

THE HAMMERHEAD

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From the Pilot's Seat

By Steve Till

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Two Issues.

There are two issues that I have been pushing around my brain for the last month. I want to bring them out into the open for two reasons. The first reason is that I want to get others to think about these issues with the expectation that they will contribute to resolution of these issues and the second, which is closely related to the first, is that I want to create some space up there for other things.



The first issue is the lack of judges in Chapter 35. Wes Liu must take the credit for bringing this situation to light. He noticed it last season, during the contest at the flying "W" when he found himself as a novice judge tasked with judging the Unlimited sequences. We have taken the availability of Judges for granted and we arrive at each contest assuming they will be there to give us our tens or twos or something in between. What you may not know is that there have been contests, maybe even some you have attended, which have almost been called for lack of Judges.

Judges don't grow on trees, at least here in the Northeast. We have to make them by hand. It takes time, a Judges School and some homework to become a Judge. However it is not all selfless labor. Judges know more about the figures we fly and what we can do to score well than your average layman aerobatic pilot. Judging Schools are great places to learn how to raise your contest scores. Where else can you learn this stuff and be a good pilot/citizen at the same time.

We are setting up a Judges School for March. It would be well worth your while to attend and go the full distance to becoming an IAC sanctioned Aerobatic Judge.

The other issue I want to talk about is more philosophical. Farrell Woods is cleaning up our membership roll (get your 2006 dues to him right now!!). Farrell asked me if we should set up another class of member to whom we would send the newsletter, even if they didn't keep up with their membership. My knee-jerk reaction was "NO, we don't want to give away what we ask others to pay for!"

Then I began to think about our roll as an institution of aerobatics. (Some of us are indeed old enough to be institutionalized.) One of our main goals is to promote Aerobatic flying. I have begun to think that with the low cost of e-mail, we should send out the Hammerhead to anyone who is interested. We might print some articles about getting started in Aerobatics for precisely those people. The newsletter is only one small part of the benefits of membership, and one we can easily be generous with.

I want to know what you think and what you want to put in the newsletter for the pilot's out there who are interested.

Banquet News

Citizens!!

Sheldon and Paula Apsell have again graciously agreed to host the Chapter 35 Banquet. They have chosen the date of Saturday March 4th, for the get together. We will have drinks at 7 and Dinner "8ish". Sheldon wants all our members to know that he has extra rooms for those who would like to stay over instead of facing a too-long drive home. (If you are interested in staying over please e-mail Sheldon at sheldona@micrologic.com) Please mark your calendars and take your one good tie to the cleaners, we want to see you there!

Hanger Space Available

For more info, contact Ray Moorman at rmoorman@cptech.com.

The hangar is in the Pine Hill area of Hanscom by Sheldon Apsell & Charles Schmacher with their Extra's. Its a large hangar and easily accommodates two Pitts any model and most other aerobatic planes except an Extra, Sukhoi or Decathlon. Its advantage is the convenience to the local area. The price is ~\$250/m.

January Meeting Minutes

IAC Chapter 35 Meeting 14 Jan 2006

Location: Mid-Field Cafe, Nashua Airport, Nashua, NH

Present: Steve Till, Wes Liu, Charley Ryan, Greg Ryan, Rob Holland, Rob Pettit, John Carroll

1) Discussion of communicating with members.

* Chapter will send internet HammerHead newsletter to the entire address list compiled by Secretary Farrell Woods. The internet is essentially free and chapter visibility is good. Members who pay extra dues (\$35 vs \$25) for a paper newsletter will also get that.

* The Chapter Secretary, Farrell Woods, will send out an e-mail meeting notice 7 - 10 days

before each meeting to the entire chapter e-mail list. Separating this from the newsletter should reduce the pressure on the newsletter editor. We still want the Hammerhead sent out 7-10 days before meetings.

2) Rochester, NH (airport ID DAW) was discussed.

- * Rob Holland suggested organizing a practice day at Rochester.

- * The club officers will try to visit Rochester on 1/29 to speak with the tentative host, Mike McMahon

3) Judges School

- * Wes Liu will fill out and forward to IAC the request to have a judges school

- * The tentative location is Nashua, Daniel Webster College

- * Steve Till has the list of folks who desire to attend.

4) Chapter dues are due. Dues now go to the chapter secretary Farrel Woods. Rob Holland paid up. Wes Liu paid up. We are going to try to get Sheldon to cash the checks in a more timely manner than in the past.

5) Steve Till will ask Mike Goulian if he is disposed to presenting his seminar on how to fool the judges when flying a sequence.

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Contact: Alex Belov, (973) 204-2172 or belov@iac52.org

See tappix.com/720668 for more details.

Calendar of Events

February 11th

Chapter Meeting

11:30am

Bedford (KBED)

March 4th

Chapter Banquet

20 Malubar Lane

Newton, MA

Drinks 7pm, Dinner 8pm

Meeting Locations

ASH – The Mid-Field Café. Upstairs in the terminal building.

BED – Conference room at Jet Aviation

Contest Calendar

May 18th – 21st

Great Bay Aerobatics Contest

Rochester, NH

Skyhaven Airport (KDAW)

June 2nd – 4th

Pennsylvania Aerobatics Contest

Maytown, PA

Donegal Springs Airport (N71)

June 23rd – 25th

Or

June 30th – July 2nd 4th

Aerobatics Canada Chapter 2 Contest

St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada

(30 NM East of Montreal)

St. Hyacinthe Aripport (CSU3)

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM**

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

Name:

Spouse:

Address:

City, State:

Zip Code:

Phone # (home)

Phone # (work)

Email address:

EAA membership number:

IAC membership number:

Pilot?:

Aircraft owned or building:

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