



IAC Chapter 15 Monthly Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

Next Chapter Meeting

-Membership Dues

*Chapter Meeting
January 19th, 2009*

Grant Wittenborn
President

Paul Thomson
Vice-President

Lee Crites
Treasurer

Dave Maine
Secretary

Nan Funkhouser
Newsletter

John Ostmeyer
Membership

*Meetings are held
regularly at 7pm on
the third Monday of
each month at
Executive Beechcraft,
Downtown Kansas City
(KMKC)*

IAC January Newsletter, 2009

December 2008 Meeting-The minutes for the December '08 meeting are in the December newsletter in the form of a report on what a great Christmas Party we had at Mark and Brenda Lea's. Thanks again to both for hosting!

From Grant:

Greetings all,

A quick reminder about the first chapter meeting of 2009; next Monday, 7pm at Executive Beechcraft, KMKC.

We'll be taking dues for 2009: \$25, and we'll also be updating the contact list. Please bring your current EAA and IAC numbers as well.

We'll be talking about several issues for the upcoming year, including dates for an '09 contest, the possibility of a judges school, and a few administrative things.

We need to renew our waiver this year, and we'll be discussing developments at New Century that may require a location change.

Paul will most likely be running the meeting, as I may or may not be in attendance.

Best regards,

Grant

Of course, this means that there is a good chance that by Monday night the membership of Chapter 15 will have grown to include a new baby pilot! Grant and Michelle, we are looking forward to the big event!

From Nan- I thought I would announce that I took the IAC written judge's exam and passed, and am now on the hunt for assistant judging opportunities. I still am amazed at how someone who has not competed at the top levels can be qualified to judge those who are competing at all levels. It just goes to show you what a great equalizer sport aerobatics is. I must say that I keep noticing a similarity between judging aerobatics and another long-time passion of mine, which is dressage. In dressage you are riding a horse to figures, and sometimes you are riding those figures to music, and everything has to come out even in the end, and with precision placement in the arena (which measures 66' x 196'). When I watch someone fly a loop I have the same feeling of recognition as watching or riding a horse in a perfect 20 meter circle, which is no easy task.

New! IAC Online Store

IAC has teamed with CafePress to offer IAC merchandise online.

cafepress.com/iac_aerobatics

Also, Rod Flinn has been very gracious to invite me along on several flights in John Wittenborn's Pitts. I have happily been getting my "aerobatic fix" on a regular basis, and feel that I have learned quite a lot in regards to flying the maneuvers.

Rod has also been flying my Swift for me and is keeping it in good "flying shape". Just some MORE fun I have been having in the air this past month!

Friday night January 10th I attended a private tour of the Airline History Museum at the Charles Wheeler Airport, courtesy of the Flatland Flyers Antique Airplane Association, of which I am a member. This was my first visit, and I was totally impressed with every part of the exhibit, from the historic pictures of early aviation in Kansas City to the hangar full of the Connie, a DC-3 in the process of restoration, and the Lockheed Martin.

Please be sure to let me know of any personal news any of you have. The winter months are slow and restless for us all as we pass through the cold weather, and aerobatic news is at a premium!

Prop Blast from the Present-



Lee Crites having a good time at Mark & Brenda Lea's in December!



Lee Crites' Skybolt having a good time at the Harold Neumann Barnstormer in October!

Remember to keep an eye on the Chapter 15 IAC website- it is a happening place thanks to Paul Thomsen!!!