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Letter from the Editor

Rich Whitlow

It's hard to believe it has already been 3 months.

Time seems to be flying by. Contests are starting in the south and before you know it, Nats will be here. And a special Nats it will be. It will be the Mike Karnes Aerobatic Championships. It will truly be a special event (and not just because I will be your Chief Judge! LOL) Make sure you sign up and make plans to be there.

I would like to put out a call to everyone for pictures from events and pictures to be considered for Cover Pics. Please send them to me as they happen. I will file them away and use them as the Editions come up. I really appreciate the submissions, as there are only so many of my pics I can use. I love to use fresh pics, and everyone loves looking at new plane pics!

Another item I would like to mention is the Rules Committee is working on next years Rule Change submissions to be considered. If you have a suggestion, please write something up and submit to the committee. That is best done by sending it to your RD and he will get it to the committee. I hear a lot of suggestions at the field, now is the time to get those suggestions on paper and submitted so that we can go through all of the processes and get it done in time.

Last thing I wanted to mention is in the arena of Aerobatics in general. Just remember, that we who fly Aerobatics are a family that share a similar passion. Don't look at it as us and them. Don't think one is exclusive to the other. Welcome Pattern flyers and give Pattern a try, if you are inclined. We can all benefit by a crossover of pilots, this includes the new F3S jets. We all like the discipline and challenge. We need to support each other and support each other when they try out IMAC.

This is shaping up to be a more normal year for most us, especially in the US. Hopefully you will get to a contest soon. Things are heating up and Nats is shaping up to be a great contest.

If you have any comments or want to write a Letter to the editor, please send me an email and I will get it printed.

So, until next time have fun and get out and fly.

See you at the field!

Rich Whitlow
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Letter From The President

Doug Pilcher



From the President: (2021 2nd Quarter)

Well May of 2021 and all regions have been able to kick off the 2021 season finally! This is such a breath of fresh air and news compared to a year ago today. Covid of course remains a concern and vigilance is still be warranted. Our friends and members in Europe and India, in Asia, still having an especially difficult time to date. Let us hope that the tides continue to change within these areas also.

Within IMAC business and membership has not only staved off dropping further but has again begun to increase. We are seeing members who had lapsed last season as flying had all but halted in many regions. But they are returning and now we are seeing growth of new members in the US regions as well in our International regions. This is fantastic news for the club. This has surely been a challenge for the organization and one that the members were patient and vigilant. For that I want to thank you!

Last year (2020) we saw the need to cancel the US Nationals. Well, this year we are back! Planning began back in January of 2021 and we are ready to hold the 2021 Nat's in just a month from the time of me writing this. Rosie, Leasha and I are excited to be heading back to Muncie and so looking forward to seeing our friends. I encourage all that are able to come back, do so as well. Not only will we crown our National Champions, but The Bennett Cup and the Schroder Cup are back up on the line! This years Nationals are dedicated to our lost friend this last January to Covid. Mike Karnes was a long-time supporter and promotor of NAT'S as well ran the event the 6 years prior to me taking in 2017. We hope to keep that light strong and bright for years to come. The event team is in place and prepared and we are working on some items to make it a special event. We have some extra shirts available as well but very limited supply on One Time Nat's shirts in memory of Mike. If you are not signed up with both AMA and IMAC than please do so today.



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Hope to see you all there!

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

Doug Pilcher
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Notes from the Officers



Vice-President
Alex Dreiling

Well, here we are in June of 2021! IMAC is getting back into full swing since Covid. It's great to see more pilots returning to the hobby since all the happenings of the last year. The US NATS is coming up next month and I would like to wish each of the contestants good luck! The Board of Directors is hard at work rolling out new exciting things for the members of IMAC. We are planning to present a lifetime membership option that should hopefully be available soon. More details to ensue in the near future.

I would like to take the time to thank all the committees that are currently in IMAC. We have the sequence committee, marketing committee, rules committee and several others. Thank you to all of the members for their hard work and dedication for serving on these committees and keeping IMAC moving forward. If you are interested in serving in one of these areas and volunteering or would like to know more about them, please feel free to reach out to me.

As for me here in the southwest, I am tinkering here and there on my planes. I go flying on the weekends and am enjoying what we have left of temperate weather down here.

See you at a contest soon!

Alex Dreiling



Treasurer
Jim McCall

None submitted.



Secretary
Rick Crow

None submitted.



Bulletin Board

CD's and Scorekeepers

REMEMBER to download a NEW copy of Score! as the new 2021 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 [HERE!](#) And click on "Software"!

Forums

ALSO, and very importantly, please remember the new and Active forums for IMAC are located [HERE!](#) 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. <https://forums.mini-iac.org/>

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.

Cover Photos

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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AMA
Mike Karnes Scale Aerobatics
National Championships
Muncie, Indiana
June 16 - 19, 2021

Schedule of Events

- 1) Tuesday 06/15/2021 - Pilots Meeting /Roll Call -5:00 PM. Brief Judging Refresher. (Old School Pilot Pin Draw De-Conflict) First set of Unknowns distributed.**
- 2) Wednesday 06/16/2021 – Saturday 06/19/2021 Competition**
- 3) Friday Evening Banquet and final Unknowns handed out.**
- 4) Saturday is final flights and Freestyle and Trophies and Awards Presentations**



Site 3 is available for practice on June 14th & 15th 2021

Contestant Judging will be in place. (Scribes are Judges Responsibility.)

Foamies/night flyers are allowed in the evenings.

****Reminder! Format —3/1 Format with 80/20 Split. First 3 Days qualify for Regional Points. Day 4 will be 2 Knowns and 2 Unknowns with Lowest flight dropped of Each! ****



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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



None Submitted

South Central Region
Amanda Darling



The South Central Region has officially started with the West Texas Challenge in Odessa with 10 pilots. The year seems to be getting off to a slow start with the SC vs SW Smackdown converted to a bootcamp/ competition with 8 brand new IMAC pilots signed up. The El Paso Radio Controllers Club provided a top-notch field with great hospitality and amazing food. SC was well represented with several pattern pilots that signed up for IMAC and plan to attend future events. Looking into the future SW and SC would like to continue this amazing event, however a date change might help with getting the pilots we need to attend. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

May, June and July I hope to see higher temperatures throughout the region and will bring flying fever. The calendar is full of contests scheduled every other

weekend with several still needing to be booked. My goal as Regional Director is to help our hobby prosper and for SC region to grow in contests. This has been a good problem the last month. There is a new contest in Houston (Houston IMAC Challenge) that is overlapping the Mississippi contest (10th Annual MMRCC IMAC Challenge). I encourage all the SC pilots to support both regions contests and travel to the contest that is closest to you. NO MATTER WHAT GET OUT AND FLY!

Amanda Darling
SC Regional Director
District VIII AVP
District VIII Contest Coordinator

European Regional Director
Manrico Mincuzzi



None Submitted



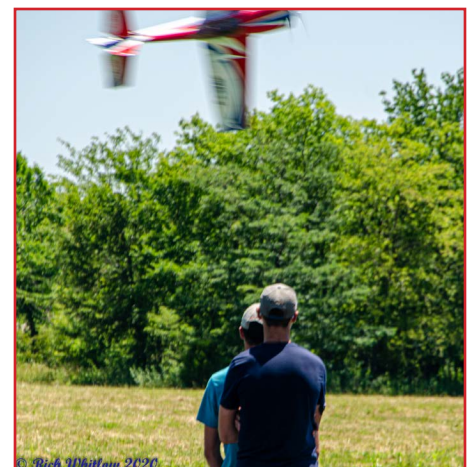
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**Northwest Region
Gale Vasquez**



IMAC in the NW region

Well, it's official here in the NW region, it's IMAC season and we are finally underway having held our first contest on April 24th. We had 15 pilots attend, not too shabby for a COVID year. As per the norm in Eastern WA, it was howling most of Saturday at 20 mph with gusts well over 35 mph. Sunday flying was absolutely gorgeous weather for flying.

It's starting to warm up, weather wise, and people are getting a chance to practice finally after a dismal winter and COVID shutdown for most of the events last year. I look forward to attending events, and host them as well this year. If you are able, join us here in the PNW region events we'd love to have you come fly with us.

Keep praying for sunshine, and it will come! Rest in pieces my Godfrey, 13th flight the wing tip snapped off at the end of the tube, thus sending her into a total freefall = Destroyed :(I loved this NEW plane. Oh well, another day and a new plane on the way.

-Gale



**Northeast Region
Dave Dupre**



Hello all Northeast IMAC pilots! Since this is my first post as the North East Regional Director (the term NERD is not lost on me), I want to introduce myself. I started flying back in the late 1970s. I started flying control line and quickly moved up to Classic Pattern, but I ended up taking a long break because life happened. I entered my first IMAC contest back in 2018, and I got the bug hard. The primary reason is all the amazing pilots at our contests. Everyone is so helpful, always willing to lend a hand, even offering to lend a plane. Here I am now, entering my fourth IMAC season flying Advanced and the new NERD.

We have a full schedule this year with 14 contests. I'm hoping to make that 15 with the possible addition of State College, PA. Unfortunately, it's still unknown whether we can fly with our friends from Canada, but Canada is hosting several contests and a Boot Camp in June. As of this writing, the 2021 Pegasus FMAC IMAC Classic is in the books. Seventeen pilots braved the really high winds (practice day saw gusts approaching 60mph!). It was great to hear about new faces showing up and demonstrating some talent. Peter Cooke competed for the first time in Basic and demonstrated a lot of skill. Vincent Musser competed in his first IMAC contest, opting to fly Advanced. Other first timers include Ed Kerkhoff, a Pegasus member. We also welcomed Ken Velez back to IMAC. Ken is a master Pattern flyer. It was a fantastic kickoff to the season.

I'm really looking forward to 2021. We have a full season on the schedule and a new host for our NE Regional Finals. The

Mohawk Valley Firebirds offered to host us, providing a more central location for all our NE pilots. COVID19 concerns are still high, but I'm confident we can work together and continue to have safe, successful contests. I will work with all the CD's to ensure we all follow the guidelines to keep everyone safe.

Here are some photos from Pegasus:



Dave Dupre
Northeast Regional Director

**Asia-Pacific Region
Michael Hobson**



None submitted.

**North Central Region
Toby Silhavy**



To all of my NC IMAC brethren, we just completed the first contest of the year. The Mike Karnes Memorial Challenge was held 5-15/16-21 and it was a complete success. We had 15 pilots fly and several others who signed up, but decided to help to run the contest. Three rounds were completed on Saturday and then a ceremony was held to celebrate Mike's life. We started with several people sharing positive memories of Mike. One of best that comes to mind was when Nick McKinney talked about Mike taking Nick's son fishing. Ben Batts, Jamie Hicks, and myself did a formation fly to some music I compiled, and I think everyone enjoyed it. I unfortunately had my inner engine shaft come loose and I dead sticked in after I lost my prop. Luckily, Matt Komar found all the items and I was back in the air thanks to Rob Weismiller and Guy McIntire. Thank you Matt, Rob and Guy! We were blessed to have Mike's widow and his adult children there. They were presented

commemorative books of pictures we had taken of Mike throughout the years and they were very appreciative of what IMAC had done for Mike. He loved IMAC and the NC.

We completed the presentation, and then adjourned to a wonderful dinner prepared by Rob and Cherri Willis. To say the least, it was a wonderful dinner with so many positive thoughts of Mike. An unknown and known was flown on Sunday and then awards were presented. Please see the NC IMAC page for contest results. This was a very emotional event for many, but it really showed the love people had for Mike. This event will continue on and I will be hosting next year as Mike always did. Thank you Mike for all you did for us and blue skies my friend. Please see the NC home page for pictures of the event. They will also be place on the NC IMAC forum, and Facebook. On a very positive note we are seeing several members from the past rejoin our ranks and several novice/basic pilots try IMAC at Mike's event.

Our next event will be the 21st Annual Columbus IMAC Challenge May 29/30. This is a beautiful site and there are several shopping malls in the area that may entice your better half to accompany you to the event. Lets show some NC spirit and support this great event. I hope to see you there.

The Midwest Sundowners will be hosting a basic primer June 5th. For all of our new members this would be a great place to learn what IMAC is about and how to fly the basic sequence by some of the best flyers in the NC area. Bring your plane and learn setup, flying, etc.

Please remember the Mike Karnes Scale Aerobatics Championships will be held June 16-19 and I would love to see our District have a great showing there! I hope to see you there!

Toby Silhavy

**Southwest Region
Jacques Telles**



Southwest District IMAC Update

Greeting from the Southwest IMAC Region. As we move through into the summer, here are a few highlights on the completed contests, what the rest of the year looks like and some special callouts in the region.

Sponsors:

I want to take a minute to thank Tomohisa Konishi, Jun Sawamura and the team over at JR PROPO/DeeForce Aviation for their continued support and sponsorship at Southwest Region contests. The team consistently steps up to provide swag and RC equipment for the pilots competing. In most cases for ALL the pilots at the contest not just the top 3 in each bracket. This speaks volumes to their commitment in the RC hobby. THANK YOU JR PROPO!

Contest Recaps:



Bohen Field 2.27.21 – This was the inaugural event at the Florence Aero Modeler's field. Overall, there were 20 pilots flying in contests.

Winds tested pilot skills on both

Saturday and Sunday. The tightest competition was for 4th place in the Advanced class, with only 2.431 points difference between Dave Bruce and Jacques Telles.



Tucson IMAC 3.13.21 - Overall, there were 17 pilots flying in the Tucson IMAC / F3S 2021 contest. We combined IMAC Planes and Jets for this event and it was AWESOME!



Pilots braved cold weather, snow and drizzle to complete the contest. The tightest competition was for 1st place in the Unlimited class, with only 6.351 points difference between Santiago Perez and Kim Quenette.

A big thanks to Sponsor, JR PRO/ Jun Sawamura for compiling an amazing video capturing highlights from the contest.

<https://fb.watch/5jR-AHGrLa/>

Felix Ranch/Cactus Classic 3.27.21 – Hosted by Sun Lakes Model Airplane Club. Overall, there were 21 pilots flying in the Cactus Classic 2021 contest. The tightest competition was for 2nd place in the Advanced class, with only 18.316 points difference between Michael Marcellin and Jim Mccall.

Ron Wasko, Club Secretary interviewed several pilots at the event and submitted an article that was published in the Sun Lakes Splash newspaper. The article featured Basic Pilot, Tony Ronczyk holding his Dalton 300ML

<http://sunlakessplash.com/sun-lakes-model-airplane-club-hosts-imac-aerobatic-competition/>



Unlimited pilot, Kim Quenette and Jessica Rotman sealed their relationship in marriage on May 23rd after a 2-year engagement. A big congratulations to the newlyweds!



A big thanks goes out to Don Radford for stepping up and becoming a Contest Director in 2021. Don will help run some of the contests in the SoCal area moving forward.

Southeast Region Primo Rivera



None submitted.

Upcoming Events

June:

5th - 2021 Granite State IMAC - Concord, NH
5th - St-Liguori Boot Camp - St-Liguori, Quebec, Canada
5th - Tulsa Gluedobbers Annual IMAC - Broken Arrow, OK
5th - 24th Annual Spring Classic - Land O Lakes, FL
5th - "Big Bob" Memorial Classic - Medford, OR
5th - Midwest Sundowners IMAC Primer - Hobart, IN, IL
5th - Palermo IMAC Italy National - Palermo, Italy
5th - The Cashmoor Classic - Salisbury, Dorset UK
5th - Norway IMAC #2 - Elverum, Norway
11th - International Steinlin IMAC Trophy - **CANCELLED**
12th - ESAC Jack Stoval IMAC Challenge - Vienna, MD
12th - West Coast Aerobatic Challenge IMAC - Walnut Grove, CA
12th - Parkes IMAC - Parkes, New South Wales Australia
16th - Mike Karnes Scale Aerobatics Nat. Championships - Muncie, IN
19th - IMAC Quebec - Lewis, Quebec, Canada
19th - Dakota Thunder IMAC - Rapid City, SD
19th - The Wrexham Welsh IMAC Wind Up - Rithin, Denbighshire, UK
19th - IMAC Brannebrona - **CANCELLED**
19th - Parma IMAC Italy National - Busseto, Palermo Italy
26th - Mid-Michigan IMAC Contest - Jackson, MI
26th - Broxburn Field - IMAC 2021 - Lethbridge, Alberta Canada
26th - Weaver's Field IMAC Challenge 2021 - Othello, WA
26th - LAMA IMAC Challenge - Dacono, CO
26th - Normay IMAC #3 - Sarpsborg, Norway
26th - Townsville - Oak Valley, Queensland, Australia

July:

2nd - Holesovska IMAC/F3M - Holesov, Zlinsky Kraj Czech Republic
3rd - IMAC Beauce - Saintt-Georges, Quebec CA
3rd - Redmond IMAC Challenge - Redmond, OR
3rd - Borlange IMAC - Borlange, Dalarnas lan Sweden
IMAC UK at the Capitol - Watford, Hertfordshire UK
10th - 2nd Annual SC Kansas Aerobatic Challenge - Cedar Vale, KS
10th - 2021 Valley of Hope IMAC Challenge - Innisfail, Alberta CA
10th - Oaddale Summer Fun - Farmington, CA
10th - Gunny - Gunnedah, New South Wales Australia
17th - 2021 Maine IMAC Challenge - New Gloucester, Maine
17th - Gaquenay IMAC IV - Chicoutimi, Quebec, CA
17th - Saranac IMAC 2021 - Saranac, MI
17th - Southwest Virtual Judging School - AZ
17th - North Wales Slam Down - Rhyl, Denbighshire UK
23rd - Tin Can Bay - Tin Can Bay, Queensland Australia
24th - 18th Annual Lost Squadron IMAC - Wrightsville, AR
24th - Molalla IMAC - Molalla, OR
24th - Wester Breeze IMAC - Sherwood Park, Alberta, CA
30th - 9th Annual Plum Island IMAC Contest - Newbury, MA

August:

7th - Stetsons Ottawa IMAC Weekend - Ottawa, Ontario CA
7th - Gold Rush Challenge IMAC - Walnut Grove, CA
7th - Scottish IMAC Event - Glenrothes, Dumfries and Galloway UK
10th - Nord Norsk Mesterskap - Salangen, Norway
14th - Cincinnati IMAC Burnit Challenge - Harrison, OH
14th - 10th Annual MMRCC IMAC Challenge - Byram, MS
14th - Houston IMAC Challenge - Houston, TX
14th - MacNair RC Scale Aerobatics Comp - Didsbury, Alberta CA
14th - Silver Hills IMAC - Athol, ID
14th - NSW State Championships - Yenda, New South Wales Australia
20th - Queensland State Championships - Dalby, Queensland Australia
21st - Southern Ohio IMAC Bash 2021 - Peebles, OH
21st - Wings Over Abilene IMAC Challenge - Abilene, TX
21st - Chino Valley High Desert Shootout - Chino Valley, CA
21st - Nationals IMAC Warmup - Mowberry, Nottinghamshire UK
28th - ESAC Ace Ortley IMAC Challenge - Vienna, MD
28th - Medicine Hat IMAC - Medicine Hat, Alberta CA
28th - The British IMAC Nationals - Grantham, Lincolnshire UK

September:

3rd - IMAC Israel September Fest 2021 - Nitzana, South Israel
10th - Lums Pond IMAC Challenge 2021 - Bear, DE
11th - Granite State Fall IMAC - Concord, NH
11th - 2nd Annual Bill Thomas Memorial IMAC Challenge - Copan, OK
11th - Stampede City - W Canadian IMAC Finals - Calgary, Alberta CA
11th - Salinas IMAC II - Chualar, CA
17th - ASAA Nat Champ - Cootamundra, New South Wales Australia
18th - 2021 NE Regionals - Frankfort, NY
18th - North Central Regional Championships - Temperance, MI
18th - Normay IMAC #4 - Fyresdal, Norway
25th - 25th Annual Texoma IMAC Challenge!!! - Sherman, TX
25th - Northwest IMAC Regional Final - US - West Richland, WA
25th - Kings Canyon IMAC Challenge - Reedley, CA

2021 Pegasus FMAC IMAC Classic

Hagerstown, MD



2021 Pegasus FMAC IMAC Classic

<p>Basic Class</p> <p>1st Place - Peter Cooke 2nd Place - Ed Kerkoff 3rd Place - William Lawson</p>	<p>Sportsman Class</p> <p>1st Place - Brian Bachor 2nd Place - Guillermo Osses 3rd Place - Kyle King</p>
<p>Intermediate Class</p> <p>1st Place - Steve Bakke 2nd Place - None 3rd Place - None</p>	<p>Advanced Class</p> <p>1st Place - Skip Messick 2nd Place - Kirk Adams 3rd Place - Vincent Musser</p>
<p>Unlimited</p> <p>1st Place - Ken Velez 2nd Place - Philip Leister 3rd Place - None</p>	<p>Seniors</p> <p>1st Place - Skip Messick 2nd Place - Bradley Davy 3rd Place - Ron Grimm</p>



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 classifieds 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



Joe Thibodeau & his father David

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!

www.mini-iac.org