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# In The Box

The Official Newsletter of The International Miniature Aerobatic Club



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## **Letter from the Editor**

Rich Whitlow

Another year is coming to an end. Once again we have seen some areas/Regions that have made some significant recovery and some Regions that are still struggling with the Covid affects. I count myself as one of the lucky ones, as I have been able to attend several contests this year and made it to IMAC and Pattern Nats. That counts as a great year!

Next year will even be greater. Not only your Regional Contests and Nats, but we will have the Invitational TOC2 in Virgina in June and the Tucson Aerobatic Shootout in October. Its great to see the big events coming back! Hope you can make it to one or more of these events.

The best part of having some of our events back is getting a chance to visit with old friends again and meet new ones. That is a good part of the reason I started this newsletter. This is an avenue for everyone to connect and see what is going on. Get a message from your officers, Regions get a chance to hear from their Regional Directors and other great information. Its in a more formal format than just using Social Media and, as a bonus, no trolls! You just get to sit back, relax and read about the great sport of Scale Aerobatics.

No matter how much the world is changing, bringing challenges to us to get equipment and travel to events, we always will manage to find a way to get out there and compete. To put our skills up for judgement and see how we finish against our friends in IMAC. Its a passion that isn't easily satisfied without going out and experiencing it. As a pilot, judge, CD, administrator or spectator we have to be out there!

I hope you read and enjoy this issue of *InTheBox*. Lots of effort is put into each issue by all of the contributors. They are volunteering to do this to keep IMAC moving forward and to keep its members and enthusiasts informed and entertained.

So, Happy Reading.

See you at the field.

Rich Whitlow Newsletter Editor imacinthebox@gmail.com #IAmIMAC



## **Letter From The President**

### Doug Pilcher





Well, 2021 comes to a close. We have just 4 more contests internationally to wrap up the season totally. However, the work of the Regional directors and the committees and the Board of Directors continue preparing for next season. I want to thank each and every active member of these groups for their hard work and dedication to IMAC. Without them our club would not exist.

Our active ISC members have completed the 2022 Knowns. Both writing, testing, tweaking, and submitting. The work of the ISC group is amazing and with the writing of the Unknowns for contests nearly 50 weeks a year that get distributed is greatly appreciated by the organization. If you run into any of these guys, then maybe buy them a beverage or a meal and thank them for their diligence and hard work for our club! The new 2022 sequences are all available for <u>download</u> on the IMAC website.

CD's and Scorekeepers – REMEMBER to download a NEW copy of Score! starting January 1st, 2022, as the new 2022 sequences and K's are preloaded in it for you. Please remember that we have available to members a step-by-step instruction series of downloading and prepping Score! 4.25.2 to one's computer and assuring that the latest version of Java is installed correctly as







well as the prepping of a contest folder for your contest and we have linked the Score! training class given March of 2019 to be viewed at any time. These items can be viewed under Downloads/ Software and again in a step-by-step procedure. To Check it out, go <u>HERE!</u> And click on "Software"!

ALSO, and very importantly, please remember the new and Active forums for IMAC are located <u>HERE!</u> This is where all club business and discussions are happening. We need to get all members and registered users over to the new forums. This does not however integrate with the main website. So, you will need to register on the new forums with your given name so we may verify to the main website. Aliases are unable to be cross referenced in many cases thus the need for proper names. Click highlighted link earlier in this paragraph or go here. <u>https://</u> forums.mini-iac.org/

And as always, if you have something you would like to see addressed, never hesitate to contact me directly at contact information below.

I want to extend a warm and Merry Christmas and holiday season from myself, Rosie and Leasha and Brent. We look forward to seeing everyone next season!

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## Notes from the Officers



Vice-President Alex Dreiling



Secretary Rick Crow

None submitted.





Happy holidays from the Dreiling family and congratulations to all the IMAC members for a successful 2021. See you all next year!

Alex alexdreiling@gmail.com



Treasurer Jim McCall

None submitted.





## **Bulletin Board**

### Nats 2021 SA Mike Karnes Cup



Get Them While They Last. Contact your RD!

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#### Letters to the Editor

Have an opinion? Have a suggestions? Have kudos or good experience to share?

This is the place to do it. Away from the Trolls and Flamers, you can be read by all IMAC Members.

Take this opportunity to share some experience and make your suggestions. Get yourself printed and read and expose those great ideas and great deeds that you encounter in your IMAC experiences.

Just send me a note to **imacinthebox@gmail.com**.

#### Forums

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Are you a budding photographer?

Did you luck into a great shot?

Want to share something special with everyone?

Send in a photo for a chance to be on the cover of the IMAC InTheBox Newsletter!

Have multiple photos of an event? Send them in and it will be made into an event page.

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What does this mean? Where did this come from?

I was enjoying some great live music (Samantha Fish & Johnathon Boogie Long) in downtown Baton Rouge, and I noticed a bumper sticker on the wall of the club that was leftover from a Baton Rouge Downtown marketing campaign. The bumper sticker said #IAmRedStick. This caught my attention and I started to think about what that message means, or could mean. Then an idea was born.

We all see the finger pointing all over the online world exclaiming what is so wrong with IMAC. We do it on Facebook, we do it on the Public Forums and we do it on the IMAC Forum pages. Everyone has an opinion of what Somebody Else can do to make IMAC better. When the truth is every face to face IMAC event and IMAC competition is typically a wonderful experience.

#### What is the disconnect?

I believe that what it boils down to is it is up to each and every one of us to take responsibility and say "I Am IMAC"! If I think something needs to be done, I am the one to make sure it gets done. If I meet someone who is interested in IMAC, I am the one responsible to explain IMAC in such away that they walk away with a positive opinion of IMAC. IMAC and IMAC competition is not for everyone. But, there must be a positive message presented to one who is new to IMAC so that they can determine if IMAC is what they are looking for.

It is imperative, if we want to continue to grow as an organization (and yes I meant to say continue to grow!) that we highlight the positives of IMAC and we not only present them, but we believe in these positive aspects. It is obvious when you are speaking with someone, if you do not believe in what you are saying. Especially when it is something that so many can be passionate about. Every post, conversation and comment can potentially influence someone or change someone's mind about IMAC and what it is about. In just about every little informal survey I have done, the number one thing that pilots say is key to why they continue to fly IMAC, includes the fact that the people are great and they love their IMAC family. So, when someone new is asking about IMAC let's be one of those great people and let's highlight this to them. Its easy.

Lastly, take pride in what IMAC is. This is an International Family of great people, who happen to love RC Aerobatics. That's it. Wear your IMAC shirts with pride, your IMAC hats, your event shirts and take offense when someone is talking down your IMAC. There is a place for constructive criticism, but in the Outrage Happy world, it is easy for people to cross the line from constructive and destructive. Ask the person (or yourself) what positive thing will this comment do for IMAC. If no positive aspect can me accounted for, then maybe that comment should be left unsaid or typed.

So, now you know. Tag yourself and others. Raise up those doing positive things for IMAC and question those that are not doing things that will ultimately help our beloved sport.

Rich Whitlow #IAmIMAC

## **Regional Reports**

#### Latin America Regional Director Oliver Soto





Even though COVID hit hard the region both in sanitary and economic terms, some activity took place.

Mexico and Argentina closed their seasons with a good turnout and chances are the league will grow in 2022 for both countries.

A few boot contests have been held in Guatemala, Chile and Argentina.

Interest in competing is right there, but the COVID countermeasures made it difficult for national BOD's to allow as many contests as they planned.

Now under the threat of a new strain and the menace of a wave related to cold weather, only time will tell whether the first trimester will allow for a strong season launch or not.

From our region to all of you, we wish you the most beautiful holiday season with your loved ones. Stay safe and don't let your guard down.

See you in 2022!

Oliver

European Regional Director Manrico Mincuzzi







IMAC EUROPE AFTER COVID

Covid hit Europe very hard in 2019, 2020 and the first half 2021. In every Country, the amount of flying in 2020 has been reduced to almost zero. All International contests had to be postponed, since pilots could not practice and could not travel. In many Countries, like Germany, pilots just could not fly.

However, the success of mass vaccination, in the first half of this year, has restored an almost viable situation. Pilots, very slowly, have gone back to their airfields





and resume practice. The situation is far from being the lively and pumping atmosphere that we experienced before Covid, but it is building up again, slowly.

This year we have been able to implement the IMAC Italian Cup, at the end of August. This has been the only International event that we have been able to enjoy in 2021. All the pictures reported here show views of its atmosphere. Initially, we had over one hundred pilots registered, but then, getting closer to the contest, many realized that they could not travel, being afraid of getting involved in compulsory quarantenes, while others considered the situation as not safe enough. At the end of the process, we had only 56 Pilots. But, we got lucky, we hit a beautiful weekend of great Mediterranean weather with no wind, and we just had a great competition under a beautiful sun! Everything worked great, the new updated Notauscore system performed just perfectly, allowing pilots to see all scores in their phones at the end of each flight and enabling the organization to elaborate rankings in real time without any particular human effort. The international jury has been quite accurate, the pilots fed the flight orders in timely manner and, most of all, everybody really enjoyed the whole show: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=k2V2aXGie0A&t=4s. Werner Kohlberger, from Austria, won the Unlimited Class, while Sacha Cecconi,



from Italy, gained the first place in Free Style.

Now, we are working on the next year planning, trying to recreate the enthusiastic growth curve we enjoyed before Covid.

In 2022 we will not be able to hold our Europeans, the European IMAC Championship, that should take place every two years. We felt we could not organize it since most of the local National Aero Clubs and Airmodelling Federations still seem to be frozen or lost in their clouds and therefore not in the position to organize their representing official teams. In addition, in many Countries we are not sure weather the pilots will be able to properly practice or not.

Instead, next year, at International level, we will completely focus on the organization of our annual IMAC EuroCup. This is a tournament made of Open International events hold in





several Countries, which are tied into a European Championship. A number of contests can be drawn from final scoring, in order to minimize the required amount of traveling to have access to the podium. Switzerland and Italy have already scheduled their Open International events, while UK, Spain, France, Belgium, Nordic Region, Israel, Turkey, Czech Republic and Poland are close to finalize their programming. The other Countries involved in the IMAC Europe Region are not in the position to organize large Open

















International competitions.

The IMAC Italian Cup, belonging to the EuroCup Championship, will take place on June 17th-19th. We already have 65 registered pilots, https://www.mini-iac.it/ caorle-registered-pilots, but we will soon go up again to hit 100. However, this time, most of them will come, since the Covid drama seems to be rather under control in all Countries.

Switzerland scheduled the Steinlin IMAC Open International Trophy to be held on July 1st-3rd. The registrations are not yet open, but this will be another very successful EuroCup event, since Switzerland is centrally located in Europe and their organization will orchestrate a beautiful show that nobody will want to miss.

At local level, each Country is getting reorganized in a more or less reactive way. The UK, Israel, the Nordic Region, Italy, Turkey, Poland and the Czech Republic seem to be very much on their feet and will implement a level of activity probably very close to the pre-Covid standards. Spain, France and Germany seem to have a slower pace, but they will certainly revamp their operations. In all these Countries, a National IMAC Championships will be offered to the local Pilots.

Our IMAC growth curve in Europe has certainly taken a bad hit and has been sealed, but we perceive that, as the health situation is reverting to normal, the enthusiasm for flying IMAC is revamping strong everywhere.

As Gen. McArthur said, leaving the Philippines: "We shall be back!"

Manrico

#### South Central Region Amanda Darling





South Central 2021 has been a great year. We added two new contests and though Regionals had some weather issues on Sunday the flying and fellowship was amazing. I would like to thank all the pilots for their time spent traveling and the family and friends that support them. With the season ending that only means the tinkering begins. Winter does not always provide for a flyable day at least in the north. To keep those hands from becoming rusty try one of the simulators



Real-flight has to offer. Remember to put those planes on the bench and check servos, servo arms and control linkages, cables, nuts and bolts, control surface hinges. Inspect props for nicks and splitting. Look over the landing gear for damage or weak spots from a hard land as well as the nuts and bolts. Check the batteries some choose to replace every year however with the newer batteries they seem to last longer. Inspect the wing root for weakness as well as bolts and wing tube. Inspect the interior of the fuselage for weakness or breaks. Replace fuel tubing even inside the tank. Inspect the fuselage, wings, elevators and rudder. Inspect the engine and cans. These are a few things to go over this winter. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone in 2022!

Amanda



#### Northwest Region Brian Webb



Hi everyone. Let me introduce myself, Brian Webb. I have recently volunteered to take over as Regional Director for the Northwest Region. My first IMAC contest was in 2004. I decided to give it a try just to improve my flying abilities so I could take off and land by myself with confidence and here I still am 17 years later. I really enjoy my time with the IMAC NW community. Everyone is there to help anyone that is in need whether it is a broken plane or broken thumbs.

We were able to hold 12 contests this year as we start to get back to some sort of normalcy. With the border being shut down we were not able to see our Canadian friends. It now looks like that will change for next year's season.

The results of the 2021 season are as follows:

Basic 1st Raymond Arie 2nd Oliver Willis 3rd John Takacs DO

Sportsman 1st Jeff Borg 2nd Steven Hoynacki 3rd Mark Richens

Intermediate 1st William Burgad 2nd Gale Vasquez 3rd Ronald Morrison

Advanced 1st Clark Hymas 2nd Tim Cooper 3rd Gordon Wilhelm Unlimited 1st Keith Bodeau 2nd Michael Verzwyvelt 3rd Brian Webb

Seniors 1st William Burgad

We are working hard to set up next year's calendar. If any of you know of a flying field that can hold a contest, please let me know so I can reach out and try to expand the number of fields.

Everyone have a great holiday season and look forward to seeing you at a contest next year.

#### Asia-Pacific Region Michael Hobson

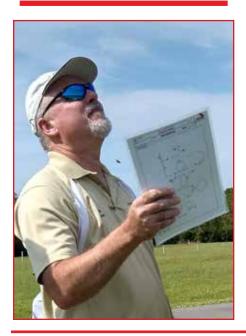


None Submitted

Northeast Region Dave Dupre



None Submitted



North Central Region Toby Silhavy





Hello everyone in the NCFR!!!! This is going to be a short and sweet writeup for the 2021 season. First off, this is probably one of the best seasons the NCFR has had. We saw contest numbers go up, we saw participation across the board increase. We have the highest basic class interest in the whole world. You my friends, should be PROUD OF THIS!!!!

I present the reasons for this:

1. You the NCFR membership are the guiding light across the world in innovation, participation, and downright willingess, to help new membership and to run and have a good time at a contest. Doesn't matter-rain or shine you are there demonstrating to the world how IMAC should be conveyed and ran. For this I'm PROUD OF YOU!!!!

2. The WIVES!!!! Yes, I said it the wives. Our district is full of wives directly participating in IMAC!!!! From Judging, to calling, to score keeping, to making sure we are on the flightline getting ready the wives are there driving this sport!!!! We should all be proud of them, and I raise a glass to each and every one of you!!!!

3. My ARDS, without these guys running the behind the scenes business we would be at a standstill. I cannot function without them!!!! They are the left and right arms of this NCFR body!!!! I thank each and every one of you for all of your hard work and letting me chew your ear every week! Thank you!!!

I want to say thank you for such a successful season and I would like to ask everyone to watch out for the NCFR webpage, forum page, and your email for a lot of new innovation coming this year in the NCFR! For all that came to regionals (despite the awful forcast), the secret project is ahead of schedule and will be beyond the scope of what I can convey in words. BE PREPARED 2022 WILL BE EPIC!!!!

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING and MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!!!!

Toby Silhavy NC Regional Director



#### **Southwest Region Jacques Telles**





None Submitted

and hope to see each of you at a contest next year. Primo SE/RD



members and new contest. Let's keep

take a group effort.

promoting IMAC every chance you get, it

I wish everyone safe and happy holidays,









#### **Southeast Region Primo Rivera**





Hola! South East,

The 2021 season has ended but do not be sad, with four contests already on the schedule the 2022 season will be here before we know it. We had a total of 11 contests, from Miami FL to Tabor City NC. In addition, let us not forget the NATS, which were dedicated to honor Mike Karnes.

Using the same idea as the President's award, I awarded the very first South East Region RD award to Bill Daniel. Bill has been instrumental the last few years from taking on an IMAC clinic to working on the schedule for me, Bill also loves to help new members feel welcome and for some reason he never says no to me. LOL. Thank you for all the work you have put in, it did not go un-noticed.

I am very much looking forward to 2022, we have new sequences to fly and slowly the South East has been gaining new

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## **Upcoming Events**

### December:

None Scheduled

### January:

15th - 2022 SW Region Judging School - TBD, AZ 29th - Cactus Classic - Florence, AZ

### February:

- 12th El Centro IMAC El Centro, CA
- 25th IMAC Israel "Winter Break" 2022 Nitzana, South Israel
- 26th Bohn Field Winter Fling IMAC Florence, AZ

#### March:

- 5th 1st Annual Jetero IMAC Challenge Dayton, TX
- 19th OFMC Spring 2022 IMAC Contest Ocala, FL
- 26th Plane Nutz IMAC Challenge Candor, NC
- 26th Tucson IMAC/F3S Tucson, AZ

## SE Region IMAC Clinic Sept 11 - 12

Jacksonville, FL

SE IMAC Clinic 9/11-12/21 REPORT The IMAC Southeast Region held a Clinic for newer flyers in Jacksonville, FL over the weekend of 9/11-12/21. The intent was to increase pilot success by laying a fun foundation for non-IMACers, and help newer Basic/Sportsman pilots succeed more quickly with experienced coaching. Feedback indicates the goal was met and exceeded!

Non-IMAC pilots = 8 Basic/Sportsman pilots = 4 Total pilots = 21

Participants self-selected into groups who wanted IMAC Explained, Flight Coaching or Aircraft Set-up.

Aircraft Set-up was popular on Saturday, as Jason Shulman helped tune planes and radios for best IMAC performance, often conducting test flights to ensure the plane was ready.

Each pilot moved to the flight line when ready, where an Unlimited flight coach called the Basic or Sportsman sequence and two observers took notes on each maneuver. After landing, the coach gave further advice and the pilot received written feedback and practice recommendations from the observers.











Feedback from Jason (Saturday) and Kevin Wilson (Sunday) was highly prized, and written prescriptions were much appreciated.

The positive tone of the event was important to its success. Coaches and Observers were themselves coached beforehand.

Method to be used: Hands on, selfdirected, interactive, brief touch on rules and judging, be encouraging and fun! Methods to avoid: Lecture, detailed judging or rules discussion, criticism The emphasis was on everything that can go right, and improving skills, rather than on war stories of everything that can go wrong. Judging and scoring concepts were mentioned but not the focus. It is important to avoid inserting negativity and stress with a lot of "Don't do that or it's a zero!" at this stage. Pilots told me that flying with other pilots watching and somebody talking to them was stressful enough!

Pilots went home with Annotated BASIC Call Sheets (Aresti with text descriptions of each figure), Score Sheets with individualized written feedback, and stick planes donated by Silhavy Aerosports. Mementos help memory. Thank you to Randy Foster, for teaching me how to translate BASIC Aresti squiggles into new flyer English when I was new. I'm paying it forward Randy! Thank you to Toby Silhavy for the stick planes and my very cool new sun dot, everyone loved the laser engraved sequences! The greatest thanks goes to Jason and Kevin. These new aerobatic pilots were just blown away that Unlimited pilots would give them so much time, coaching and encouragement.

IMAC had a very good weekend!

## 2021 IMAC Northeast Regional Winners

### Basic

- 1. Luis Arenzana 1000 pts
- 1. Richard Clavelle 1000 pts
- 3. Borja Arenzana 995 pts

### Sportsman

- **1. Ron Grimm 3703 pts**
- 2. Dany Levesque 2984 pts
- 3. Dwight Warfield 2645 pts

### **Intermediate**

 Steve Bakke - 5000 pts
Stephane Carriveau - 2858 pts

3. Daren Hudson - 1783 pts

## Advanced

- Skip Messick 4973 pts
- 2. Steven Brentson 4938 pts
- 3. Seth Dixon 4929 pts

### Unlimited

- 1. Kenneth Velez 3669 pts
- 2. Earle Andrews 3564 pts
- 3. Tyler McCormack 3000 pts

### Seniors

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- 1. Skip Messick 5000 pts
- 2. Bradley Davy 4633 pts
- 3. Peter Nesbeda 4408 pts

## 2021 IMAC Southeast Regional Winners

### Basic

- 1. Jonathan Cannon 3000 pts
- 2. David Garceau 2000 pts
- 3. Jeff Finney 1944 pts

### Sportsman

- 1. Ron Czikowsky 4823 pts
- 2. Bill Daniel 4807 pts
- 3. Jeff Davis 4465 pts

### Intermediate

- 1. Yasunobu Muraki 3779 pts
- 2. Doug Bracey 3073 pts
- 3. Mike Thomason 2997 pts

### Advanced

- 1. Billy Meadows 4824 p<mark>ts</mark>
- **2.** Pablo Cano 3000 pts
- 3. Steve Sides 2791 pts

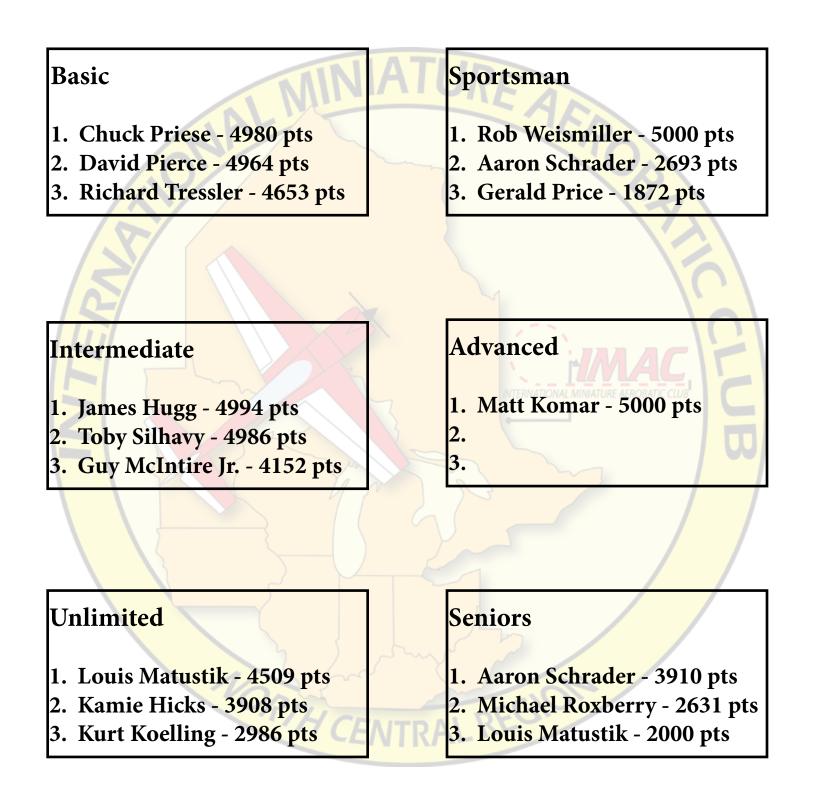
### Unlimited

- 1. Jim Baker 4965 pts
- 2. Primo Rivera 4639 pts
- 3. Alvaro Yanguas 3875 pts

### **Seniors**

- Jim Baker 5000 pts
- 2. Billy Meadows 4807 pts
- 3. Ron Czikowsky 4633 pts

## 2021 IMAC North Central Regional Winners



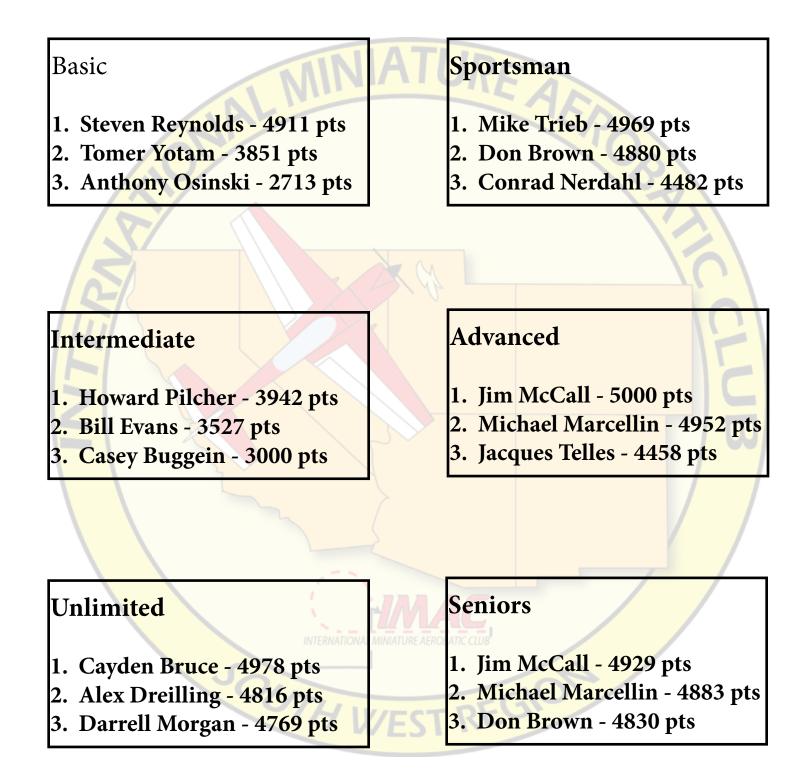
## 2021 IMAC South Central Regional Winners

Basic	Sportsman
1. Brad Ahlfinger - 4982 pts	1. Ken Rogers - 5000 pts
2. James Barfield - 4928 pts	2. Tony Stewart - 4123 pts
3. Jason Watts - 4386 pts	3. Karl Hines - 4000 pts
Intermediate	Advanced
1. Chris Shockley - 5000 pts	1. Nick Scharping - 4950 pts
2. Allen Delger - 4591 pts	2. Rudy Voldrich - 4857 pts
3. Tim Hughes - 3970 pts	3. Dan Powell - 4670 pts
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Unlimited	Seniors
1. Hank Cooper - 2000 pts	1. Ken Rogers - 4994 pts
2.	2. Allen Delger - 4858 pts
3. <i>CENTR</i>	3. Rudy Voldrich - 4706 pts

## 2021 IMAC Northwest Regional Winners

Basic	Sportsman
1. Raymond Arie - 2865 pts	1. Jeff Borg - 4959 pts
2. John Takacs DO - 2000 pts	2. Steven Hoynacki - 4700 pts
2. Oliver Willis - 2000 pts	3. Mark Richens - 3000 pts
No.	
Intermediate	Advanced
1. William Burgad - 5000 pts	1. Clark Hymas - 4973 pts
2. Gale Vasquez - 4316 pts	2. Tim Cooper - 4949 pts
3. Ronald Morrison - 3406 pts	3. Gordon Wilhelm - 3000 pts
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Unlimited	Seniors
1. Keith Bodeau - 4956 pts	1. William Burgad - 5000 pts
2. Mike Verzwyvelt - 4899 pts	2. Gale Vasquez - 4221 pts
3. Brian Webb - 4739 pts	3. Ronald Morrison - 3326 pts

## 2021 IMAC Southwest Regional Winners



### 25th Annual Texoma IMAC Challenge Sherman, TX



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# Bayou Bash IMAC Baton Rouge, LA





### **Bayou Bash IMAC**



#### Basic Class 1st Place - James Barfield 2nd Place - Brad Ahlfinger 3rd Place - David Gruber

Intermediate Class

1st Place - Rich Whitlow 2nd Place - Allen Delger 3rd Place - Cam Shahrdar

Unlimited

1st Place - Hank Cooper 2nd Place - Nick Scharping

#### Sportsman Class 1st Place - Ken Rogers 2nd Place - Tony Stewart 3rd Place - None

Advanced Class 1st Place - Mike Cooper 2nd Place - Mark Thurman 3rd Place - None

1st Place - Rich Whitlow 2nd Place - Ken Rogers 3rd Place - Allen Delger

Seniors







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## Why Join IMAC?

The International Miniature Aerobatic Club (IMAC) is an organization dedicated to sport of radio-controlled Scale Aerobatic competition. IMAC operates under the auspices of the USA's Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) with a designation as the Special Interest Group (SIG) for R/C Scale Aerobatics. While it's origin is American, the scope of IMAC operations now extends to over 15 countries throughout the world and continues to grow daily.

IMAC members are people just like yourself that love to fly scale aerobatic planes. Like any worthwhile endeavor it takes focus, energy and passion to succeed in this sport. As a pilot, you spend hours learning sequences, tuning your plane, or learning how to do the "perfect" spin entry. You pack up and head out to a contest all ready to compete head to head with your fellow pilots. It's great so far but think about it....what is going on behind the scenes?

- \* Who organizes this stuff?
- \* Who sets the standards so that all events operate on the same level playing field?
- \* Who helps write and maintain the rules that we all fly by?
- \* Who develops the judging schools and training programs?
- \* Who actually writes, refines, and publishes the known sequences you so diligently practice?

It's IMAC – International Miniature Aerobatic CLUB

Yes a CLUB...people like yourself all contributing to the sport with their time, resources, and passion. If you are serious about flying scale aerobatics, IMAC membership is your way of giving back to the sport.

Yes...you get benefits like discounts off entry fees at every event and the ability to compete with other pilots in your class across your IMAC region for annual bragging rights. You get access to the full IMAC website including contest calendars, buy/sell classifies at no charge, and a full forum for sharing information with your fellow pilots

Without an international organization like IMAC, the sport of scale aerobatics as we know it may disappear! All of the activities of the organization are focused on making the sport better whether through national judging schools, holding monthly phone conferences, working with the website, working with vendors that contribute to IMAC and these activities cost money. As a not-for-profit organization, IMAC depends on it's members. Regardless if you are in the US/Canada or somewhere in the rest of the world, the sport needs you to be part



Join with the rest of us and support scale aerobatics!

If you fly even a few events throughout the year, you get your money back through event entry fee discounts but more importantly - you support the sport. It doesn't get any better than that!

