

# The Hammerhead

## ANOUNCEMENT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT THE MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS HAVE BEEN RE-SCHEDULED TO 11:00 ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT MANSFIELD AIRPORT. WE HOPE TO SEE MORE OF YOU AS A RESULT!!!!!!

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## NEW ENGLAND AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The New England Aerobatic Club, IAC Chapter 35, invites you to join us for the 2000 New England Aerobatic Championships on May 19-21 at Orange Municipal Airport, Orange, Massachusetts. The box will be open beginning Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> for practice and registration.

This is our annual springtime five category (power) contest, and the first of the new millennium in the northeast. The three-day format will provide the best possible opportunity for all pilots of all categories to fly a full set of flights (Basic, 2 Sportsman, and 3 Int./Adv./Unl). If the weather gods smile on us, we'll add additional flights for Basic and Sportsman.

Details follow. We hope to see you there!

Blue Skies,

Steve Pennypacker  
Contest Director

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

### Thursday, May 18

0900 - 1900 Registration; box open for  
practice  
1900 Food on the field, TBD

### Friday, May 19

0900 - 1200 Registration; box open for  
practice  
1200 Pilot's briefing -- Intermediate,  
Advanced & Unlimited  
1300 - 1830 Contest flying -- Intermediate,  
Advanced & Unlimited  
1900 Food on the field, TBD

### Saturday, May 20

0700 SHARP Pilots' briefing -- all categories  
0800 Registration  
0830 - 1830 Contest flying -- all categories  
1900 Banquet

### Sunday, May 21

0900 Pilots' briefing  
1000 - 1500 Contest flying -- all categories  
1530 Awards ceremony

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## PREREGISTRATION

We encourage you to pre-register for the contest, even if you're not 100% sure you'll make it. If you do, we'll add your name to Thursday's practice list and give you priority on hangar storage for your aircraft. (Hangar space is limited at Orange). It also simplifies our work at the contest.

For a pre-registration kit, contact Rob Petit, Registrar Extraordinaire. Contact info is listed below.

Be sure to include your name, home mailing address, daytime and evening telephone numbers with your request.

## AWARDS

In addition to awards for the top 3 pilots in each category, we will award:

- \* Best First-Time Sportsman Award
- \* Chapter Team Trophy
- \* Pitts Cup (Highest placing Pitts/Eagle driver)
- \* Grass Roots Achievement Award
- \* Highest Placing One Design
- \* Most Creative Freestyle Award (but only if it wasn't meant to be)

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## LODGING

We have blocked off several rooms at a discounted rate at two nearby hotels for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. At either one, you MUST mention the New England Aerobatic Championships to receive the discounted rate.

The Super 8 Motel in Gardner, Mass, about 20 minutes east of the field on Route 2, has blocked off 40 rooms for us. Reserve before May 4. Discount rate is \$54.18 (normally \$75) single or double occupancy. Phone: (978) 630-2888. The Super 8 has a 72 hr cancellation policy.

The Colonial Bed and Breakfast, also in Gardner, is also holding 15 rooms for us. Reserve before April 27. \$79.95 with breakfast, (\$15 below normal rates) single or double occupancy. Phone: (978) 630-2500. The Colonial has a 48 hour cancellation policy.

Our members who elect to drive to the contest will provide transportation to/from hotels.

Other area hotels to which we will provide transport:

Bald Eagle Motel	Orange, MA
978/544-8864 (\$)	
Quabbin Gateway Motel	Orange, MA
978/544-2986 (\$)	
Wachusett Village Inn	Gardner, MA
978/874-2000 (\$\$)	

(as of 3/17/00, the inn is sold out for Saturday night)

## BANQUET

This year's banquet will be held Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. at The Old Mill restaurant in Westminster, Mass. Back by popular vote, at last year's contest (and also because they haven't kicked us out yet...), the Old Mill is also near the recommended hotels.

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### FEES

#### Contest registration

Basic	\$40
Sportsman	50
Intermediate	60
Advanced	65
Unlimited	70

Hangar, per night     \$12 subject to change

Food on the field (Thu-Fri): We ask only for a reasonable contribution

Saturday evening banquet:     \$27 per person

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### WHAT TO BRING

For the aircraft:

Airframe and engine logs; airworthiness certificate; registration certificate; operating limitations; current weight and balance data, in-pack chute (<120 days) & pack card; proof of insurance (\$1 million minimum).

Please remember that 2-way radio communication is now required to compete in IAC contests.

For the pilot:

Pilot and medical certificates; IAC membership card; FAI license (Unlimited competitors only); 7 copies each of free style forms A, B and C, signed and dated (in '00) by a current IAC judge; ca\$h.

Photocopies of documents are permissible for IAC contest registration; however, FAA requirements may differ.

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## GETTING TO THE AIRPORT

By air: NY Sectional, Gardner (GDM)  
VORTAC 292 degree radial, 10.3NM.  
42.34.04N, 72.17.28W. VOR and NDB approaches.

By car: U.S. Route 2 to exit 16 (U.S. Route 202, Amherst-Belchertown exit). Travel 1 mile N and turn left onto Partridgeville Rd. Travel ½ mile W; find the airport on your left.

Arrival: Runways 14-32: 4998'x150'; 1-19: 5000'x150'. Field elevation 555'MSL. Orange Unicom 122.8. Runway 1-19 will be closed during practice and contest flying except with 15 minutes prior arrangement by phone or radio. Fly right traffic for runway 32, left traffic for runway 14. **Caution:** The aerobatic box is southwest and parallel to runway 32 and immediately over runways 1-19. Do not overfly the airport.

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### CONTACT INFORMATION:

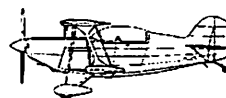
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(978) 544-8189.



**1999 Awards Banquet Summary**

Francine and Bill Crawford out did themselves once again, and the 1999 Awards Banquet gala was a huge success. We are co-crediting Bill for the banquet plans, but we assume he had little role in the planning because it was so tastefully done. The banquet was held at Davio's on the Charles River in Cambridge. Craig and Han's were co-MC's. Topping off the list of announcements was the introduction of three new members: Steve Casagrande, Steve Till and David Smith. Welcome aboard. Chapter 35 has 2 new judges this year; Dave Watson and Neville Hogan – both benefactors of the Chapter 35 judges school rebate program and both Sportsman competitors. Those of you in the other categories may begin your kissing-up immediately! The 2000 officers' positions were also announced. Despite the close results of the polls during the heated campaign, there were no surprises as to the final results:

**2000 OFFICERS:**

- PRESIDENT                    HANS BOK
- VICE PRESIDENT            BILL CRAWFORD
- TREASURER                 SHELDON APSELL
- SECRETARY                 KENT CHRISTMAN
- NEWSLETTER EDITOR  
                                  DAVE WATSON
- CONTEST DIRECTOR  
                                  STEVE PENNYPACKER
- SAFETY COORDINATOR  
                                  CRAIG LESINSKI

Hans reviewed the competition results for 1999. Of our 88 active members, 23 flew in contests – a high percentage. The results for competitor of the year award were the most anticipated announcement of the banquet. The rules for the award as follows:

- Official Rules
- 1 point for competing at each contest
  - 3 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place finish
  - 2 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish
  - 1 point for 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish
  - 1 extra point for flying at the Championship of the Americas
  - 1 extra point for flying at the Nationals
  - 2 extra points for flying the World contest
  - 7 bonus points for being Newsletter Editor

The results of the top 6 places were (sound of drum-roll still echoing):

6 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce Green	5 pts
5 <sup>th</sup>	Art Hicks	6 pts
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Watson	7 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Craig Lesinski	8 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ron Burns	
	Bill Crawford	
	Neville Hogan	10pts ea

And the 1999 Chapter 35 Competitor of the Year – successfully defending his 1998 title-

1 <sup>st</sup>	Guenther Eichhorn	11 pts
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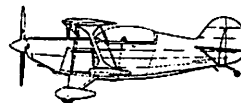
Congratulations to Guenther who also won the Unlimited Northeast 1999 Championship Trophy.

There were numerous gag awards presented, but since most of them went to the newsletter editor we simply can't fit them all in. If you want to experience the fun of ridiculing your fellow members, or the embarrassment of having your blooper (s) revealed to all – you simply must attend the banquet next year. We had members from as far as New York and New Hampshire present, so no excuses next year!!!!!!

Steve Pennypacker concluded the banquet with announcements regarding the Orange Contest – all those details are summarized in the preceding section.

Although accurate and unbiased reporting is available to you through the Hammerhead, the only way to really keep involved in your chapter's activities is to be there in person. The banquet was a very enjoyable way to start the 2000 season and to get the latest goop on our fellow members (like - who had to do a power-off field landing this winter despite 3 perfectly good cylinders, and who showered his neighbors with plexiglass during the process of making his Giles 200 open cockpit).

Thanks again to Francine and Bill Crawford for putting together a wonderful banquet and evening – Hope to see you all there next year.



# Orange Contest, May 16th-19th

**PRE-REGISTRATION** (even if you're not sure if you'll be there)

Please do pre-register, even if you might not show up. It helps us tremendously.

Contact:

\* Rob Petit [rjpetit@ne.mediaone.net](mailto:rjpetit@ne.mediaone.net) or (781) 646-5038, or

\* Steve Pennypacker, [steve@pennypacker.org](mailto:steve@pennypacker.org) or (508) 429-1171

Be sure to include your name, home mailing address, daytime and evening telephone numbers with your request.

If you do, we will:

- ◆ Give you priority on hangar storage for your airplane.
- ◆ Put your name at the top of the Aviat tech inspection list.
- ◆ Be able to run the contest more efficiently, meaning more flying for the pilots.
- ◆ Give you a brand new airplane. (The type is up to us.)
  
- ❖ We won't cash any checks until you show up for the contest.

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## PLANNED SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 16

0900 - 1900 Registration; box open for practice (optional for any competitor)  
1900 Food on the field, TBD

Friday, May 17

0900 - 1200 Registration; box open for practice (also optional)  
1200 Pilot's briefing -- Intermediate, Advanced & Unlimited  
1300 - 1830 Contest flying -- Intermediate, Advanced & Unlimited  
1900 Food on the field, TBD

Saturday, May 18

0700 sharp Pilots' briefing - all categories  
0800 Registration  
0830 - 1830 Contest flying -- all categories  
1900 Banquet

Sunday, May 19

0900 Pilots' briefing  
1000 - 1500 Contest flying -- all categories  
1530 Awards ceremony

*Alh, Life is Good.*

# Orange Contest, continued

## HOTELS

Colonial Bed and Breakfast, in Gardner. They were great about cancellations with the rainout in 2000, so probably deserve to be rewarded (expect a 48-hour cancellation policy). About \$95 with breakfast, \$90.00 without. (978) 630-2500. 20 minutes east of the airport on Rte. 2.

Wachusett Village Inn, in Westminster. Very nice hotel, and they clearly want our business. May get discounted rates in the \$100-\$120 range. (978) 874-2000.

Super 8 Motel in Gardner, Mass. Their cancellation policies took a turn for the worse a couple years back, so inquire if that's a concern to you. (978) 630-2888. Standard room rate is \$75 for 1 or 2 people.

Executive Inn, Orange, Mass. Improved from previous incarnation as the Bald Eagle. (978) 544-8864.

Quabbin Gateway Motel, Orange, Mass. (978) 544-2986

These prices are just guidelines, since they're out of date.

## TRANSPORTATION

We'll provide transportation to/from any of the hotels above. If you fly in, you won't need a car. But if you want the additional flexibility, here are a couple places who have been willing to leave a rental for you at the airport:

Athol Ford (978) 249-3531

Enterprise (413) 774-5092

## BANQUET

7:00 Saturday evening at The Old Mill restaurant in Westminster, Mass.  
Everyone walks away happy and they treat us right. Terrific place.

## AWARDS

In addition to awards for the top 3 pilots in each category, we will award:

- \* Jack Nolan Memorial Trophy (Best First-Time Sportsman Award)
- \* Chapter Team Trophy
- \* Pitts Trophy (Highest placing Pitts/Eagle driver)
- \* American Champion Award (Highest placing 7- or 8- Series pilot)
- \* Grass Roots Achievement Award
- \* Most Creative Freestyle Award (but only if it wasn't meant to be)
- \* ? and a few others

## FEES

Contest registration

Primary	\$55
Sportsman	\$65
Intermediate	\$75
Advanced	\$80
Unlimited	\$85

Hangar, per night \$15

Saturday evening banquet: \$35 per person

*Smoky Old Bi-Planes*

2000 CONTEST SCHEDULE
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May 19-21	*Orange, MA	Chapter 35
June 2-4	*Maytown, PA	Chapter 58
June 16-18	Columbus, OH	Chapter 34 (tentative)
June 30-July 2	Can-Am Jackson, MI	Chapter 88
July 26-Aug 1	Oshkosh (NON-COMPETITION)	
July 28-30	*Doylestown	Chapter 113 (tentative)
Aug 26-27	Springfield, VT	Chapter 35 (tentative)
Sept 3-9	Nationals Sherman, TX	
Sept 22-24	Warrenton, VA	Chapter 11
Oct 6-8	*Long Island NY	Chapter 91 (tentative)
Oct 20-22	Farmville, VA	Chapter 19 (tentative)

\* = Identifies contests that count points towards "Northeast Season Championship Trophies"

Please Notice:

New time for monthly meetings – 11:00 on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays.

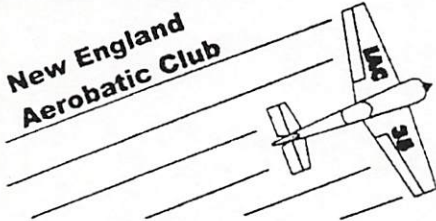
New England Aerobatic Championship Details – Important  
Deadlines upcoming – See Inside.

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1999 Awards Banquet – SUMMARY!!!

*All this and no more.... inside.*

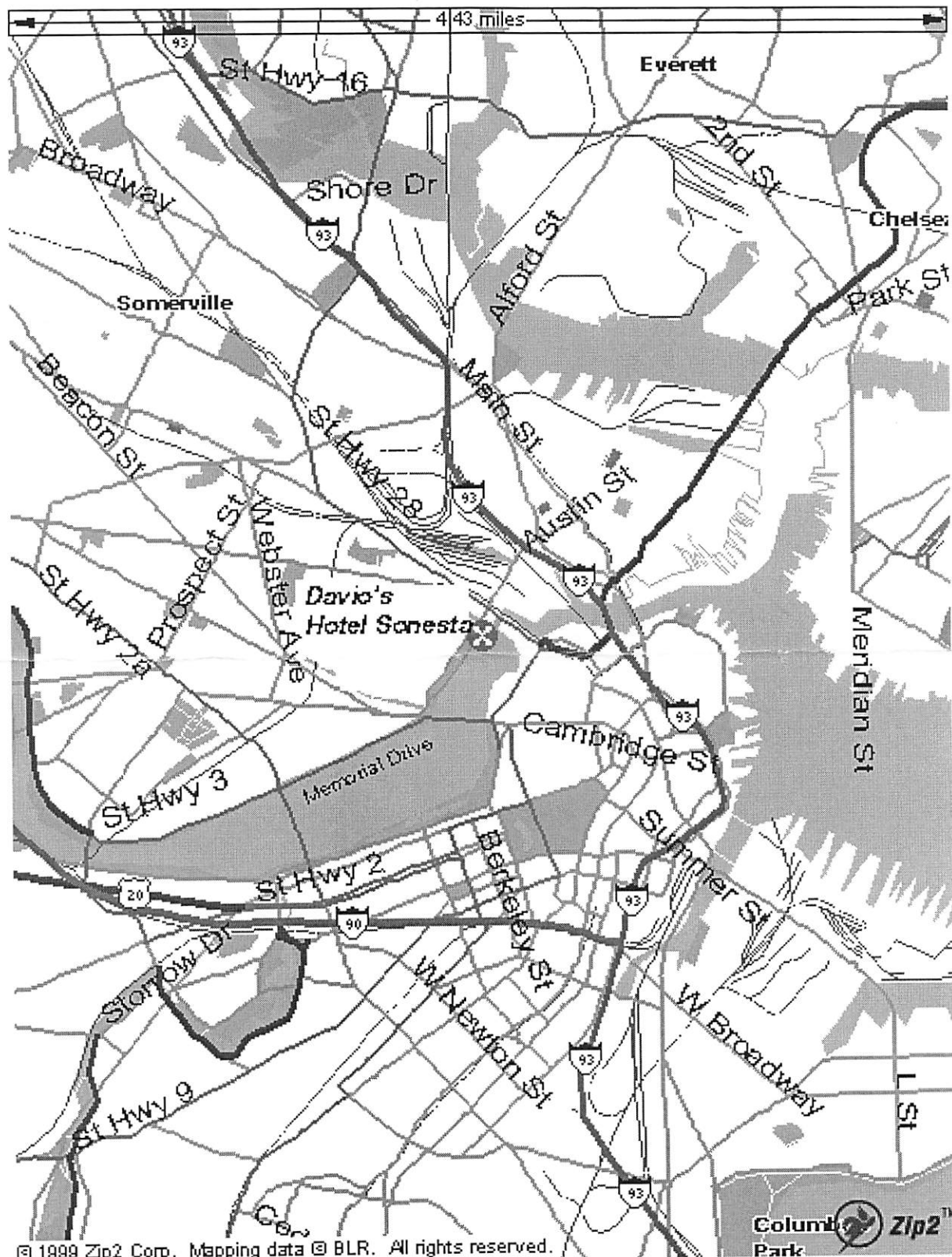
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