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—Mike Heuer

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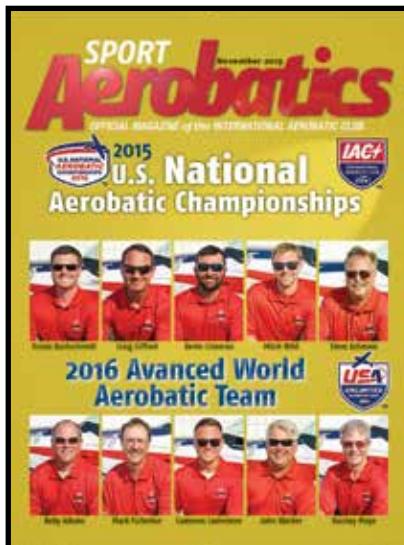
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## It's all about the people

### Every story needs a person to tell it

**EVERY YEAR SINCE I BECAME** the editor of this publication, I've received a bound volume of the previous year's issues of *Sport Aerobatics* magazine. I currently have six full volumes proudly displayed on my book case—a constant reminder of why I do what I do. Flipping through the pages of back issues of the magazine reveals the diversity of material we've covered over the years, and shows just how deeply this organization benefits from the work of people who do it just because they want to share their own unique experiences.

Among all the groups of pilots I've had the privilege of rubbing shoulders with, the people of the IAC are one of the most exciting groups of the bunch.

Each month, I've been fortunate to receive enough material to fill these pages with photos and text that, without the help of the aforementioned people, would never see the light of day. Every story needs a person to tell

it. What many people don't realize is that it takes a lot of effort to tell a story well. I continue to be deeply thankful to those of you who've taken the time and given the energy necessary to tell your important stories. Much of the material we receive is both pertinent and timely to our membership. To those of you who have, and those of you who will, I thank you.

This issue is dedicated to coverage of the U.S. Nationals, and I'd like to take a moment to address it. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend Nationals this year due to a family emergency that came up just a couple days before I was to head to Texas. Looking through the photos Laurie Zaleski took during the event, I was struck with just how much I missed many of the people I've come to know while down in Texas.

Over the years, what I've really come to cherish at both AirVenture and Nationals are the people. At first, it was airplanes that were the draw, but I've discovered that it's the people of our organization that really keep me interested and excited. Among all the groups of people I've had the privilege of rubbing shoulders with in my lifetime, the people of the IAC are one of the most exciting of the bunch. It's a privilege to be able to say I'm a member of this wonderful organization, not because of what we do, but because of who we are.

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## Nationals

Just a few days ago, the 2015 United States National Aerobatic Championships was concluded at the North Texas Regional Airport (GYI) in Sherman/Denison, Texas. The Nationals has been held at this airfield since 1972, with two brief forays to other venues, so we have a tremendous history there and a great working relationship with the local community.

The contest was directed by Gary DeBaun, and he implemented a number of changes and improvements to make Nationals better than ever. It was quite a challenge, but it paid off for the 98 pilots who flew in nine categories—power and glider—during the course of the five and a half days of flying we had scheduled.

One of the biggest challenges at Nationals is to be sure all positions are staffed with qualified people. That job falls to our hard-working, dedicated volunteer coordinator, Ellyn Robinson. Staffing the judging line alone is one of the most difficult jobs, as we never have enough national judges on hand for the event, and many work more than one category. IACers like Peggy Riedinger and Fred and Liza Weaver, for example, come to Nationals just to help on the judging line, and they were often out there all day long with no time to relax or to enjoy a meal. I really respect people like them, and they are our unsung heroes at Nationals and at contests across the country. I join Gary DeBaun in thanking everyone who pitched in to make Nationals a success.

Nationals is the premiere aerobatic event in the United States. Each year, since 1964, a new U.S. National Aerobatic Champion is named. The overall champion is the winner of the Unlimited power category, and once again, Rob Holland was victorious for the fifth time in a row. This is a record unachieved by any other pilot and is a testament to Rob's talent, skill,

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and consistency. Rob broke Leo Loudenslager's record of four consecutive championships, though Leo's victories at seven national championships remains unchallenged. I am sure that given a couple more years, Rob will break through that record as well.

To me, Rob is a model of what a person can accomplish in America given time, talent, dedication, skill, and determination. Rob has earned it all on his own and is now recognized as one of the finest aerobatic pilots in the

world and enjoys the respect of his peers at the international level. But he still finds time at Nationals to coach and mentor other pilots and to participate as a volunteer.

Nationals is the venue for selection of the U.S. Aerobatic Team each year. This competition selected the U.S. Advanced Aerobatic Team (power) of eight pilots who will compete in Radom, Poland, next year at the World Advanced Aerobatic Championships (WAAC). These pilots will do a fine job of representing the United States, and in the weeks ahead we will provide more news on the team and ask for your financial support as well. The WAAC has grown and developed over the years, since the first was held in Cape Town, South Africa, in 1995, to be the largest FAI Aerobatic Championships, typically attracting more than 80 pilots from 20-plus countries, and the United States has always been represented.

Nationals is also the place we select glider champions and teams. Glider aerobatics remains very small in the United States, due to the lack of suitable aircraft, but participation in the glider categories was much better this year, with 18 glider pilots flying for the trophies. This was up from 11 last year. Some were new to Nationals this year, and for others, it was their first contest. I deeply appreciate the participation of the cadets from the U.S. Air Force Academy in glider aero-

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## Nationals Awards

BY MIKE HEUER

The U.S. National Aerobatic Championships were held in Sherman/Denison, Texas, on September 20-25, and it was the largest national competition the IAC has hosted in many years. Ninety-eight pilots flew 30 sequences in nine categories (power and glider). They were evaluated by 27 judges who were aided by 36 assistants. The contest scoring program (ACRO authored by Nick Buckenham) yielded 558 files and 31 megabytes of results. A total of 312 contest flight programs were flown safely.

These results can be viewed at [www.IAC.org/files/nationals-results/2015/index.htm](http://www.IAC.org/files/nationals-results/2015/index.htm) and were uploaded to the web by scoring director Carol Brinker, who single-handedly did all the scoring at the Nationals.

The new U.S. National Aerobatic Champion is Rob Holland, flying his MXS-RH. This title is awarded to the winner of the Unlimited power category, and it was Rob's fifth straight victory. Rob and other team members had recently returned from the World Aerobatic Championships in France, where Rob had captured the gold medal in the 4-Minute Final Free-style event for the third straight time—a record no other pilot has achieved.

The winners in all categories were as follows:

**Primary (Power and Glider):**

Christian Schrimpf  
(Decathlon)

**Sportsman (Power):**

Erick McDaniel (Extra 200)

**Intermediate (Power):**

Thomas Braymer (Pitts S-1S)

**Advanced (Power):**

Foster Bachschmidt  
(Extra 330SC)

**Unlimited (Power):**

Rob Holland (MXS-RH)

**Unlimited 4-Minute**

**(Power and Glider):**

Rob Holland (MXS-RH)

**Sportsman (Glider):**

Trevor Rogers (DG-1001)

**Intermediate (Glider):** Joseph

Gould (DG-1001)

**Advanced (Glider):**

Guy Acheson (MDM-1 Fox)

**Unlimited (Glider):**

Eric Lentz-Gauthier  
(MDM-1 Fox)

While there is only one U.S. National Aerobatic Champion, national champion titles are awarded in all categories except Primary. It should also be noted that Khornwitpong Soonthonniti (known as "Soon" by his friends), an international cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy, did come in first place in Sportsman Glider. However, since he is not a U.S. citizen, he could not claim the title or the trophy. However, he was well recognized by his fellow cadets at the awards banquet in Denison, and our congratulations to Soon for his fine flying. He will return to Thailand after graduation to become a pilot in its air force.



Mike Heuer presenting the Unlimited trophy to Rob Holland

### OTHER AWARDS AT NATIONALS

A wide variety of awards are presented at the U.S. Nationals awards banquet, and these included the following:

**L. Paul Soucy Aerobatic Award**—Though not a Nationals award as such, this trophy has been presented by the IAC since 1970 and was conceived by L. Paul Soucy, one of the IAC's first members and a director who passed away in 1971. It is presented to the competition pilot who achieves the highest percentage of points during a contest year, regardless of category. He or she must also compete in a minimum of three contests, one of which must be the U.S. Nationals. Winner of the 2014 Soucy Award was **Paul Thomson** with 89.33 percent.



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Mike Heuer and Stephen Fiegel

**Highest Placing First-Time Sportsman**—This is presented to a Sportsman pilot, power or glider, with the highest percentage of possible points and who is flying for the first time ever as a Sportsman competitor. The winner this year was **Stephen Fiegel** with 84.16 percent, flying an Extra 300L.



Mike Heuer and Charlie Atterbury

**Old Buzzard Award**—This award encourages participation at Nationals by older pilots. It is presented to the highest-scoring competitor (in percentage, in any category) who is 65 years or older. It may only be won once in a lifetime. This year's winner was **Charlie Atterbury**, flying an Extra 300L in Sportsman.



Mike Heuer and Curt Richmond

**Chapter Team Trophy**—This plaque is presented to the top-scoring chapter whose top three members achieve the highest percentage regardless of category. This year's winner was **IAC Chapter 24—the Lone Star Aerobatic Club** of Texas. Top-placing pilots were Erick McDaniel, Mike Plyer, and Tom Rhodes (83.82 percent).



Mike Heuer and Christian Schrimpf

**Grass Roots Medallion**—This award acknowledges IAC's commitment to the grassroots of our sport and is awarded to the highest-placing pilot in any category, measured in overall percentage, flying an aircraft of 180 hp or less, or more than 180 hp if the 75 percent cruise speed is less than 125 mph. Winner of the medallion was **Christian Schrimpf**, flying a Decathlon in Primary.



Lukas von Atzigen with Mike Heuer

**Goodrich Trophy**—This trophy is presented to the highest-placing non-U.S. citizen within the highest category that has non-U.S. citizens participating. The winner was **Lukas von Atzigen**, who flew a Bielsko SZD-59 in Glider Unlimited. Lukas holds a Swiss passport but is a permanent resident in the United States.



Dale Evans with Mike Heuer

**Safety Award**—This plaque is presented to the person who displayed a personal commitment to aviation safety at the U.S. Nationals and is chosen for this award by the contest director. The winner was **Dale Evans**, who served this year as the Nationals' starter.



Mike Heuer and Douglas Clark

**John Serafin Trophy**—This award is presented to the glider pilot with the highest percentage in a Free program in any category. This year's winner was **Douglas Clark**, Intermediate Glider category, with 83.249 percent, flying a DG-1001.



Rob Holland with Mike Heuer

**Mike Murphy Cup**—This prestigious and beautiful trophy was donated by Mike Murphy in the 1960s and has been continuously awarded ever since to the U.S. National Aerobatic Champion. The master trophy is on display at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh. This year's winner was **Rob Holland**, flying his MXS-RH.



Eric Lentz-Gauthier with Mike Heuer

**Les Horvath Trophy**—presented to the winner of the Unlimited Glider category. This year's winner and new U.S. National Glider Aerobatic Champion was **Eric Lentz-Gauthier**, flying an MDM-1 Fox.



Mike Heuer and Rob Holland

**Bob Schnuerle Trophy**—This trophy is named after a pilot on the U.S. team who lost his life practicing for the Nationals in 1973. He was a specialist in the 4-Minute Free program, and this trophy is given to the winner of that flight program. It was presented this year to **Rob Holland**.

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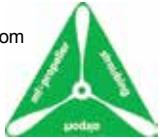
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## **ADVANCED TEAM SELECTED**

The big news from Nationals this year was the selection of the U.S. Advanced Aerobatic Team, which will compete at the FAI World Advanced Aerobatic Championships (WAAC) in Random, Poland, in August 2016. The pilots selected are as follows (in order of finish):

Foster Bachschmidt, Ocala, Florida (Extra 330SC)

Craig Gifford, Minneapolis, Minnesota (Panzl S-330)

Kevin Coleman, Shreveport,

Louisiana (Extra 300SHP)

Mitch Wild, Kokomo, Indiana (Pitts S-1-11B)

Steve Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee (MX2)

Kelly Adams, Brenham, Texas (Staudacher 300D)

Mark Fullerton, Calhoun, Georgia (Panzl S-300)

Cameron Jaxheimer, Grand Forks, North Dakota (Extra 300L)

Alternate pilots are John Wacker of Mobile, Alabama (Extra 300L) and Stan Moyer, of Albany,

Georgia (Extra 300S).

The manager for the U.S. Advanced Aerobatic Team will be approved at the November IAC board meeting and will begin work immediately in preparation for the American team's participation at WAAC. Team captain is Foster Bachschmidt.

We also expect to name U.S. Glider Aerobatic Teams shortly based on the results of the Nationals, but some paperwork is still pending so we do not have any announcements at this time. **IAC**



## **SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE IAC**

In the past few months, our IAC volunteers and staff have accelerated their use and posting on various media. While *Sport Aerobatics* used to be our only official publication, we now have *In the Loop*, a monthly newsletter that reaches about 10,000 people; the IAC website ([www.IAC.org](http://www.IAC.org)); Facebook; and Twitter. We urge you to take advantage of all these information outlets. As an example, we had extensive coverage on AirVenture on Facebook, with many photos posted of the event. News on the U.S. Aerobatic Team has also been featured, along with wonderful photos, on Facebook. Postings on the Nationals went out daily while the contest was in progress.

For your reference, here are the accounts:

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U.S. Nationals Facebook: [www.facebook.com/USNationalAerobaticChampionships](https://www.facebook.com/USNationalAerobaticChampionships)

# 2015 NATIONALS RESULTS



## Advanced Glider

U.S. National Aerobatic Championships, Grayson County Airport, September 20–26, 2015  
Ranked by scores

Rank	Pilot	Aeroplane	Registration				Totals	O/all %
1	Guy Acheson	MDM-1 Fox	N35ZZ	1111.36	1575.50	1171.00	3857.86	70.657
2	Mallory Lynch	MDM1-Fox	N35ZZ	1106.00	1226.29	1046.14	3378.43	61.876

Contest Director: Gary DeBaun (USA), Contest Chief Judge: Charlie Harrison (USA), Scoring Director: Carol Brinker (USA).

Judges: J5 – Peggy Riedinger (USA), J1 – Hector Ramirez, J2 – Fred Weaver, J3 – Michael Gallaway, J4 – David Underwood, J6 – Weston Liu, J7 – Bob Meyer. Judges Assistants: Laurie Ramirez, Liza Weaver, Steve Grohsmeier, Peter Galinas, Tom Braymer, Doug Clark, Justin Hickson, Joe Brinker.



Guy Acheson



Mallory Lynch

# Sportsman Glider

U.S. National Aerobatic Championships, Grayson County Airport, September 20–26, 2015  
Ranked by scores

Rank	Pilot	Aeroplane	Registration				Totals	O/all %
1	Khornwitpong Soonthonniti	DG1001 Club	N501DG	1019.51	1002.26	1066.35	3088.13	77.983
2	Trevor Rogers	DG1001	N501DG	1043.77	1020.96	1008.67	3073.41	77.611
3	Taylor Marshall	DG1001 Club	N501DG	976.99	1045.08	1037.23	3059.30	77.255
4	Connor Watson	DG1001 Club	N501DG	846.18	1057.36	1042.83	2946.37	74.403
5	Christopher Masi	DG-1000- Club	N501DG	954.29	956.01	1002.81	2913.10	73.563
6	Reagan Moore	DG1001	N501DG	870.19	949.91	998.80	2818.90	71.184

Contest Director: Gary DeBaun (USA), Contest Chief Judge: Charlie Harrison (USA), Scoring Director: Carol Brinker (USA).

Judges: J2 – Fred Weaver, J3 – Bob Meyer, J6 – Sanford Langworthy, J7 – Sheri Davis, J1 – Tom Rhodes, J4 – John Ostmeyer, J5 – Liza Weaver. Judges Assistants: Tom Braymer, Justin Hickson, Bob Freeman, Mallory Lynch, Guy Acheson, John Owens, Ron Chadwick, Bill Barnard, Eric Lentz-Gauthier, Pam Freeman, Dennis Parks.



Khornwitpong Soonthonniti



Trevor Rogers



Taylor Marshall



Connor Watson



Christopher Masi



Reagan Moore

# Intermediate Glider

U.S. National Aerobatic Championships, Grayson County Airport, September 20–26, 2015  
Ranked by scores

Rank	Pilot	Aeroplane	Registration				Totals	Overall %
1	Joseph Gould	DG1001 Club	N501DG	1375.44	1212.40	1063.64	3651.48	76.712
2	Douglas Clark	DG1001 Club	N501DG	1337.13	1290.36	1000.84	3628.33	76.225
3	Steel Shoaf	DG1001 Club	N501DG	1331.01	1170.86	1112.51	3614.38	75.932
4	Norman Hitosis	DG1001 Club	N501DG	1254.67	1015.92	1104.63	3375.22	70.908
5	Bradley Belveal	DG1001 Club	N501DG	1375.00	1121.67	841.69	3338.36	70.134
6	Nicholas Bode	DG-1001 Club	N501DG	1308.45	885.86	1067.29	3261.61	68.521

Contest Director: Gary DeBaun (USA), Contest Chief Judge: Charlie Harrison (USA), Scoring Director: Carol Brinker (USA).

Judges: J1 – Jim Bourke, J2 – Mark Matticola, J3 – Chuck Cohen, J4 – Sanford Langworthy, J5 – Sheri Davis, J6 – Tony Wood, J7 – Julia Wood, J8 – Marty Flournoy. Judges Assistants: Brett Hunter, Erick McDaniel, AJ Wilder, Stephen Fiegel, Ken Hunt, Lukas Von Atzigen, David Taylor, Elias Corey-McGeeney.



Joseph Gould



Douglas Clark



Steel Shoaf



Norman Hitosis



Bradley Belveal



Nicholas Bode

# Unlimited Glider

U.S. National Aerobatic Championships, Grayson County Airport, September 20–26, 2015  
Ranked by scores

Rank	Pilot	Aeroplane	Registration				Totals	O/all %
1	Eric Lentz-Gauthier	MDM-1 Fox	N35ZZ	1721.92	2016.47	1609.41	5347.80	77.843
2	Jason Stephens	MDM1-Fox	N35ZZ	1639.83	2148.51	1246.95	5035.28	73.294
3	Lukas von Atzigen	Bielsko SZD-59	N59SZ	1074.08	1797.49	1113.72	3985.29	58.010

Contest Director: Gary DeBaun (USA), Contest Chief Judge: Charlie Harrison (USA), Scoring Director: Carol Brinker (USA).

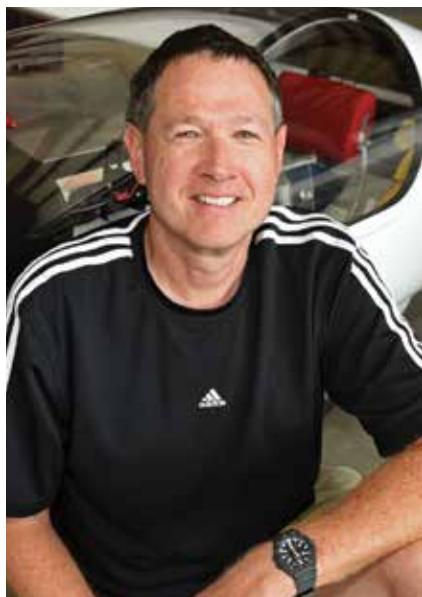
Judges: J7 – Peggy Riedinger (USA), J7 – Kevin Campbell (USA), J6 – Hector Ramirez, J1 – Tom Adams, J2 – Craig Gifford, J3 – Bill Denton, J4 – Marty Flournoy, J5 – Doug Sowder, J7 – Steve Johnson, J2 – John Ostmeyer, J4 – Bob Harris. Judges Assistants: Laurie Ramirez, Tom Braymer, Kelly Adams, Robbie Gibbs, Craig Dobesh, Foster Bachschmidt, Mac Engh, Alice Johnson, Kathleen Howell, Mike Steveson, Peggy Reidinger, Don Hartmann.



Eric Lentz-Gauthier



Jason Stephens



Lukas von Atzigen



# 4-Minute Free

U.S. National Aerobatic Championships, Grayson County Airport, September 20–26, 2015  
Ranked by scores

Rank	Pilot	Aeroplane	Registration	4m Glide	Totals	O/all %
1	Rob Holland	MXS-RH	N540JH	3628.39	3628.39	90.710
2	Kevin Coleman	Extra 300 SHP	N703EX	3369.66	3369.66	84.241
3	Brett Hunter	MX6	N700XT	2989.50	2989.50	74.737
4	Lukas Von Atzigen	Bielsko SZD	N59SZ	2527.53	2527.53	63.188

Contest Director: Gary DeBaun (USA), Contest Chief Judge: Charlie Harrison (USA), Scoring Director: Carol Brinker (USA).

Judges: J1 – Hector Ramirez, J2 – Craig Gifford, J3 – Bill Denton, J4 – Marty Flournoy, J5 – Doug Sowder, J7 – Steve Johnson, J6 – Bob Harris.



Rob Holland



Kevin Coleman



Brett Hunter



Lukas von Atzigen

# Primary Power

U.S. National Aerobatic Championships, Grayson County Airport, September 20–26, 2015  
Ranked by scores

Rank	Pilot	Aeroplane	Registration				Totals	O/all %
1	Christian Schrimpf	8KCAB	N318JR	479.08	477.65	457.47	1414.20	84.178
2	John Perillo	8KCAB	N317JR	484.50	448.80	476.85	1410.15	83.938
3	Sarah Clark	Pitts S2B	N260EJ	460.10	441.10	444.48	1345.67	80.099
4	Estin Johnson	8KCAB	N318JR	458.47	430.60	448.14	1337.22	79.596
5	Michael VanderMeulen	8KCAB	N318JR	437.11	435.64	439.34	1312.10	78.101
6	Kyle Vonnahmen	DG-1000	N204DG	310.03	330.64	334.62	975.30	58.054

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# Sportsman Power

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Rank	Pilot	Aeroplane	Registration				Totals	O/all %
1	Erick McDaniel	Extra 200	N811PM	1114.42	1177.93	1153.11	3445.47	84.448
2	Stephen Fiegel	Extra 300L	N51E	1099.07	1166.27	1168.47	3433.82	84.162
3	Jim Risher	Pitts S2B	N260EJ	1119.11	1148.51	1155.57	3423.19	83.902
4	Michael Tipton	Yak 55M	N207YA	1079.42	1157.11	1182.26	3418.79	83.794
5	Kevin Elizondo	Pitts S1S	N427RD	1125.28	1156.50	1128.25	3410.03	83.579
6	Paul Langer	Stephens Akro	N100SE	1105.91	1135.44	1128.55	3369.90	82.596
7	David Taylor	Staudacher 600F	N27KG	1137.93	1118.94	1103.39	3360.26	82.359
8	Patrick Mills	Extra 300L	N117CV	1064.94	1139.04	1107.12	3311.10	81.155
9	David Bethard	8KCAB	N19BY	1078.91	1088.68	1108.02	3275.62	80.285
10	Daly R. Bales, Jr.	Extra 200	N811PM	1091.48	1141.98	1034.16	3267.62	80.089
11	Aaron Dwyer	8KCAB	N345AS	1121.39	1024.28	1097.39	3243.06	79.487
12	Basile Sanchez	8KCAB	N5057C	1015.69	1135.83	1090.62	3242.14	79.464
13	Mike Neuman	Extra 300L	N540MK	1029.63	1089.32	1121.27	3240.22	79.417
14	Bryan Strathdee	8KCAB	N317JR	1117.47	1031.09	1053.12	3201.68	78.473
15	Pete Setian	Great Lakes	N3604L	1073.83	1020.22	1077.80	3171.85	77.741
16	Ken Hunt	8KCAB	N305B	1093.68	979.39	1063.99	3137.06	76.889
17	Anthony Oshingua	Pitts S1S	N45SS	1026.66	1072.29	1034.07	3133.02	76.790
18	Alexander Volberding	8KCAB	N317JR	968.77	1048.86	1096.51	3114.14	76.327
19	James Moore	8KCAB	N910DK	1048.02	968.05	984.08	3000.14	73.533
20	Bryan Hayden	Firebolt	N123CR	994.35	965.68	1027.62	2987.65	73.227
21	Diana Neuman	Extra 300L	N540MK	1004.56	813.08	932.93	2750.57	67.416
22	Charlie Atterbury	Extra 300L	N117CV	815.17	749.37	997.65	2562.19	62.799
23	Cory Johnson	Pitts S-1C	N2826	1127.53	979.86		2107.40	51.652

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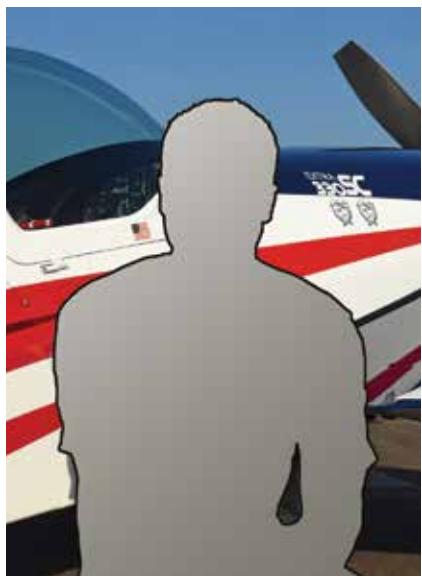
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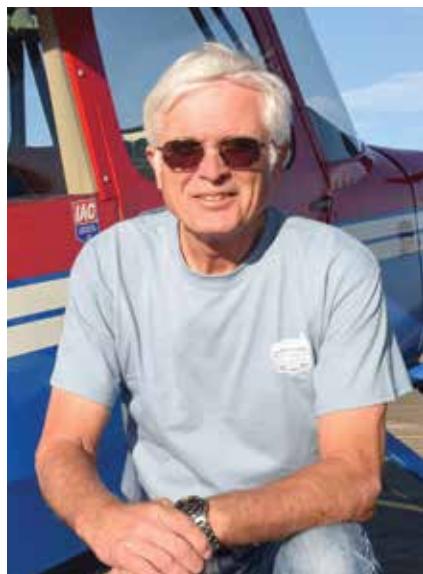
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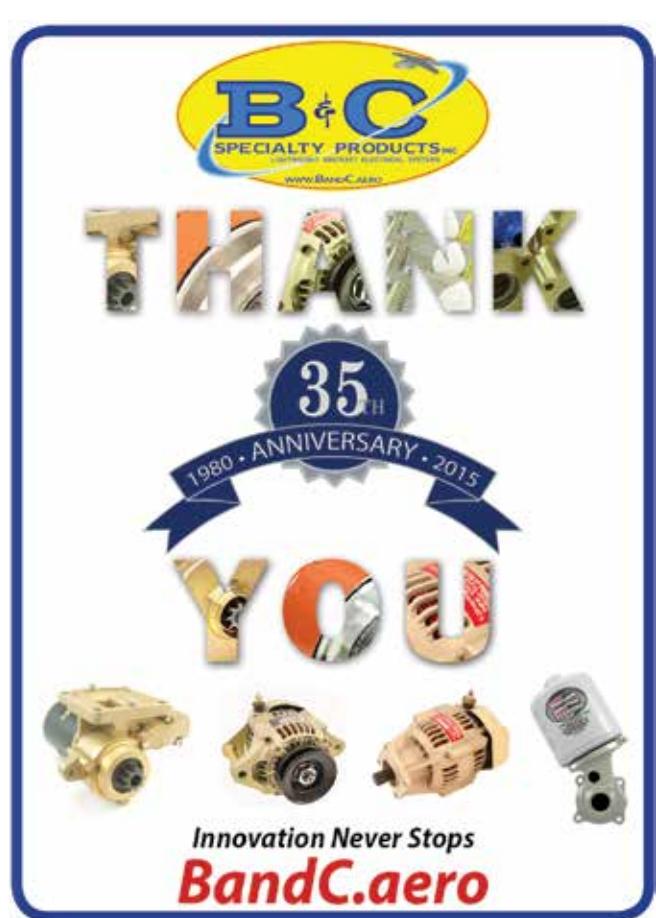
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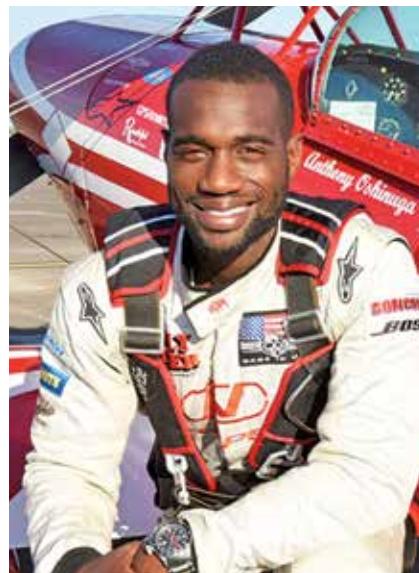
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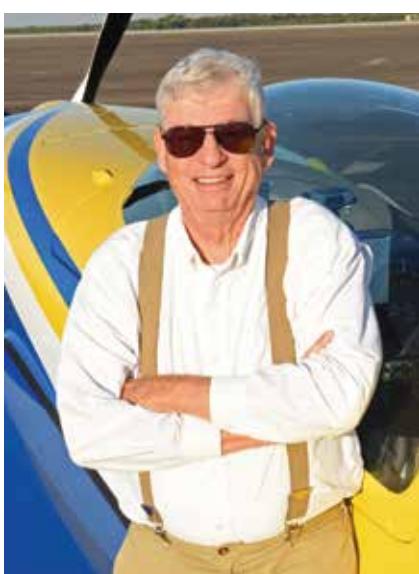
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Cory Johnson

# Intermediate Power

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Rank	Pilot	Aeroplane	Registration				Totals	Overall %
1	Thomas Braymer	Pitts S1S	N88TF	1533.02	1730.94	1528.67	4792.63	85.430
2	Mike Plyler	Staudacher S300	N892M	1498.46	1739.23	1499.76	4737.45	84.447
3	Tom Rhodes	DR107	N515PM	1463.82	1673.34	1495.70	4632.86	82.582
4	Mark Killian	Extra 300L	N540MK	1465.97	1686.03	1454.86	4606.86	82.119
5	Sean Van Hatten	Pitts S-1S	N26032	1465.67	1653.97	1485.20	4604.84	82.083
6	Gregory Gilmer	Extra 300L	N117CV	1415.47	1625.05	1522.25	4562.77	81.333
7	Peter Gelinas	Pitts S1-E	N26032	1402.45	1618.70	1501.21	4522.36	80.613
8	Weston Liu	Pitts S2A	N78PS	1437.85	1693.14	1333.14	4464.14	79.575
9	Evgenny Komarov	Yak 52	RA2021G	1394.55	1590.05	1412.20	4396.79	78.374
10	Ron Chadwick	Pitts S2C	N166	1427.12	1485.88	1401.67	4314.67	76.910
11	John Owens	Pltts S2B	N549JE	1418.61	1610.36	1211.41	4240.37	75.586
12	William Barnard	Extra 300L	N444TM	1385.53	1666.48	1184.04	4236.04	75.509
13	Tom Larkin	Staudacher 300X	N336JS	1440.20	1566.07	1151.24	4157.51	74.109
14	Justin Hickson	Pitts S2B	N79A	1229.22	1591.65	1305.93	4126.79	73.561
15	David Underwood	Extra 200	N9PB	1248.08	1088.05	1470.46	3806.59	67.854
16	Stan Burks	DR107	N105DR	1428.23	1637.40	728.10	3793.73	67.624
17	Bill Gordon	Pitts S2B	N521OS	481.78	1575.77	1302.74	3360.28	59.898

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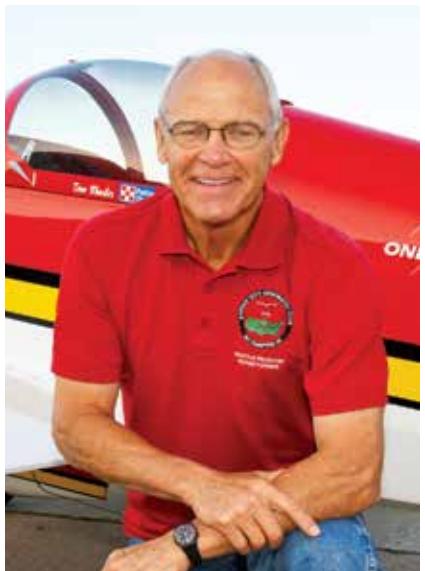
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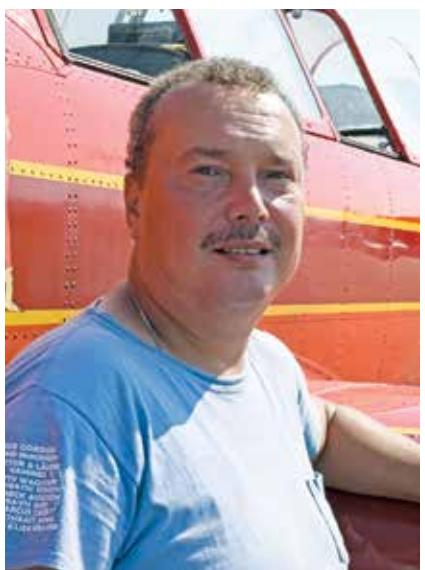
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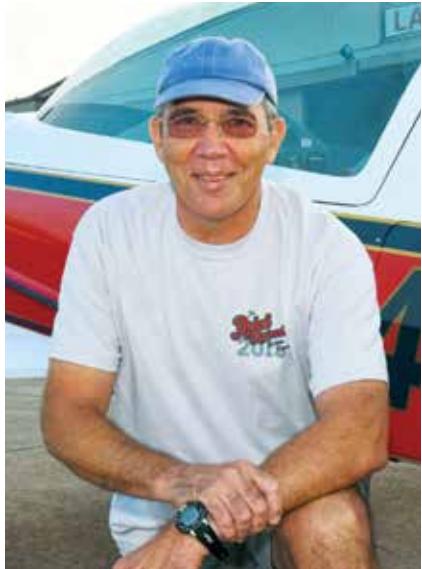
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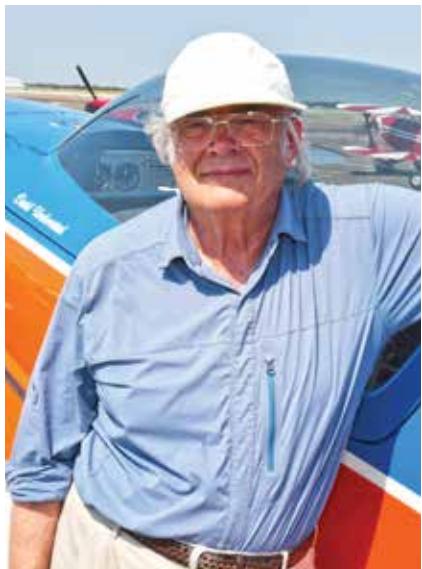
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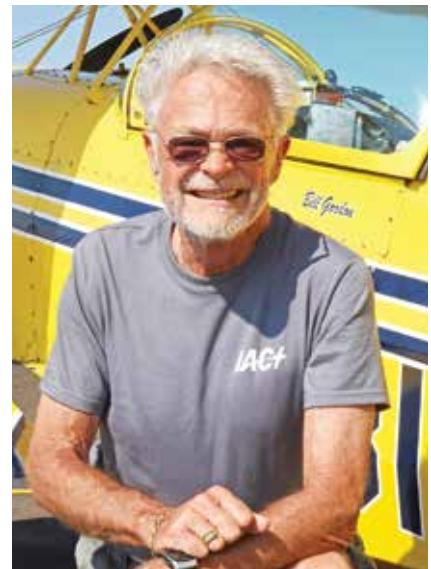
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Stan Burks



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# Advanced Power

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Rank	Pilot	Aeroplane	Registration				Totals	Overall %
1	Foster Bachschmidt	Extra 330SC	N330FB	2471.04	2585.35	2550.60	7606.99	80.242
2	Craig Gifford	Panzl S-330	N330CG	2337.07	2571.85	2580.52	7489.44	79.003
3	Craig Dobesh	Pitts S1-XTC	N4477X	2396.96	2538.06	2493.22	7428.25	78.357
4	Cameron Jaxheimer	Exra 300L	N703KC	2314.26	2532.73	2353.43	7200.41	75.954
5	Mitch Wild	Pitts S-1-11B	N238X	2314.72	2384.03	2448.09	7146.84	75.389
6	Kevin Coleman	Extra 300SHP	N703EX	2377.64	2560.09	2188.58	7126.31	75.172
7	Kelly Adams	Staudacher 300D	N804Q	2353.95	2493.63	2215.42	7063.00	74.504
8	Steve Johnson	MX2	N487MX	2329.49	2539.05	2166.17	7034.72	74.206
9	Stan Moye	Extra 300S	N919GM	2207.86	2478.47	2341.98	7028.31	74.138
10	Mark Fullerton	Panzl S-300	N804Q	2226.56	2473.33	2263.15	6963.04	73.450
11	John Wacker	Extra 300L	N300MX	2187.97	2395.60	2228.93	6812.50	71.862
12	Mac Engh	Giles 200	N571WF	2325.75	2370.67	2110.10	6806.52	71.799
13	John Ostmeyer	Pitts S-1T	N230JM	2231.30	2479.32	2015.51	6726.13	70.951
14	Robbie Gibbs	Edge 540	N230GA	2376.96	2298.85	2011.00	6686.81	70.536
15	Mario Mena	Extra 300L	N13DK	2095.20	2305.85	2254.32	6655.37	70.204
16	Kathleen Howell	Extra EA300	N300XA	2078.41	2346.91	2177.54	6602.86	69.650
17	Doug Sowder	Extra 300L	N25AP	2066.67	2321.47	2155.15	6543.30	69.022
18	Michael Lents	Extra EA300L	N117CV	2277.80	2176.92	2086.93	6541.65	69.005
19	Julia Wood	Sukhoi 26	N596TJ	1970.83	2238.47	2304.79	6514.08	68.714
20	Marty Flournoy	MX2	N540RH	1572.36	2492.93	2437.51	6502.81	68.595
21	Kevin Campbell	MX-2	N69TK	2085.24	2440.73	1901.36	6427.33	67.799
22	Jim Bourke	Extra 330LX	N330FZ	1543.48	2504.57	2349.40	6397.45	67.484
23	AJ Wilder	Extra 300SC	N330EX	2176.33	2329.36	1749.73	6255.41	65.985
24	Darren Behm	DR107	N23DY	2191.09	2066.63	1390.04	5647.75	59.575
25	Chuck Cohen	Extra 330LX	N330CS	1719.60	2353.06	1469.67	5542.32	58.463
26	Elias Corey McGeeney	Extra EA-300	N300FU	2175.14	2423.04		4598.18	48.504

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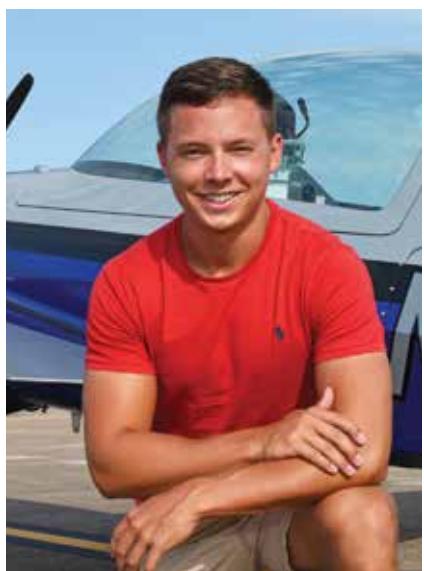
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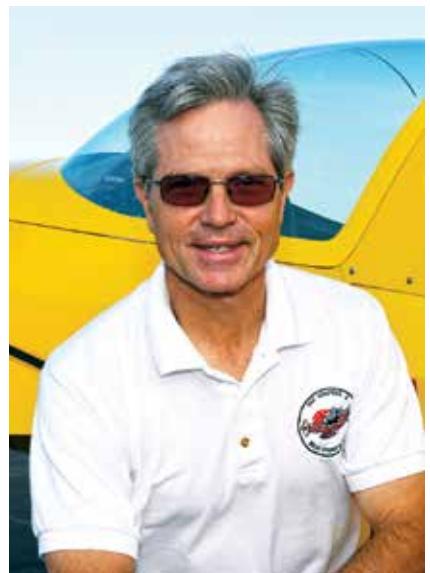




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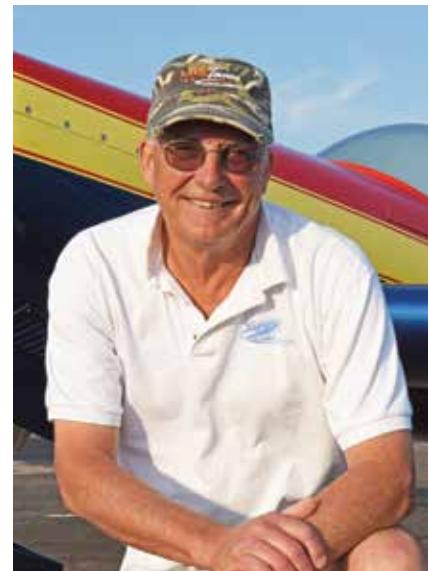
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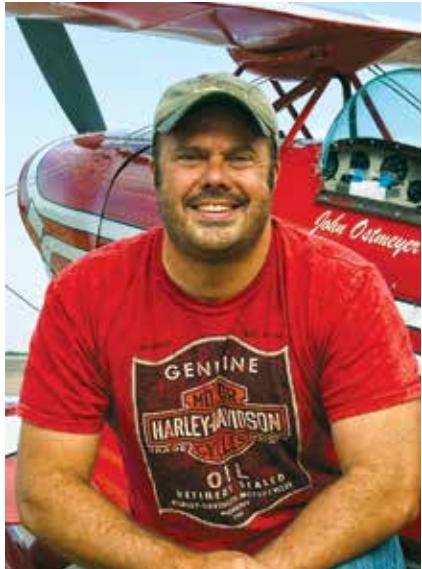


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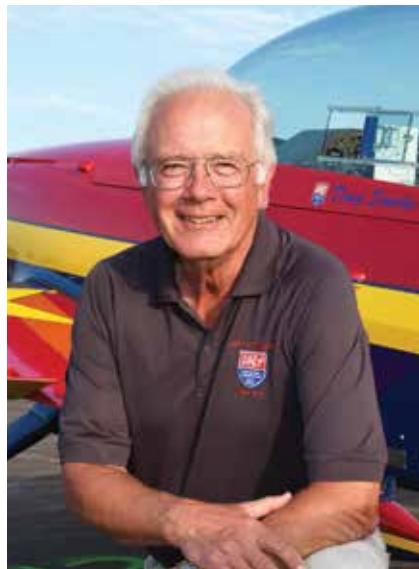
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1	Rob Holland	MXS-RH	N540JH	3390.79	3718.39	3844.08	10953.26	82.047
2	Brett Hunter	MXS	N700XT	3273.21	3388.51	3593.56	10255.27	76.819
3	Bob Freeman	Extra 330SC	N330RF	3038.75	3318.89	3387.94	9745.59	73.001
4	Tony Wood	Sukhoi 26	N596TJ	3091.03	3344.96	3109.21	9545.21	71.500
5	Mike Rinker	Sukhoi 26	N12SU	3016.84	3294.68	3098.28	9409.80	70.485
6	Michael Gallaway	Extra 300 SX	N540BG	2993.96	3354.33	2812.48	9160.77	68.620
7	Steve Grohsmeier	Tech MXS	N9614	2986.48	3034.80	2825.41	8846.69	66.267
8	Joe Brinker	CAP 232	N930RM	2932.15	2938.56	2610.54	8481.25	63.530
9	Ben Freelove	Extra 300SC	N330FB	2990.00	3165.09		6155.09	46.106

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Judges: J7 – Peggy Riedinger (USA), J7 – Kevin Campbell (USA), J6 – Hector Ramirez, J1 – Tom Adams, J2 – Craig Gifford, J3 – Bill Denton, J4 – Marty Flournoy, J5 – Doug Sowder, J7 – Steve Johnson, J2 – John Ostmeyer, J4 – Bob Harris.

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Power: Primary through Unlimited

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