

Subject: [Acro] The 2008 Green Mountain Aerobatic Contest will be July 10 - 13. Registration Is Now Open!

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Registration is now open for the 2008 Green Mountain Aerobatic Contest at the Springfield, VT Hartness State Airport. The contest will be hosted by IAC Chapter 35, the New England Aerobatic Club, July 10 - 13.

We will fly Primary through Unlimited, power only.

You may pre-register using the aerobaticsweb contest registration or the new IAC Contest Registration Tool

(http://acro.aerobaticsweb.org/pre_reg_contest.html or <http://www.iacusn.org/acrs/selectCtst.php>).

Registration \$\$ will be Primary \$80, Sportsman - Unlimited \$100.

Registration includes lunches for the competitor on Saturday and Sunday, and flight line water and sports drinks.

This year we have trophies sponsored by EXECUTIVE FLYERS in Bedford, MA KBED Mike Goulian and the Executive Flyers staff have been training IAC competitors for many years. They have taken home a lot of our trophies at past contests. A full service flight school, Executive is currently offering aerobatic instruction in a Decathlon and an Extra 300.

THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 10

1200 - 1900 Registration; box open for practice
1900 Adjourn for food

Friday, July 11

0800 - 1200 Registration; box open for practice
1200 Mandatory pilots' briefing - all categories
1300 - 1900 Contest flying -- Intermediate, Advanced, Unlimited, and Primary if time permits.
1930 Adjourn for food

Saturday, July 12

0700 Mandatory pilots' briefing - all categories
0830 - 1830 Contest flying -- all categories
1930 Banquet at Clarion Cavendish Pointe at Castle Hill Resort

Sunday, July 13

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

BY POPULAR DEMAND WE WILL DISTRIBUTE UNKNOWNNS AT THE FRIDAY PILOT BRIEF AND FLY THE SEQUENCES IN THE ORDER KNOWNNS, UNKNOWNNS, FREE PROGRAMS.

Late arrivals - we will do our best to accommodate late arrivals. If you can not be present for the Friday mandatory pilot briefing, please send the Contest Director an e-mail before the contest. Pilots who do not communicate with the contest director prior to the contest, and who arrive after all categories have flown the Known Programs, WILL be assessed the points penalty provided for in the IAC Official Contest Rules 2008.

HANGAR SPACE

We rent a large hangar from the airport for the contest, Thursday - Sunday. If you want your airplane in the hangar, be sure to sign up when you register. First come first serve. \$25 per night. As happens at every contest, we are 99% certain that all of the Pitts fit in, 50% sure that the Extras, Edge's, and Lasers will fit, and we try to fit Decathlon's in too. There are usually tie downs available on the ramp, but if in doubt, bring ropes.

LODGING

The preferred contest hotel is the Clarion Cavendish Pointe at Castle Hill Resort in Ludlow, Vt. We have negotiated a block of rooms and a Green Mountain Aerobatic Contest room rate. We have also negotiated a 48hr cancellation policy. The Saturday night banquet will be a short walk up the hill to the former Governor's Mansion. You can call 802-226-7688 for reservations. The web site is <http://www.cavendishpointe.com/>.

The Hartness House Inn is still near downtown Springfield - 802-885-2115
www.hartnesshouse.com.

For folks looking for an edge at the contest, there is a Holiday Inn Express (802-885-4516) east of Springfield out by I-91. Expensive, and farther away from the both the airport and the banquet than other options, but if you post an exceptional score, you can tell everyone "but I stayed in a Holliday Inn Express last night."

For the budget minded there is the Waterford Village motel (formerly the Abby Lynn) near the Springfield Airport (802-886-2223).

For the minimalist traveler there is the Crown Point Camping Area in nearby Perkinsville (<http://www.crownpointcampingarea.com/>).

RENTAL CARS

Enterprise 802-885-8001 - will drop cars at airport but closed weekends. If you can't arrive until late Friday make arrangements to have car dropped off before they go home for the weekend on Friday.

BANQUET

The banquet will be held Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. EDT at The Clarion Cavendish Pointe at Castle Hill Resort. We will stop flying at 6PM on Saturday. The banquet facility is a wonderfully restored former Vermont governor's mansion, but it only allows us to seat 50 people. To make sure that you get a seat, please send an e-mail to IAC Chapter 35 Vice President Farrell Woods before the contest! If you do not pre-register for the banquet, please speak up when you register at the contest. Folks who do not sign up in time can still go down the street to Sam's Steak House for a hearty meal. In the event that some folks have to do this, we will help call in a group reservation. The charge for the contest banquet at the resort will be \$50 per person. Folks who attended last year's banquet at this resort will tell you that the food and service was wonderful.

WHAT TO BRING

All of the aircraft and pilot docs that you need to bring may be seen in the Competitor Checklist on the IAC web site in the members section. Note: Please make sure that your airplane has a compass card and an official weight and balance in its docs. These two items have caused pilot distress and frustration at past contests.

FOR THE AIRCRAFT

Airframe and engine logs; airworthiness certificate; registration certificate; operating limitations; current weight and balance data, FAA legal parachute repacked within the last 120 days; proof of insurance (\$1 million minimum, see IAC rules).

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; 11 copies each of free style forms A, B and C, signed and dated by a current IAC judge; lots of ca\$h. Free Programs - if you missed the rule change, one copy that you bring will be made available for all of your friends to look at, critique, and borrow. Please double check that your Free Program meets the rules changes for 2008.

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

GETTING TO THE AIRPORT - KVSF

By air: NY Sectional, Lebanon (LEB) VORTAC, 228 degree radial, 24 NM.

The town of Springfield is just west of the Connecticut River, up the Black River. The Springfield Airport is a couple of miles northwest of town. The river goes by the southwest end of runway 05-23. Warning - morning fog is common.

Lat-Lon 43 20'37"N, 72 31'04"W. GPS, RNAV, LOC, LOC/DME and NDB approaches.

Unicom is 122.8. Call 5 miles out and check whether there is acro going on in the box.

Runways 05-23: 5,498'x100'; 11-29: 3,000'x75'. Field elevation is 577' MSL.

Runway 11-29 will be closed during practice and contest flying except with 15 minutes prior arrangement by telephone or radio. Fly right traffic for runway 23, left traffic for runway 05.

CAUTION: The aerobatic box is southeast of and parallel to runway 5-23 and over the approach end of runway 29. DO NOT OVER FLY THE AIRPORT.

Check with Unicom for a "HOT" acro box as you approach the airport!

By car: I-91 to exit 7 (U.S. Route 11, Springfield exit).

Travel north and pass through the center of Springfield. Take Route 106 North to the airport.

Drive approximately one mile. A sign for the airport will be on the right hand side.

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