2015 Ben Lowell Aerobatic Contest – Guide for Drive-ins

April 22, 2015

Thank you for your interest in our contest. Here's a guide to getting on the base and around the airfield.

Base Entry

Enter the base at the South Gate (I-25 exit 150B). At the sentry gate you'll need to present identification for everyone in your vehicle (except children) that matches the information you provided earlier. The list you are on is referred to as an Entry Access List, or EAL. *Only people who are already on the EAL will be admitted – no last-minute additions.* If you are on the EAL and encounter difficulties getting on the base, contact Capt. Brian Ross at 763-226-3693 (primary), or the van driver at 719-440-6328 (backup).

Once inside, follow the map below and pre-positioned signs to the control tower, and park in the designated area.



Free Zone & Badges

The spectators' area is in the Free Zone between the control tower and the Midfield Hangar. If you want or need to venture outside that area you must be escorted by badged personnel.

All pilots will receive a badge, as well as a limited number of visitors – see the list at the end of this document. If you are on that list, please go to the Midfield Briefing Room (in the building below the control tower) for a short security briefing. Briefings will be held every hour on the half-hour until 1530.

Facilities

Restrooms are available in the Midfield Hangar.

Restrictions

Pets, alcohol, grills, and weapons are prohibited.

Schedule

Friday 4/24:

- 0800: The field opens to arrivals
- 1000: Practice begins, goes until approx 1800

Saturday 4/25:

- 0600: Sack breakfasts are available at the Embassy Suites, along with coffee and juice
- 0630: Van pick-up at the Embassy Suites for competitors and volunteers
- 0700: Contest briefing, at the Midfield Hangar
- 0800 (approx): Competition flying begins, goes until 1800
- 1845: Van pick-up at the Midfield Hangar to the banquet at Ike's Gill
- 2100: Van from banquet to Embassy Suites

Sunday 4/26:

- 0600: Sack breakfasts are available at the Embassy Suites, along with coffee and juice
- 0630: Van pick-up at the Embassy Suites for competitors and volunteers
- 0700: Contest briefing, at the Midfield Hangar
- 0800 (approx): Competition flying begins, goes until 1500
- 1530: Awards ceremony
- 1600: Competitors begin to depart

Food

We will take lunch orders when your pilot registers. If the lunch schedule or choices do not fit your needs, there are many restaurants available off-base on the east side of I-25.

The Contest Itself

We are expecting a very large turnout, with over 40 powered competitors and 17 gliders. Pilots compete against others in the same category ranging from Primary (a handful of introductory figures) through Advanced (difficult figures with multiple roll components, and some negative Gs).

Competitions are beautiful to watch, particularly the Gliders which are very graceful. But aerobatic contests are very different than airshows; maneuvers are performed well above the ground and are designed to test a pilot's skills rather than impress the crowd.

The first flight program is called the Known sequence, and all competitors in a given category will fly the same set of maneuvers. On their second flight, the Intermediate and Advanced competitors will fly a Freestyle program of their own design. The Primary and Sportsman competitors fly the Known sequence on every flight. If we have time for a third flight, that will be an Unknown sequence that the Intermediate and Advanced pilots will be given for the first time on Saturday evening.

We have arranged a PA system to help keep you informed about what's going on, and will try to staff it throughout the contest.

Departure

Before you leave the field for the last time, be sure to return your passes to the registrar's station. It is government property and they take this sort of thing very seriously.

Banquet

The contest banquet will be held Saturday evening at Ike's Grill – see the map below. The party starts at 1900. Pilots have already indicated how many guests they will have, and unfortunately *we cannot accommodate any last-minute additions*.



Badge Assignments: Pilots

Apfelbaum, Jonathan Baker, Greg Bevington, Dick Buckley, Bob Cavan, Sean Condon, Casey Connolly, Marc Coggin, Patric Cronin, John Cupps, Nate Dawson, Gary Dillis, Chris Doyle, Pat Duren, Ron Edwards, Thomas Fennell, Dick Forney, Michael Freeman, Bob Gabrielle, Carey Gatlin, Tanya Gelinas, Peter Gerner, Andre Gerner, Joseph Gottron, Greg Hancock, Barry Keiser, Jack Kelly, Erin Kendall, Kris Koerbel, Duncan Kress, Dagmar Larkin, Tom Lents, Michael Lovell, Douglas McEntee, Chris Meeks, Casey Miller, David Molny, DJ Puckett, Jeff Raphael, Dennis Schultz, Chris Shpakow, Thomas Stoops, Lloyd Whitmer, Dennis

Whitney, JD

Badge Assignments: Volunteers and Guests

We have a limited number of badges to give out, so we've tried to designate one person from each pilot's friends and family. Nonetheless we are likely to run short, so if you find yourself "orphaned" and need to venture outside the Free Zone please ask a badged visitor for assistance.

Alton, Nicole (Pilot: Kendall) Kirchenbauer, Julia (Pilot: Apfelbaum) Lee, Sheryl (Pilot: Duren) Baker, Patty (Pilot: Baker) Bales, Tammara (Pilot: Buckley) Bandoni, Sara (Pilot: Cavan) Carlson, Raymond (Pilot: Kress) Blum, John (Volunteer) Brodie, Leon (Volunteer) Bryant, Noah (Photographer) Shipper, Gail (Volunteer) Meeks, Tamara (Pilot: Meeks) Ferarese, Nicole (Pilot: McEntee) Fogarty, Patrick (Volunteer) Freeman, Pamela (Pilot: Freeman) Gabrielle, Staci (Pilot: Gabrielle) Gordon, Albert (Volunteer) Gordon, Paul (Photographer) Harrell, Raymond (Pilot: Gatlin) Stephenson, Andrea (Pilot: ?) Kelly, Sareana (Pilot: Kelly) Marchetti, Zachary (Pilot: ?) Martinez, Henry (Pilot: Miller) Morse, James (Volunteer) Nelson, Steven (Photographer) Piechowski-Shpakow, Kathryn (Pilot: Shpakow) Rosendahl, Gregory (Volunteer)

UNAFFILIATED?

Garrison, Sarah Murray, James Johnson, Sharon Korneev, Sergei Page, Autumn Simao, Brandon Smith, Stephen Spencer, Kate Treat, Douglas Walker, Susan