

## Important Dates

Summer Registration Begins	March 11
Spring Recess Begins	March 18
Last Day to Resign from a Course	April 19
Last Day of Spring Classes	May 10

## Guest Speaker

Wednesday, March 6 | 7:30 PM –8:30 PM | 206 Furnas Hall

### UBPA Pilot Talk Series | Rick Volker

Join UBPA and listen to stunt pilot Rick Volker give his presentation entitled "Aerobatics as the Backbone of Preparation for Learning New and Challenging Aircraft". After this free presentation, a free flight simulator tour will be given.

Contact [ub.pilotsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:ub.pilotsassociation@gmail.com) for additional information or see attached [flyer](#).

## Scholarship Opportunity

### Aero Club of Buffalo Scholarship

The Aero Club of Buffalo Scholarship Committee is offering three scholarships (two \$2,000 and one \$2,500) to students pursuing a pilot's license or a degree in an aviation related field, which includes aerospace engineering. Please see the linked documents for scholarship descriptions, qualifications, and application requirements.

[Application Criteria](#) | [Application Form](#)

## Resume Review Night

Thursday, March 28 | 6:00 PM | 301 Crosby Hall

Join the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) for a resume review session with local engineers! All undergraduate students are welcome! Bring several copies of your resume that you don't mind being marked with suggestions. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Austin Kozuch, ASHRAE student representative, at [adkozuch@buffalo.edu](mailto:adkozuch@buffalo.edu).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Commencement Info

Make sure to check out the [Countdown to Commencement Website](#) if you plan on graduating this semester!

### Internship Opportunities

UB's Career Experience Program has Spring 2019 internship opportunities!

For more information, click [here](#).

### Did You Know?

MAE Students can subscribe to the award-winning Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine. Visit their [website](#) to subscribe.



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# Rick Volker

## Aerobatics as the Backbone of Preparation for Learning New and Challenging Aircraft

When faced with the demands of flying a new challenging aircraft type, building aerobatic competence can best prepare the pilot for the unknown in adapting to different handling traits and emergency situations. As an example, Rick will discuss his preparation for first flight in the aircraft with the reputation as the most dangerous and difficult to fly, the Messerschmitt Bf109 (ME109).

Rick was a competition aerobatic pilot at the highest Unlimited category level in Pitts and Sukhoi aircraft, winning several regional US contests before starting an air show career that has spanned 15 years. He has flown surface level solo performances in Sukhoi, T6, Spitfire, Hurricane and Messerschmitt Bf 109E. Additionally, he has flown formation



team aerobatics in a Spitfire Mk IX with an F18 as a member of the Canadian Heritage Flight team, and a 4-plane aerobatic team in China, flying the new XtremeAir XA42 aircraft with Canadian Snowbird teammates. Rick is an aerobatic competency evaluator for the air show industry. He has served as a test pilot for new propeller designs, alternative fuels and first flights of the first Messerschmitt Bf109G in North America.

Rick has been profiled in Plane and Pilot, Flying, Air & Space Smithsonian, Discovery Channel and Aviators TV. He is a contributing writer for Sport Aerobatics, EAA Warbirds, and Classic Wings. He has performed aerobatics in over 5,000

flights and in 30 types of aircraft. In addition to flying, Rick competes at the world championship level in bicycle track racing, and is a current area dentist.

Please come join UBPA for this free presentation, free flight simulator tour will be given after the presentation  
Contact [Ub.pilotsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:Ub.pilotsassociation@gmail.com) for additional information, time and location are as follows:

**University at Buffalo North Campus Furnas Hall room 206 from 7:30 to 8:30 on March 6<sup>th</sup>**

