. Sheldon's address is 20 Malubar Lane in Newton.

### Election Results

Elections for chapter officers were held at the December chapter meeting. After a hard fought campaign, the current administration remains in place for another year.

President – Steve Pennypacker  
Vice President – Steve Till  
Treasurer – Sheldon Apsell

### Volunteers Needed

Both the Orange and Springfield contests are in need of volunteers.

For Orange we have found our registrar. Thank you Lori Watson. We will need a volunteer coordinator since our VC from last year, Ann Salcedo, will not be able to join us this year. Please contact Rob Petit ([ripetit@earthlink.net](mailto:ripetit@earthlink.net)) if you can help.

We will need a contest director, registrar and scorer for Springfield since George will be in Alaska this summer. Anyone interested in volunteering for Springfield please contact Steve Pennypacker.

### New Sportsman Known

The IAC has listened to members' feedback and amended the 2004 Sportsman Known. The figure 'N' has been replaced with two figures with the same total K as the N. See the next page for the revised sequence.

### Contributions Wanted

Want to share highlights from the contest you attended last weekend? Learned a new technique you want to share? Have you seen or flown an interesting aircraft recently? Let your fellow chapter members know, write an article for the Hammerhead!

Share your experiences with the rest of Chapter 35. We are always looking for interesting content for the newsletter. Send any articles and pictures you would like to see in print to Rob Petit at [ripetit@earthlink.net](mailto:ripetit@earthlink.net). Don't like email? I can take hardcopy as well!

### Introduction to Aerobatic Judging

Chapter 35 has tentatively scheduled an aerobatic judging school for February 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at Hanscom. We would like to get an idea of how many participants we will have. If you would like to attend, please let Steve Pennypacker know.

### Salem, IL Reincarnated - July 22-25, 2004

Remember the contest that had the serious safety problems last year? Well they've fixed it for 2004. According to Danny Adams, all the problems occurred as a result of a new contest management team taking over. Well, they blew it. The old team is back in charge this year, and these guys get really high marks for both safety and fun from Danny, who's probably seen more contests than any of us and isn't afraid to speak his mind about the contests he doesn't like. Attendance will probably be down this year because of last year's fiasco, and they're trying hard to get people to come back and compete. It sounds worthwhile.

Practice: July 22-23  
Contest: July 24-25

It's a rather long haul from New England so only a few Chapter 35 people have made the trek in the past. With safety pilots allowed up through Intermediate this year, it should be possible to find a rental.

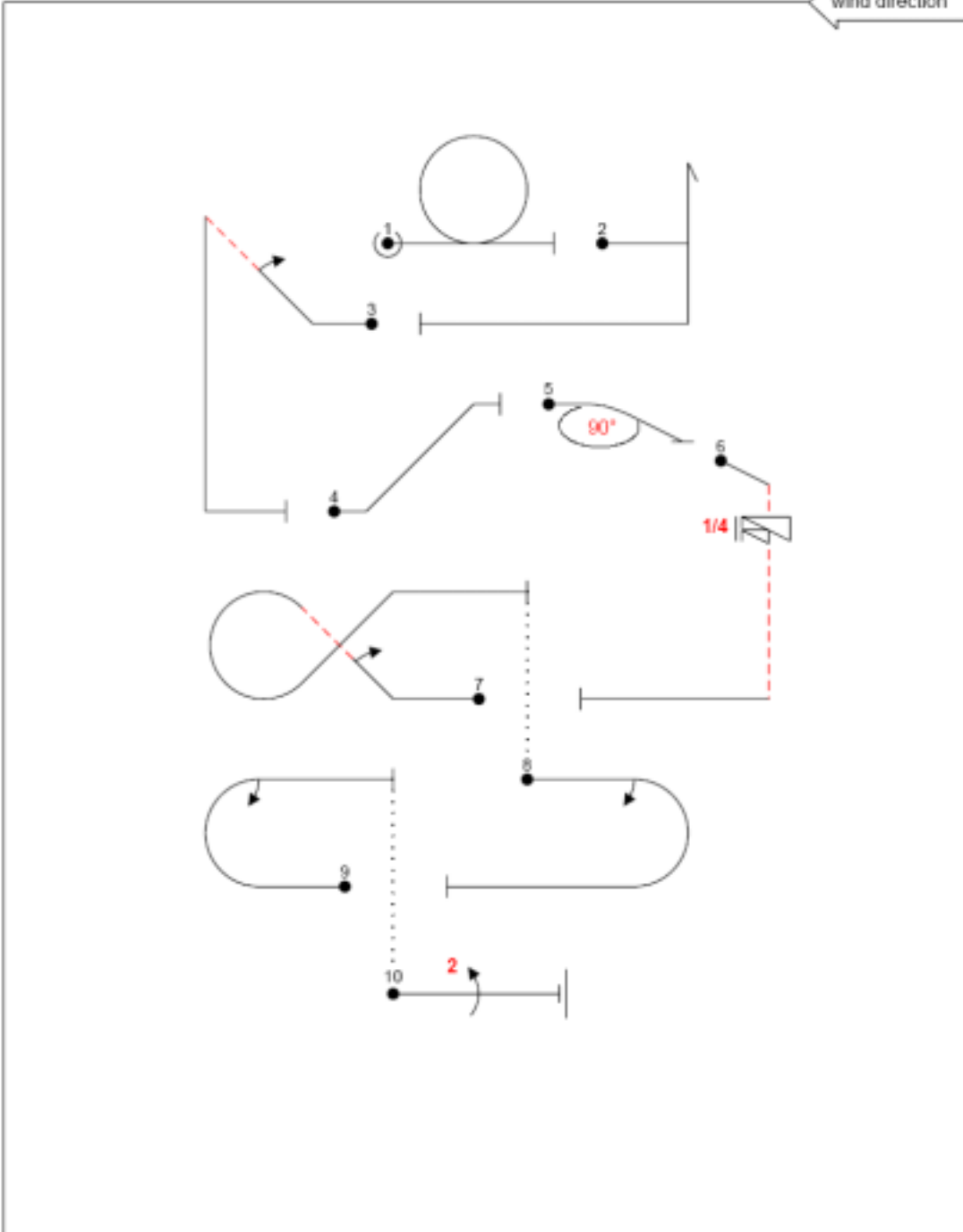
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Yup, it's dues time again. \$25 for email, \$35 for paper mail. To renew your membership, send your 2004 dues to Sheldon. His address is on the "contacts" page. For new members, use the enclosed membership form. For current members, we don't need your info if it hasn't changed. We just want your hard-earned cash...

**NEW ENGLAND AEROBATIC CLUB - IAC CHAPTER 35**  
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**(for new or changed information)**

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 (color electronic email newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 – printed/mailed newsletter

## Calendar of Events

February 28

Chapter Banquet  
Newton, MA

See Enclosed Article For Details

February 28, 29 (tentative)

Introduction To Aerobatic Judging  
Hanscom Field  
Bedford, MA

(More details to follow)

Future Chapter Meetings

(Tentative Schedule)

Feb. No Meeting, Banquet

Mar 20 @ Nashua

April 17 @ Mansfield

April 29 – May 2

New England Aerobatic Contest  
Orange Airport  
Orange MA

July 22 – 25

Salem, IL

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