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WITH

THE NEW ENGLAND AEROBATIC CLUB

CHAPTER 35

OF

THE INTERNATIONAL AEROBATIC CLUB

PRISCILLA E. BEAUDRAUIT CHAPTER 35 HISTORIAN The New England Aerobatic Club, Chapter 35 of the International Aerobatic Club, has been in existance since 1973. It became apparent to me that unless something is put into writing soon, the formative and early days of Chapter 35 will become very sketchy. It is my intent to make this history factual however not boring. Chapter 35's philosophy through the years has been very simple - a place where fun loving and caring individuals - men, women and children can gather to enjoy "grassroots aerobatics".

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We dedicate this history of The New England Aerobatic Club, Chapter 35 of the International Aerobatic Club, to the memory of fellow pilots:

nemwof mad Stan Parrun

May their love for "grassroots aerobatics" be long remembered.



NEW ENGLAND AEROBATIC CLUB - IAC CHAPTER 35 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Ward Bryant	1973-1980
Val Beaudrault	1981-1987
Neal Frangesh	1988

VICE PRESIDENT

Val Beaudrault	1973-1980
Ward Bryant	1981
Dennis Sawyer	1982
Ward Bryant	1983-1986
Ed Morse	1987
Augie Bohn	1988

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Dick Kaiser	1973-1974
Tom Bowman	1975-1976
Asher Nesin	1977-1981
Bill & Judy Fletcher	1982-1985
Rocky Ammon	1986-1987
Ken Voegtlin	1988



The idea of starting an IAC chapter in New England was fostered by Ward Bryant of Hampton Falls, NH. He had been involved with the Aerobatic Club of America a few years and each year as he returned home to NH his desire to organize an aerobatic club became more and more intense. Both Ward and Val Beaudrault of Amherst, NH flew for Eastern Airlines. Talk of aerobatic flying and the possibility of forming an aerobatic flying club shortened many a layover. One spring day in 1973 there was a knock on the door of Val's house. It was Ward. Ward didn't wait long before he popped the question. "Val, do you really think there is much interest for an IAC chapter in the area"? After moments of silence Val answered, "I doubt it but if you want to get things started, I'll help you". And so it has been through the years.

It didn't take long before contacts were made at various airports and postcards were sent out. The first meeting was held at the Beverly, MA airport. It was very well attended and many were enthusiastic about starting an aerobatic flying club. The film WE CAME TO WIN was shown which depicted the 1972 World Aerobatic Contest held in France. Criteria for judging was also discussed and plans were made for another meeting.

Attendance was even better at the next meeting held in Beverly. It was after that meeting, Val admitted to Ward that there was a need for an IAC chapter in New England.

Proper steps were taken with IAC headquarters and finally Chapter 35 of The International Aerobatic Club became a reality. Charter members were Val Beaudrault, Tom Bowman, Bill Brady, Ward Bryant, Gene Cleary, Jack Dodge, Dave Dudley, Russ Gage, Kathy Heym, Dick Kaiser, Robert Kaplan, Mike Martin, Charlie McLaughlin, Pat Minicucci, Asher Nesin, Fernand Philippon, Dave Plato, Bruce Putney, Dick Sampson, Walter Swartz and Tony Wojcicki.

It was apparent that a permanent meeting place should be found and if possible centrally located within the New England states. The Silver Ranch Airpark in Jaffrey, NH seemed to be a likely spot so Harvey Sawyer, the fixed base operator, was approached. Harvey agreed that The New England Aerobatic Club could meet at his airport. After all these years, The New England Aerobatic Club is still



. meeting at the Silver Ranch Airpark in Jaffrey, NH - thanks to Harvey and Lee Sawyer.

Officers for the club were duly elected and were as follows: President, Ward Bryant of Hampton Falls, NH - Vice President, Val Beaudrault of Amherst, NH - Secretary-Treasurer, Dick Kaiser of Hampton, NH.

Each month brought new people and more aerobatic pilots to the meetings. Bill Brady was the first person to fly to Jaffrey in a Pitts. Ev Keeler and two sons flew from Conn. to attend the meetings in their Stampe and Jungman. Paul and Paulette Gilman came from Conn. with their T-Craft. Dave Rowell flew down from Saranac Lake, NY in his Pitts. Ellis Barrett was there with his PJ 260.

As the membership grew, there was a need for the officers to have an occasional executive meeting. The question was where to meet. Since Ward and Dick lived in Hampton and Val in Amherst - midway seemed like a good idea. The Long Branch Saloon in Raymond, NH was chosen. Many decisions were made there and just to give you an idea of the atmosphere - they tell me the floors were tar paper and generously sprinkled with sawdust.

Dues have been \$5.00 since the inception of Chapter 35. This has mainly covered the cost of the newsletter. It has been written by the president and mailed to each

It seemed appropriate to have a Judges School since several members had shown an interest. The first Judges School was held at Jaffrey in 1974 with Gerry Zimmerman as instructor. Tom Grogan of New York was also in attendance.

Both Ward Bryant and Val Beaudrault conducted mini Judges Schools for the chapter with an introduction to Aresti in those early days.

April 4-5, 1981 the chapter sponsored a Judges School which was held in Marshfield, MA with 37 people in attendance. Through the courtesy of Bob Moxter, the club was able to hold the school at Datsun Corporate Headquarters. The instructors were Clint McHenry of Florida and Leigh Manelski of California.

The last Judges School was held April 19-20,1986 in Merrimack, NH with a great turnout of Chapter 35 members - 22 to be exact. Herb Hodge of Kansas was the instructor. Bill Fletcher's new Termiflex Building was made available

member.



for the school.

At the present time, Chapter 35 has five National Judges. They include Ward Bryant, Val Beaudrault, Rick Runnels, Tom Tiedt and Rocky Ammon.

Hangar flying has always been of importance to Chapter 35 but whenever possible flying followed by a critiquing session has been the #1 criteria at our meetings, weather permitting.

Talk of having a chapter contest was discussed several times. Realizing that a contest takes a great deal of planning and there is a need for an untold amount of volunteers, Chapter 35 voted to start with a non-sanctioned mini contest.

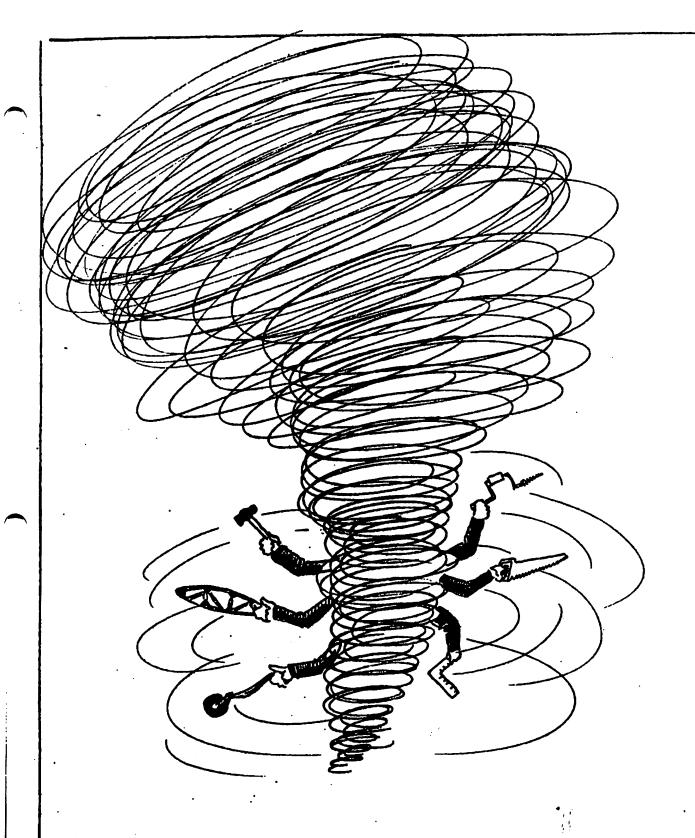
The first Chapter 35 mini contest was held in the fall of 1975 and was a Sportsman only contest. Two pilots participated in the contest and each flew two flights. Pete Burrill placed 1st and Paul Voegtlin a close 2nd. The following people served as judges: Charlie Smith, Ward Bryant, Gerrit Vanderzeil, Val Beaudrault and Tom Bowman.

In June of 1976 another mini contest was held with seven contestants this time. Mike Curry, Asher Nesin, Ward Bryant, Dave Rowell, Paul Gilman, Russ Gage and Paul Voegtlin. Judging was Val Beaudrault, Pete Burrill, Mike Rush, Dave Dudley, Russ Gage and Walter Swartz. Marlene Beaudrault served as an assistant judge. Score Room personel included Shirley Voegtlin, Nora Bryant, Priscilla Beaudrault, Donna Burrill and Cheryl Dudley. Monique Beaudrault was the runner. This was a Sportsman only contest also. Trophies were awarded to the proud winners — #1 Dave Rowell, #2 Paul Voegtlin, #3 Ward Bryant. The contest proved to be very successful and a great learning experience.

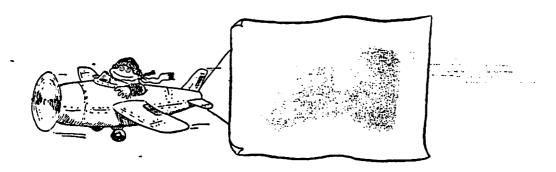
Score Room duty was a very time consuming job them as hand held calculators were used to figure the scores. At the time of our first Judges School Boots Grogan, wife of Tom Grogan, came along to instruct Nora Bryant and Priscilla Beaudrault on Score Room procedures. Things really improved when Tom Bowman volunteered to program his Texas Instrument programmable calculator for our contests. When Tom and his wife Caryl moved away, Neal Frangesh carried on the task with his programmable calculator. The process was simplified when computor discs were made available from IAC headquarters for a small fee.

The New England Aerobatic Club is very proud of the accomplishments of several members who have built and flown their aerobatic airplanes. Jim Gilmore has built a Cassutt. Dennis Sawyer has the distinction of building a Skybolt, Pitts and Hiperbipe. Two Christen Eagles have been built — one by Steve Skupien and the other by Don and Nancy Fletcher. Jim and Audrey Cline trucked their partially completed Glasair to New Mexico when they moved. Since that time, the aircraft has been flown considerably. Paul Gilman built the first Swick Conversion T-Craft. Russ Gage did a beautiful restoration on a 450 Stearman and Dave Dudley did a great Job rebuilding his Pitts.





DENNIS SAWYER'S BUILDING TECHNIQUE



As a rule things have run pretty smooth at our contests; however there have been a few tense moments. One year the markers were ably laid out by Ward and his crew as usual on Friday in readiness for the big day only to find out that when the low line was flown Saturday morning, there were no markers at the SW corner. To make a long story short, when the horses at Silver Ranch were put out in the pasture for the night, they trampled the markers to oblivion. In short time the markers were redone and flying began.

Most everyone has found Jaffrey on their charts. We did have one contestant admit that even though he arrived at Jaffrey on the scheduled day, he spent the night before with his airplane on a golf course somewhere in NH north of Jaffrey.

We also had an unscheduled landing when a contestant landed his Stearman in a farmer's field. No damage was done and with the help of chapter members, the airplane was refueled and he was able to safely fly the short distance to Jaffrey and compete as well.

There have been some surprises on the ground as well. The day Ward Bryant was sitting on Paul Voegtlin's mud buggy for a moments rest was one. Gerrit Vanderzeil walked by pulled the rope once and it started. Everyone thought Ward would either ground loop or become airborne any minute; however he made a remarkable recovery.

Since our mini contest in 1975 through our "rained out" contest in 1987, Ward Bryant has served as Contest Director, Val Beaudrault as Chief Judge and Priscilla Beaudrault as Registrar. Gerrit Vanderzeil, Jim Stanton, Dennis Sawyer and Russ Gage have ably handled Tech Inspection while Rocky Ammon, Paul Voegtlin and Bill Stuart have been Starter and Safety Directors - most important jobs. Tom Mc Mullen and Bill Sconce, our "radio men", have done a fine job with Communications. Donna Cash, Cheryl Annis, Nora Bryant, Shirley Voegtlin, Nancy Vanderzeil, Priscilla Beaudrault, Ann Sawyer and Darlene Skupien have all put in countless hours in the Scoreroom. Ken and JoAnne Voegtlin have been our scorekeepers since the days of the computors. Some of our tireless runners have been Bethany Bryant, Monique Beaudrault, Bud Voegtlin, Lory Moxter, Don Stoops and Paul Grant. It would be impossible to operate a contest without the help of the membership and it is my hope that each one of you consider that if it wasn't for your help, our contests would not have been a success.

A great deal of time has been put into making the trophies for our contests. For many years Val Beaudrault and Ward Bryant made the trophies for only the cost of the lumber and the engraved plates. Val cut, shaped and sanded the trophies and then Ward finished them and installed the plates. Dennis Sawyer, Neal Frangesh and Jim Maguire have also made trophies. In 1987 Arthur Spilios donated the trophies which was greatly appreciated.

It is unfortunate that there is no record of the winners of Chapter 35's New England Aerobatic Club Championships in 1977 and 1980. The following are the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category starting with 1978.

JUNE 9-10-11, 1978

SPORTSMAN
John House
Neal Frangesh
Bob Casian

INTERMEDIATE
Ron Siwik
Jim Stanton
Pete Burrill

SEPTEMBER 1979

SPORTSMAN
Dick Blair
Fred Weaver
Russ Gage

INTERMEDIATE
Don Rhynalds
Pete Burrill
Ward Bryant

ADVANCED

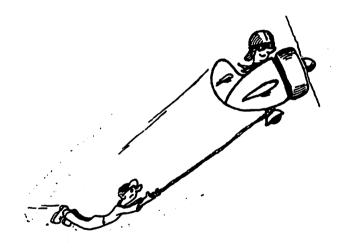
Dave Rowell

Bob Casian

Ron Siwik

JUNE 5-6-7, 1981

· SPORTSMAN
Bill Fletcher



Bob Comeau John Suit

INTERMEDIATE
Neal Frangesh
Fred Weaver
Dave Dudley

ADVANCED
Walter Swartz
Dick Blair
Ward Bryant

On October 17-18-19, 1981 a non sanctioned chapter contest was held. Winners were: Sportsman 1-Jim Cline 2-Stan Barron 3-Paul Wilson Intermediate 1-Paul Voegtlin 2-Neal Frangesh 3-Bill Fletcher.

JUNE 4-5-6, 1982

Rained out!

OCTOBER 8-9-10, 1982

SPORTSMAN
Ralph Sebexen
Rick Runnels
Bob Moxter

INTERMEDIATE
Neal Frangesh
Bill Fletcher
Paul Voegtlin

JUNE 3-4-5, 1983

Rained out!

SEPT 30-OCT 1-2, 1983 Rained out!

JUNE 1-2-3, 1984

SPORTSMAN Gary Schaffer Ralph Sebexen Claude Chanclu INTERMEDIATE
Bruce Thalheimer
Dennis Ruggles
Ernie Eld

ADVANCED

Steve Skupien John Kernochan Neal Frangesh

OCTOBER 4-5-6, 1985

SPORTSMAN
Ralph Sebexen
Charles Krueger
J. Cook

INTERMEDIATE
John Delmonte
Tim Brown
Bill Stuart

ADVANCED

Rick Runnels Neal Frangesh Mark Chapman

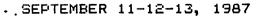
SEPTEMBER 12-13-14, 1986

SPORTSMAN
John Miller
Ed Ruhl
Mike Goulian

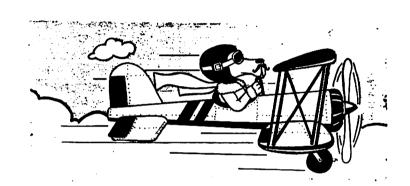
INTERMEDIATE
Paul Voegtlin
Ralph Sebexen
Bill Finigan

ADVANCED

Neal Frangesh Tom Tiedt Claude Chanclu



Rained out!



Chance of showers Friday and into Saturday then clearing and fair on Sunday. Highs upper 50s and lower 60s.



The East Coast Gets Doused Again

RAIN OR DRIZZLE

At the present-time, it appears that The New England Aerobatic Club has the distinction of having the greatest number of "rained out" contests possible. Ask anyone that has attended one of these contests how they survived the situation. Usually they answer, "but we had a good time anyway". During those rainy days, the contestants and their families have trouped off to flea markets, visited typical New Hampshire gift shops, watched EAA and IAC films and video tapes as well as Judges School tapes. They have even been transported to see some of our members airplane projects.

We are truly indebted to Bob Moxter for designing Chapter 35's patch. Back in 1975 Bob made the original drawing and the club had patches professionally made. It was at a "rained out" contest, while we were all gathered in Harvey Sawyer's hangar, Bob decided that possibly an updated patch was in order. He quickly did his sketching with magic markers (and a lot of talent). This design has been used in many different ways - patches, buttons, pins, letter head and on trophies.

There has always been a good attendance at the evening social gatherings at our contests. Tradition has been to have a cookout on Friday evening at the airport after the completion of practice. Nora Bryant has very ably served as food coordinator for this event for many years. Casserole dishes, salads and desserts have been brought by The hamburgs, hotdogs, drinks etc. plus the the members. remainder of the details have been handled by Nora and other volunteers. When the weather deteriorated - as it did on several occasions - Ward and Nora Bryant kindly made their home in Jaffrey available to all. Our cookouts then turned into "cookins" and a great evening of socializing and hangar flying. On occasion, we have been entertained to some bluegrass and country music as well. In 1986 and 1987 Jim and Nancy Maguire were the food coordinators at our contests. They did a superb job of handling details for both Friday and Saturday evenings.

Our Awards Banquet has been held on Saturday evening either at a nearby restaurant or at the Silver Ranch Barn adjacent to the airport. When held in the barn, a catered buffet has been served. After the presentation of trophies, a social time has followed with Ward usually managing to find a few awards for unspecting people. Donna Burrill, Ward Bryant, Roy Carroll, Don Uhlenberg, Melissa Zils and several guests have entertained us with guitars, fiddle, banjoes etc.. We were even honored at one occasion by half of The French Connection, Daniel Heligoin, singing his rendition of the old French

favorite, Alouette.

For a change of pace, it was decided to have a sit down steak dinner in Harvey's hangar one year. It was a very successful evening. Baked potatoes and salad were prepared in "Beaudrault's IAC Camper" while the steaks were cooked to order on the outside grills. What many never realized was during the process of serving the steaks, Ward stabbed Val with the long handled steak fork as he rounded the corner of the hangar. He even drew blood!!!

It was at another gathering that Asher Nesin showed slides of the trip he and Sallie took to Alaska in their Citabria. The slides were excellent and Asher's commentary even better. No martini glasses were available at happy hour so Asher was drinking his martinis from a large paper cup. The comments were hilarious.

Since New England winters are not conducive to aerobatic flying, Chapter 35 members decided to have a mid-winter social gathering. The first was held in February 1975 at the Berkshire Inn, Nashua, NH. In fact, it was so well attended that it was voted to have an Annual February Dinner on the Saturday closest to Valentines Day. Lee Sawyer designed and made an official Chapter 35 banner which she presented to the club for use at the upcoming dinners.

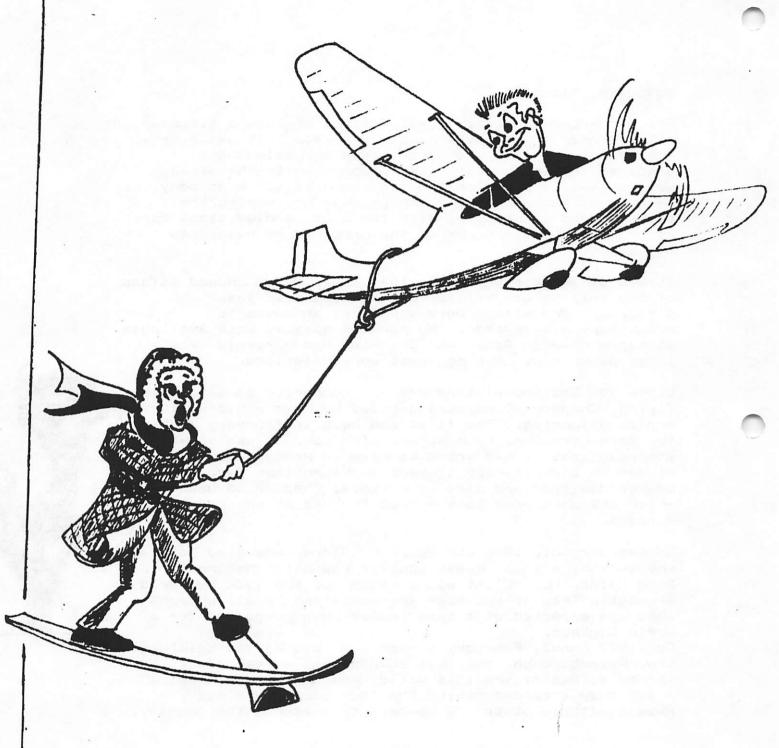
On February 21, 1976 our February Dinner was also held at the Berkshire Inn. Guest speaker was Clint McHenry of Boca Raton, FL. Clint was a member of the 1976 US World Aerobatic Team at the time and explained to all present what was expected of a team member when preparing for a World Contest.

Our 1977 Annual February Dinner was held at the Salzburg Inn, Peterborough, NH. Val and Priscilla Beaudrault showed slides of the 1976 World Aerobatic Championships which they attended behind the iron curtain in Kiev, Russia with 18 other IAC members from across the country.

The year 1978 took us back to Nashua, NH and the American Inn. (formerly Berkshire Inn) Greer Paramore, Past President of the Aerobatic Club of America, was our guest speaker. Greer explained the goals of the ACA and their thoughts regarding the future of world competition.

The American Inn was chosen for the 1979 February Dinner once again. IAC Director Jim Lacy and wife Mary flew from





ASH & SALLY'S ALASKA TRIP '80

Chicago to attend the dinner. As guest speaker, Jim stressed the need for dedicated "grassroots" IAC chapters such as Chapter 35.

The Amherst Country Club, Amherst, NH was the site of the February 16, 1980 dinner. A blizzard was forecast that day but everybody arrived on schedule; however when it came time to leave it was even diffucult to find cars in the parking lot. Our guest speaker was unable to attend at the last minute so an aerobatic film was procured and in a weak moment Ward Bryant said he would attempt to fill in with the rest of the program. Starting in 1978 Ward, as president, gave a few humorous awards to certain people. It was not until 1980 that Ward's Awards became the highlight of the Annual February Dinner. And now each year as that magic night appears, everyone reflects back to the previous year wondering if they just might warrant one of Ward's notorious awards. Even a coyote has been known to reappear in the distance. Ask Ken Voegtlin about that one!

On February 14, 1981 The New England Aerobatic Club's dinner was held at The Golden Lion Restaurant, Amherst, NH. Our guests were IAC Vice President Mike Heuer and wife Sharon. Mike gave a talk on the operation of IAC Headquarters and the aims that the IAC had for the future. The following morning all Chapter 35 officers and their wives gathered with Mike and Sharon for brunch where a further discussion of "grassroots" aerobatics was enjoyed.

The Annual February Dinner for 1982 was held at the Horace Greeley Restaurant, Amherst, NH on February 13th. There were 51 people in attendance.

Again on February 12, 1983 members returned to the Horace Greeley Restaurant for a most enjoyable winter social gathering.

The Fin and Fern Restaurant, Bedford, NH was the choice for the February 11, 1984 dinner. There were several lucky raffle recipients. A ride in Dennis Sawyer's new Hiperbipe was won by Ken Voegtlin. Marlene Larsen was the lucky person to have a ride in Steve Skupien's Christen Eagle.

After completing the arrangements for our 1985 Annual February Dinner, our president, Val Beaudrault, made an unexpected emergency trip to the hospital. Vice President Ward Bryant along with Rocky Ammon's help came to the



rescue and another successful dinner was held on February 10th at The Fin and Fern Restaurant. Priscilla Beaudrault showed slides that she and Val took at the 1984 World Aerobatic Championships held in Bekeshaba, Hungary.

On February 15, 1986 members met at Oliver's Restaurant, Bedford, NH for the winter dinner. Ward Bryant was assisted by Neal Frangesh and many unsuspecting people received one of Ward's Awards. We still wonder what Rocky did with those "ribs"!! Several had reservations for the night at The Appleton Inn and approximately 20 people regrouped at nearby Hannah Jack Restaurant for brunch the next morning.

Our 1987 Annual February Dinner was held at Peter C's Restaurant, Bedford, NH on February 17th. Appreciation was extended to our founder, Ward Bryant, for his leadership and dedication to Chapter 35 throughout the years by President Val Beaudrault on behalf of the members.

The February 13, 1988 dinner was held in Nashua, NH at the 99 Restaurant. It brought back memories to some of the "oldtimers" as this was the fifth Annual February Dinner held at this location. Guest speaker for the evening was Chip Collins of MA who spoke of his experiences during his long flying career. President Neal Frangesh presented Val Beaudrault with an engraved clock in appreciation for the many years he has served Chapter 35 as President. The next morning 19 people gathered for brunch at nearby Charmain's Restaurant.

You will note that our February Dinners have been held at many different restaurants during the years. I'm sure it's coincidental but - when it was time to make plans for the next February Dinner, usually either the restaurant had changed owners, closed business permanently or were no longer in existence due to a fire and another place had to be found. Some of you have heard the comment - "Chapter 35 strikes again" and probably wondered exactly what was meant. Now you know!

In 1980 the club voted to award a Chapter Plaque to the pilot who during the previous year scored the highest possible percentage points flying in his or her category - all pilots in all categories being elegible. This plaque has been presented annually at the February Dinner. The first Chapter Plaque was made by Dennis Sawyer.









Proud winners of Chapter 35's Plaque are as follows: 1980 - Jim Stanton, - 1981 - Paul Voegtlin, 1982 - Neal Frangesh, 1983 - Dennis Sawyer, 1984 - Neal Frangesh, 1985 - Paul Voegtlin, 1987 - Paul Voegtlin. There was no plaque awarded in 1986 because the weather was not suitable for flying at the majority of our meetings.

Special programs at our winter meetings have included discussions on getting started in aerobatics as well as aerobatics on a competition level with IAC and moving up through the categories of competition. Courtesy of Tom Teller, the winter meetings have been held at Daniel Webster College Tower Building since 1986.

At our January 1982 meeting, Ward Bryant and Dennis Sawyer discussed the importance of flying safety and mechanical safety in relationship to aerobatic flying. All New Hampshire EAA chapters were sent invitations to attend this meeting. Ken and Carol Grant invited club members to their home for the October 1984 meeting. This gave everyone a chance to see Ken's Skybolt project. Videos on Emergency Parachute Use have been shown as well as a program on the subject presented by Don of the RW Shop in Brookline, NH at the January 1986 meeting. Ward Bryant gave an illustrated program on "How To Draw A Freestyle" at the January 1987 meeting.

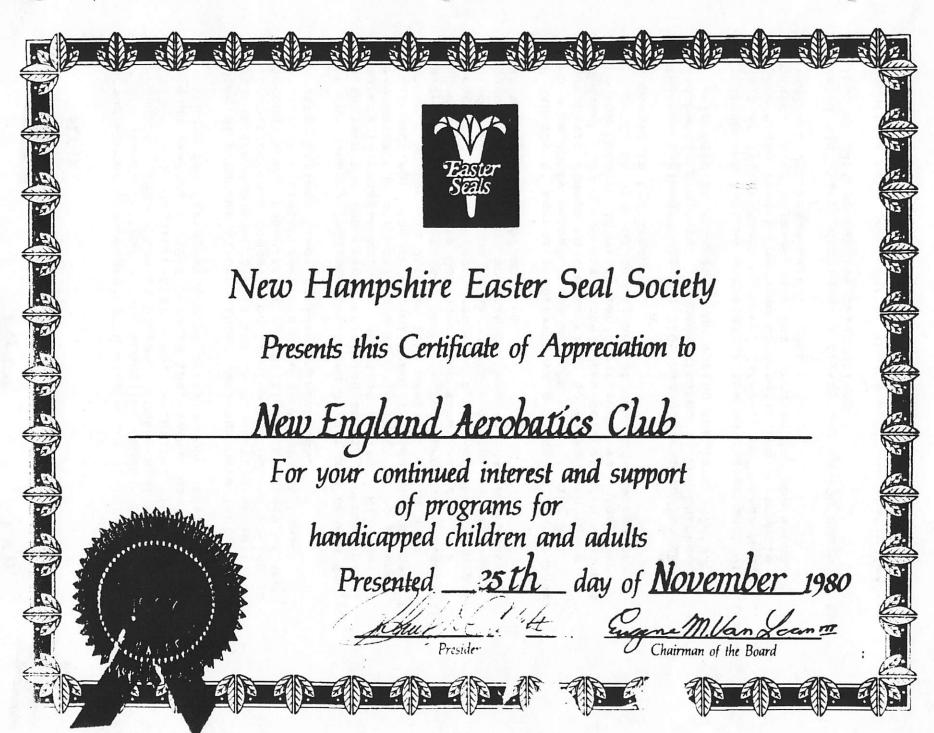
A variety of aerobatic films have been shown in the past. More recently members have brought their flying and aerobatic videos to the meetings to share with those present. Ed Morse has contributed several of his videos to the Chapter 35 historian for future use. They were taken by Ed at Fond du Lac and at some of the regional contests in the area.

The New England Aerobatic Club has contributed to many worthwhile projects. We participated in EAA Chapter 225's Fly-In held at Rochester, NH during the late 1970's.

In 1980 and 1981 we assisted at the NH Easter Seal Airfair held at Silver Ranch Airpark, Jaffrey, NH Asher Nesin gave rides in his Cherokee to benefit the worthwhile cause. Tony Wojcicki was the narrator for the event in 1980 and Val Beaudrault in 1981.

We've had static displays, a fly-by and an IAC booth at the Town of Jaffrey Jubilee Celebrations.

Donations have been sent to the US World Aerobatic Teams for use in Russia in 1976, Austria in 1982, Hungary in



1984 and England in 1986.

November 1982 Chapter 35 voted to purchase a brick at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh, WI. The cost was \$100 each year for 5 years. An additional \$100 donation was also pledged to the Final Leg of Wings on Dreams for the EAA Aviation Foundation Center.



In Appreciation For Putting Wings On Our Dreams...

IAC CHAPTER 35

Dreams of personal flight and freedom have inspired much of what we enjoy today. The dream to construct an international home for aviation has achieved reality. You extended your support through the "Final Leg" of our "Wings on Dreams" Campaign. In grateful recognition, gold wings have been added to your engraved brick on the Charter Contributors' Wall in the EAA Aviation Center, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



Paul H. Poberezny Chairman, EAA Aviation Foundation Thomas P. Poberezny
President, EAA Aviation Foundation

On June 28-29, 1987 the club showed aerobatic videos and had a static display and IAC table in conjunction with EAA Chapter 726's Annual Fly-In at Orange, MA.

In 1987 the chapter purchased folding chairs along with Harvey Sawyer for use at Jaffrey Airpark.

Chapter 35 has been well represented at Fond du Laç and also at the Nationals. Some members have competed while others have served as Judges or in any capacity needed.

The year 1982 was a banner year for Chapter 35 members attending Fond du Lac. There were 18 members there with 7 pilots flying - 2 in Sportsman, 3 in Intermediate, 1 in Advanced and 1 in Unlimited. A chapter dinner was held at Capt's Steak Joint to celebrate the occasion. Former Chapter 35 members Garret and Nancy Vanderzeil joined the group for the evening.

Several dedicated members of Chapter 35 have made a variety of accomplishments within The International Aerobatic Club. To conclude this history, I would like to present to you The New England Aerobatic Club Hall Of Fame. May "grassroots aerobatics" continue to be an intergal part of The New England Aerobatic Club - Chapter 35 of The International Aerobatic Club.





Dennis Sawyer
Tyngsboro MA
1981 Advanced Winner
and Winner of Pitts Cup

THE NEW ENGLAND AEROBATIC CLUB HALL OF FAME

WARD BRYANT

Founder of Chapter 35 of The International Aerobatic Club - Recipient of The President's Award from Carl Bury for his contribution to "grassroots aerobatics" in 1981 - Article entitled "Pitts Fuel Tank Cracks" published in Sport Aerobatics - Appointed an International Judge in 1984 - Appointed a Judges School Instructor in 1987.

VAL BEAUDRAULT

Served as Chief Judge on several occasions both at Fond du Lac and the Nationals - Received The President's Award from Mike Heuer for his dedication and leadership in The International Aerobatic Club in 1984 - Elected and served on the Board of Directors of The International Aerobatic Club from 1983-1985 - IAC Representative to the NAA in Washington during his term of office with the Board of Directors - Served as Official Observer Coordinator at the World Aerobatic Championships held in South Cerney, England in 1986.

DENNIS SAWYER

Placed 1st in Advanced at Fond du Lac in 1981 - Recipient of the Pitts Trophy at Fond du Lac in 1981.

WALTER SWARTZ

Placed 2nd in Advanced at Fond du Lac in 1982.

MARLENE BEAUDRAULT

In 1978, the youngest person to become a Regional Judge in The International Aerobatic Club.

ED MORSE

In 1985 awarded the last famous Grogan Belt to be presented at Fond du Lac.

ERIK FLEMING

Placed 3rd in Sportsman at his first Fond du Lac competition in 1987.